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Day 1 Arrival Berlin: US - Berlin



Upon arrival in Berlin, you will be met by your Private Professional Local Guide to assist you through customs and escort you through the airport to baggage claim.

Once there, you will be met by your Private English-speaking Driver who will assist you with your luggage and transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will check in. If it is too early for a check-in, you will leave your luggage with the concierge, until later in the day when you will check-in

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.This morning you will continue on from the hotel with your private driver to the pier where you will meet your city cruise boat for a relaxing morning tour of Berlin by boat.

This tour is designed to give you a new perspective of the city and to showcase the architecture of this beautiful and modern city.

Board a private boat for a cruise through the heart of

Berlin where you will witness the city and its architecture from an entirely different perspective. Enjoy traditional German 'Kaffee und Kuchen' while taking in the sights.

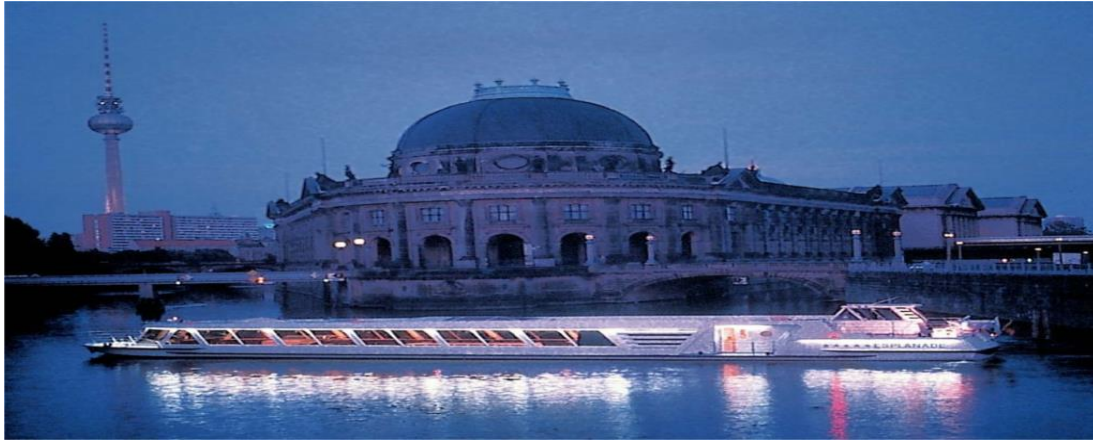


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Pass the 'Haupt Bahnhof' designed by Gerkan Marg and Partner. The striking architecture is a filigree of steel and glass and is the largest most modern in all of Europe!



Explore the area around the Reichstag from the water, affording views and angles not available from the street.

With Germany's federal government in Bonn moving to Berlin a complete district, bombed in the war and then stranded for decades by the Berlin wall, has been radically restructured by a number of Berlin architects.

Return to the pier and meet your private English-speaking driver and Professional local guide for a drive through Berlin on a highlight

city tour. This tour is designed to give you bearings on where things are in the city, where the various areas are and how they are set up.

You will pass many interesting and beautiful sites along the way but this tour is kept short for a highlight of the city and for an arrival day. So, there will not be stops along the way this morning.

After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax and settle into your accommodations.

Lunch is on your own today. You may wish to eat in the hotel or if you are feeling adventurous you may select to choose a local restaurant near the hotel. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining in Berlin.

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After lunch, you are at leisure for the remainder of the day to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

This evening, you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to a very special evening experience.

Begin with a Cocktail reception at a private home and collection in the heart of Berlin.

The magnificent loft apartment in the former Emperor's Royal Post House from the 19th century, spans over 500 sqm. The collection includes Josef Hoffmann furniture, paintings, sculpture, works on paper and photography from early 20th century to contemporary pieces including Ernst Wilhelm Nay, Otto Piene, Tom Wesselmann, Allan Jones, Gregor Hildebrandt, Michel Majerus, Hiroshi Sugimoto, Henry Moore and Francis Bacon.

After the reception, you will be transferred to a wonderful restaurant for a delicious meal in the heart of the city. Details will be forthcoming once dates are set for the journey.

After dinner, you may select a private pick-up and transfer back to your hotel or if you want to venture out a little on your own you may choose to walk back to your hotel or take a taxi.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure to spend as you like in Berlin.

Day 2 Berlin: Berlin

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your Private English-speaking driver & professional local guide for a morning architectural tour of the city. Berlin has some of the most interesting and inspired architecture in the world and is quite varied in its designs.

Expert - led architecture tour on foot and by car to focus on the developments since the Fall of the Wall: Potsdamer Platz, Government and Embassy Districts, etc.



Stop at the Pariser Platz, the site of the world-renowned Berlin landmark, the Brandenburg Gate.

