

## THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SOUTH GERMANY

The journey was organised by Mr. Shakeshaft mainly for those boys who were doing German as a subject. Our second master was Mr. Morris and along with a group of boys, 17 in all, we set off from Victoria station three days after the end of term. We travelled down to Dover and then travelled by ferry to Ostend, which took four hours. There was a coach waiting for us at the port to take us to Brugge which was our first night stop. We arrived at Brugge to find a large modern Youth Hostel, Youth Hostels were to be our accommodation for the Holiday, not very far from the town centre. As this was the first stop, we had our first chance to try out our German. Next morning we walked to the station and travelled by train to Boppard on the Rhine, our next stop. This time the Youth Hostel was an old house converted for the use of the Youth Hostel Association. The third day we sailed forty miles down the Rhine to Bingen, passing the famous cliff of the Lorelei. Then we went by train to Ulm, which is famous for its cathedral because it has the highest spire in the world. After the next morning, which we had free to have a look around the city, we took a train to Garmisch Parten-kirchen, which is just north of the German-Austrian border, our main destination. The Youth Hostel was very modern, set in the Alps. We used it as our base for various outings to places around us. There was a trip to Innsbruck, Oberammergau and other places in the vicinity of Garmisch Partenkirchen. A small party of us went up the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in the German part of the Alps. After staying at the Garmisch Youth Hostel for six nights we left to travel back overnight across Germany to Ostend. The journey was a smooth one except at Munich where the coach we had reserved wasn't there but eventually we arrived at Dover and got back to London in the late afternoon after a very enjoyable ten days in Germany.

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