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School Trip to Weimar

Planning Guide for Teachers

Recommendations, deadlines and sample programmes for 2 to 4 days in Weimar. The guided city tour provides the framework, and the remaining days can be put together from the building blocks below.

Good to know: I'm afraid I can't make bookings with restaurants, museums or theatres for you. Please contact the venues directly.

1. At a glance

City tour	approx. 2 hours, approx. 3.5 km, entirely on foot, meeting point Market Square - Town Hall
Group size	up to 30 people incl. teachers
Grades	7 to 13, subject focus is agreed in advance
Price	€120 flat fee for up to 25 people, €130 for 26 to 30 people
Payment	by invoice after the tour, no advance payment
Recommendations	free of charge, included with your booking
Contact	andrea.otto@discover-weimar.de, www.discover-weimar.de

2. Deadlines: what to ask for early

The table shows what needs to be sorted out first. Everything else can usually be arranged at short notice.

Building block	Recommended lead time	Why
Buchenwald Memorial, guided school tour (approx. 3 hours)	at least 12 months	in very high demand, school groups must always register
Buchenwald without a guide (exhibition with multimedia guide)	reserve in advance	registration required here as well
House of the Weimar Republic, school tour	early	max. 15 participants per group, larger classes are split
Anna Amalia Library, Rococo Hall	early	places are very limited
Schiller's House, interior visit	book in advance	limited group size
Museum of Forced Labour under National Socialism, school workshop	early	half-day or full-day workshops, bookable directly with the museum
German National Theatre (DNT), introductory matinee	check the programme	Kleist, Goethe, Schiller depending on the season
City tour with Andrea Otto	at least 48 hours, ideally 4 weeks	if you have wishes regarding subject and focus, there is time to agree on them

Please note

Goethe's House on Frauenplan closes for several years from 1 November 2026 (renovation). The Goethe National Museum is closed in November 2026 and reopens on 1 December with its exhibition and VR offer. Only the house itself stays closed. The exterior of the house on Frauenplan remains part of the city tour. Please check the current opening times with the Klassik Stiftung for your travel dates.

3. Sample programmes

Times are approximate. Distances in the old town are short, and the city tour is on foot.

3 days, focus on German literature and Classicism

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Arrival	City tour with Andrea Otto, introduction to the city and the era	Dinner, free time
2	Schiller's House (interior) and "Faust. An Exhibition" at the Schiller Museum	Park an der Ilm, Goethe's Garden House, picnic break	Theatre or matinee at the DNT, check the programme
3	Anna Amalia Library (Rococo Hall) or Wittumspalais	Journey home	

3 days, focus on history and politics

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Arrival	City tour with Andrea Otto, the Weimar Republic and Classicism at a glance	Dinner, free time
2	Buchenwald Memorial (register approx. 12 months ahead)	Return journey and reflection in class	free time
3	House of the Weimar Republic (school tour) or Museum of Forced Labour under National Socialism	Journey home	

4 days, focus on art and Bauhaus

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Arrival	City tour with Andrea Otto, Bauhaus University as a stop	Dinner
2	Bauhaus Museum Weimar	Park an der Ilm, landscape garden and Neoclassicism	free time
3	City Palace, permanent exhibition "Weimar Classicism"	Anna Amalia Library or exploring the old town on your own	Concert or theatre, check the programme
4	Museum visit of your choice	Journey home	

4. Building blocks for the other days

Building block	Suitable for	Notes
Schiller's House	German, grades 8 to 12	Study with the apple drawer, origin of "William Tell"; book in advance
"Faust. An Exhibition" (Schiller Museum)	German, upper school	interactive, school groups can book; free for students under 16, ages 16 to 20 pay €3
Anna Amalia Library, Rococo Hall	German, history	places very limited, €4 per student
Wittumspalais	History, art	Anna Amalia's round table, original harp
Goethe's Garden House	German	transition from Sturm und Drang to Classicism; interior visit via the Klassik Stiftung
City Palace, east wing	History, art	reopened on 2 October 2026; foyer exhibition "Palace History" free of charge; permanent exhibition "Weimar Classicism" €3 for ages 16 to 20; please check group rates in advance
Bauhaus Museum Weimar	Art, history	prehistory and early years of the Bauhaus
House of the Weimar Republic	History, politics	school tour, max. 15 people per group
Museum of Forced Labour under National Socialism	History, politics, ethics	half-day or full-day school workshops, Jorge-Semprún-Platz 2
Buchenwald Memorial	History, from grade 10	full-day trip; preparation and follow-up in class recommended
German National Theatre (DNT)	German, music	introductory matinees for school classes, contact the school office
"Öffentlich machen!" study centre	German, history	free guided circuit at the Anna Amalia Library

5. Food and drink for groups

Occasion	Suggestion	Location
Quick and cheap	Thuringian bratwurst (Teufels Bratwurst)	Market Square, start of the tour
Self-catering for the group	REWE with salad bar	Schillerkaufhaus, Theaterplatz
Break after Frauenplan	Brotklappe, sourdough sandwiches	Frauenplan 8
Soup and lunch	Jelo, Bioladen Suppenbar (also vegetarian and vegan)	Herderplatz
Doner kebab, falafel	Munzur Doner (beer garden in the courtyard), Doner am Theaterplatz	Heinrich-Heine-Strasse, Theaterplatz
Picnic in the park	Pizza Antonio, pizza to take away	Windischengasse
Dinner with seating	Ristorante Primavera (reservation recommended), Erbenhof (lunch Mon to Fri)	Carl-August-Allee, Brauhausgasse 10

Ristorante Primavera is conveniently located for groups staying near the railway station.

6. Planning checklist

- [ ] Set travel dates and grade, name the subject focus
- [ ] Choose the city tour in the booking calendar (the invoice goes to the school)
- [ ] Enquire early about Buchenwald, the House of the Weimar Republic and museums
- [ ] Check group size for each building block (does the class need to be split?)
- [ ] Check the DNT programme and events during your travel dates
- [ ] Plan a bad-weather alternative, museums work well as a fallback
- [ ] Plan breaks and meals, reserve for larger groups
- [ ] Plan preparation and follow-up in class
- [ ] Check opening times, prices and group rates again shortly before the trip

7. Notes

All details are non-binding recommendations to the best of my knowledge, as of October 2026. Opening times, admission prices, closures and group rules change, so please check with the respective provider before your trip.

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