In this most famous of Berlin locations, & by special permission, you will enjoy a VIP tour that most people never see. Today you will be able to enjoy Frank Gehry's floating boardroom in the DZ-Bank building. This is a rare treat and one you will not soon forget.

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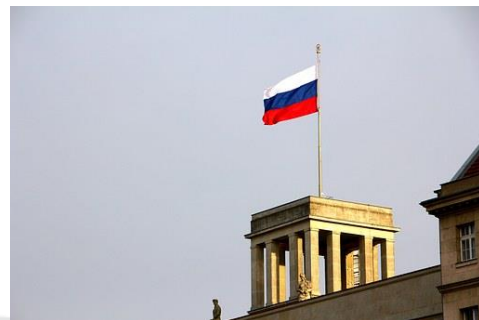


Lunch today is on your own (not included in the package). Your guide will offer suggestions for lunch today in the area you are in.



After lunch, continue your tour with a Drive to Potsdamer Platz, home of the Sony Center, a glitzy steel and glass ensemble by Helmut Jahn, and Debis City, a vast section of no-man's-land near the former wall redeveloped by star architects Renzo Piano, Richard Rogers, Raphael Moneo and Isozaki.

Continue through the center of Berlin to visit the new Embassy Quarter, an international architectural playground in which the nations of the world have built their representations in a mind-boggling variety of contemporary designs (highlights: Belgian, British, Mexican, Scandinavian, Indian, Austrian and Egyptian Embassies).



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The tour continues to include the 30s embassies, now restored, of Hitler's allies- Japan, Italy and Spain- as well as some fascinating dinosaurs of the cold war period - the Soviet, Chinese and North Korean Embassies.

You will be returned to the hotel after your tour, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

An early dinner is on your own this evening. You may wish to eat in the hotel or if you are feeling adventurous you may select to choose a local restaurant near the hotel. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining in Berlin.

This evening, meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to the theater, symphony, opera, or other evening performance. This event will be customized for you at the time of the journey planning and will be based on your preferences.

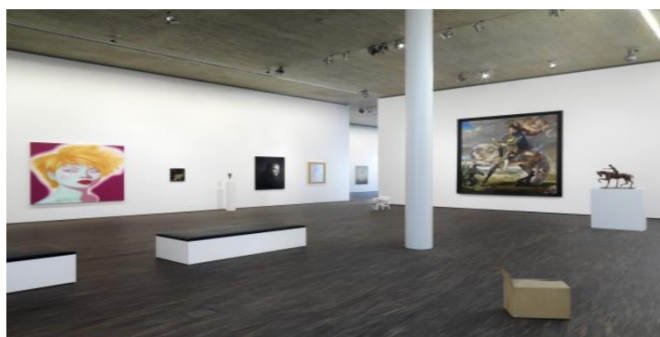
After the performance, you can choose from a private transfer back to the hotel, a taxi or if you want to walk and take in some of the Berlin night life, you are at leisure to return as you desire.

*Note, private driver must be booked ahead of pick-up time.

Day 3 Berlin: Berlin

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your Private English-speaking driver & professional local guide for a morning Expert-led walking tour of the 'Scheunenviertel', the former Jewish Quarter, now bustling with galleries, cafés and boutiques



Cosmopolitan Berlin is renowned for being one of the global centers of art and culture in the world with several hundred commercial galleries to choose from.

Visits to select art galleries where you will see a wide range of art and styles.

You will be treated to a VIP meet and greet with the gallerists, artists, and enjoy some one-on-one time learning about their galleries and from the artists their inspirations. Discussions on stylistic offerings are bound to erupt to keep it interesting. There will also be some champagne and wine tastings included.

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End at the "me collectors room", the exhibition space Movement and Energy presents the private collection of Thomas Olbricht in a series of alternating exhibitions. The collection encompasses works from the early 16th century to contemporary art.

Lunch is on your own today. You may wish to eat in the hotel or if you are feeling adventurous you may select to choose a local restaurant near the hotel. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining in Berlin.

After lunch, you will continue with your Art Inspired Tour Day with a visit to Pergamon Museum.



This very special 2 hour tour will be hosted and escorted by a professional art historian. The tour of the Pergamon Museum is during regular museum opening hours.

The Pergamon houses one of the greatest works of architecture of the Hellenic period, a complete temple excavated from the acropolis of the Greek city of Pergamon with more than 100 larger than life figures populating its outer walls, as well as the blue-tiled Ishtar Gate, an excavation that in 1899 reinstated

the city of Babylon as one of the major centres of the ancient world



After the tour you will be returned to your hotel for several hours of relaxation and leisure time.

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This evening, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for a very special VIP experience. You will be transferred to the world renowned Museum Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a private after hours tour of the Neues Museum.



