



Fall 2012 Newsletter
CIEE Berlin – Language & Culture Program

As Winter comes to Berlin we are reflecting on a productive semester filled with several new experiences for our Language & Culture students. You can read and see more about this on the CIEE Berlin Blog which can be found at: <http://study-berlin-lc.ciee.org/>

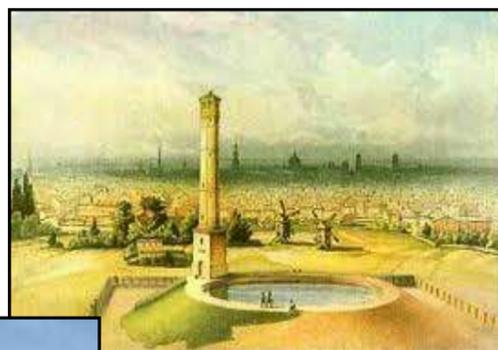
Improve your German! –
A visit to the neighborhood Prenzlauer Berg with local students from “Wir sind Berlin!”



Our two guides - Dennis and Basti - were born and raised in Berlin and work with our partner ["Wir sind Berlin"](#).

We climbed up the water tower hill to learn that Prenzlauer Berg used to be called "Muehlenberg" ("Mill Hill") due the wind mills that stood here in the past.

On October 20 CIEE Berlin students participated on an excursion conducted entirely in German through Prenzlauer Berg, one of Berlin’s most popular neighborhoods. Formerly a working class district Prenzlauer Berg is now generally home to wealthy young couples with children. Nowhere are there more baby strollers than in this section of Berlin. The tour asked students to ponder what has made Berliners happy throughout different generations.



CIEE students surrounded by Berlin fall colors



Dresden

We also spent two days visiting Dresden. In 1945 Dresden was leveled by allied firebombing and later lay in ruins during decades of East German communist rule. Since reunification much of the city center has been painstakingly rebuilt to its original Baroque splendor.

Our CIEE Students enjoyed their visit of the [VW factory](#) where the luxurious VW *Phaeton* is produced.

Our CIEEers fell in love with this city and this car:



Thanksgiving & Final Dinners

We also had the opportunity to celebrate a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner together – three hand smoked turkeys! – provided by our restaurant partner in Dresden. And, as is also CIEE tradition, we enjoyed a wonderful final dinner. We have a strong feeling we will be seeing many of these students back here in Berlin some day soon.

We look forward to hosting more of your students in coming semesters!

Sincerely yours,
 Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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