The museum Reopened in Oct 2009 after 70 years, with extensive renovations by David Chipperfield, **the Neues Museum** houses Berlin's Egyptian and papyrus collection, as well as pieces from the Museum of Pre- and Early History and other antiquities. Must see: the Bust of Queen Nefertiti!

After your private tour of the Museum, you will be transferred to Rutz Restaurant & Weinbar. With its copper-coloured interior and large windows, Rutz provides a warm and well-lit atmosphere to sample its two-Michelin-starred food. Created by chef Marco

Müller and his team, the main restaurant menu – available à la carte or as multi-course 'Inspiration' tasting menus – offers refined fish and meat dishes (pike caviar, goose liver, pork chin) matched to wines from one of the city's best cellars; around 850 listings at the last count. Expect some special surprises here this evening.



The " RUTZ " restaurant , which is almost inconspicuous from the outside, opens into a kind of gallery after entering, a purist room-in-room concept . Elegant and wonderfully casual at the same time!

The RUTZ. This is the enjoyable triad of restaurant , wine bar and wine trade . In the midst of the vibrant capital, it is the destination and refuge for wine lovers, explorers and discerning connoisseurs.

As eponym and sommelier Lars Rutz (†) and the wine merchant Carsten Schmidt opened the "Weinbar Rutz" in 2001, they created a new gastronomic genre in Berlin with their concept. Today, the RUTZ is one of the gastronomic stars of the capital, with two stars in the Michelin Guide and 18 Gault Millau points .

Marco Müller & his team fascinate their guests with an always surprising new aroma kitchen full of sophistication. Most recently, he was named Best Newcomer and awarded with 5th place among the 50 Best Chefs in Germany.

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But the RUTZ also becomes a top restaurant by the legendary, in the true sense excellent wine list. The Gault Millau wine guide named her Germany's " Wine List of the Year 2014" . Sommelier Nancy Großmann and restaurant manager Falco Mühlichen are not only very familiar with their wine list, but also with the food of star chef Marco Müller.

Dinner is not included in the package price. Payment is at time of service.

After Dinner, meet your private driver outside the restaurant for your transfer back to the hotel.

Day 4 Berlin: Berlin - Potsdam

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you are leisure this morning to relax, enjoy the spa, or do some final exploration on your own.

Check out of your hotel.

Lunch is on your own (not included in package).

After lunch, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your private transfer to Potsdam (approximately 1 hr.)



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Visit to Potsdam, the Versailles of the North, known the world over as the former seat of the Prussian kings and summer residence of Frederick the Great

Potsdam is a feast for the eyes with its 18th- and 19th-century castles, palaces, churches and parks. The castles of the Sans Souci complex are noted architectural monuments of the World Cultural Heritage and provide the opportunity to experience Prussian and German history through its classical architecture and landscape gardens.

Upon arrival in Pots dam, you will be taken to your hotel (TBD).

Check-in and settle into your accommodations.

Around 3:00pm you will enjoy a high tea experience in the hotel. Details will be provided at time of travel planning.

You are at leisure after tea to relax in the hotel or explore a little on your own this afternoon.

Dinner is on your own (not included in the package). See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Potsdam,

Day 5 Berlin: Potsdam

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver and Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a morning cultural tour in Potsdam.



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This morning visit Frederick the Great's outstanding 'Neue Palais' for a VIP private tour. The famous grotto hall which is decorated with thousands of shells, fossils, corals and minerals is an elaborate piece of Baroque showmanship demonstrating the wealth and power of the Prussian monarch.

Then stroll the English landscape gardens with their incredible pavilions and neo-classical buildings. Take as much time as you like to enjoy these lavish gardens and the incredible grounds of this palace.



After your visit to the Palace, you will continue your morning tour with a visit to the Alexandrovka, a group of 12 Russian-style dachas built for an orthodox male choir that sang to soothe the nerves of the King.

This complex is a 19th-century heritage village with 13 buildings, one of which houses Russian colonial life museum.

You will have a private tour of the museum.

Dr. Kremer and his museum team want to use the permanent exhibition to illustrate the many aspects of the colony Alexandrovka, historical backgrounds that led to the formation of the colony and make one of the houses accessible. The museum has become a place of communication and information.

The Object House no. 2

flower garden



In the former stable building and in the yard and garden, a cafe with 40 seats has been opened, where you can enjoy the impressions gained in a pleasant atmosphere. In the shop you can find souvenirs and literature. In another, newly built outbuilding, the disabled sanitary facilities were installed.

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The Museum



Opened in January 2005, the museum is a walk-in monument dating from 1826. The various rooms are presented in the style of the Biedermeier period. It was restored according to monument preservation aspects.

The Lennésche garden has been an inseparable part of Alexandrowka since the beginning. The Lenné plant was reconstructed as part of the BUGA 2001 and since then hundreds of old fruit varieties are

located.

In addition, since a few years, the perennials of Karl Foerster are kept from the existence of the friendship island. The breeds of Dr. med. Tamberg are also well represented on the flower garden of the city in Alexandrowka.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day. Lunch is on your own today (not included in the package).



This evening, enjoy an early evening, private wine tasting in a charming wine bar located in the heart of the historic city center. There are few things in the world as enjoyable as a great glass of wine.

In this wine tasting you will sample three excellent wines specifically chosen by our sommelier that vary in age, type of grape and strength, thereby allowing you to appreciate all the richness and variety offered by Germany's premium winemakers. ng Frederic William III.

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After your wine tasting, you will be transferred to **Der Butt** is Potsdam's delicious fish restaurant that's filled with history.

The building that houses it has a century-old background as a tavern, and the restaurant's name comes from a well-known Prussian King, Friedrich Wilhelm IV, who was nicknamed 'the butt'.

Serving up a wide range of fish dishes from Norwegian salmon to rainbow trout or a whole lobster, Der Butt has a lavish and diverse

menu. Dinner is on your own this evening (not included in the package – payment at time of service).

After dinner, you will meet your private driver outside of the restaurant for your transfer back to the hotel.

You are at leisure for the remainder of the evening.

Day 6 Potsdam: Potsdam

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your Private English-speaking driver & professional local guide for an in-depth cultural tour of Potsdam. You will see many of the sites from German and Prussian history and to visit and explore some of the most beloved sites in the city.

Potsdam is a city on the border of Berlin, Germany. Sanssouci Palace was once the summer home of Frederick the Great, former King of Prussia. On the grounds of the complex, the Renaissance Orangery Palace overlooks Italian-style gardens with fountains. Historic Mill offers city views. English gardens surround neoclassical Charlottenhof Palace. The 19th-century Roman Baths were built in several architectural styles.

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Our first stop is Sanssouci is essential. Best known for the eponymous palace and surrounding park, we have Frederick the Great to thank for this splendid, UNESCO World Heritage worthy gem.

The striking rococo building is difficult to miss thanks to its yellow exterior, and the New Rooms within are equally ornate.

You will be sure to explore the park grounds as well, which harbor some

pretty amazing sights and historical structures in their own right. The stunning ornate Chinese House, The Picture Gallery, and the New Palace await you there.

Next, we move on to the New Garden.



Potsdam is famous for both its palaces and its gardens. Spanning over 100 acres in area, the [New Garden](#), located just east of Sanssouci promises plenty of its own gems as well. Plus, the New Garden is situated right on the shore of the Heiliger Sea, giving it extra points in the picturesque department.

It is decorated in 18th-century style with a decorous abundance of a British country estate, eventually taking on an even more intricate look over time.

On the grounds of the New Garden, you will also find the marble palace, called Marmorpalais in German.

The tour will continue with other sites in the city, as the guide denotes time for experiences and photo stops.

Lunch is on your own today (not included in the package – payment at time of service) Your guide will suggest dining options in the area.

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After lunch, we continue the tour with a very unique tour of Filmpark Babelsberg.



Filmpark Babelsberg offers a glimpse at a different kind of history. The oldest and at times one of the largest film studios in the world, a tour of Filmpark Babelsberg provides participants the opportunity to get acquainted with Germany's golden age of film, along with many of its cinematic contributions since the days of *Metropolis*.

The studio also bears a starker side, as many anti-Semitic propaganda films were shot here under the direction of Josef Goebbels himself.

Yet, the studio is also credited, at least in part, with many 21st-century masterpieces including *Valkyrie*, *V for Vendetta*, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *Inglourious Basterds*, and more.



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Afterwards, we continue to the Park Babelsberg. A visit to the park by the same name located just north of the film studio is also entirely worth the trek out from Berlin. Situated at the banks of the Havel River, the well-manicured space features an eclectic mix of historical architecture, highlighting neo-gothic styles among other period aesthetics, particularly in the form of the beautiful Babelsberg Palace.

You will explore some of the nearby district of Babelsberg, as well, as the area includes interesting elements of its own, including portions of the Berlin Wall.



You will be returned to your hotel after the tour, where you will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue exploration on your own.

Dinner this evening is on your own (not included in the package). See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Potsdam.

Day 7 Potsdam: Potsdam

Breakfast in your hotel.

This morning, you are at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

Lunch is on your own today (not included in the package).

After lunch, around 2:00 pm, you will meet your Private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a true German tradition; Beer tasting.

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Today, you will enjoy a Private beer tasting tour. The Brew Meister will guide you through a variety of areas in Germany sampling beer from each region.

There will be lots of information, various types of beers, and some culinary inclusions along the way.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the afternoon.

This evening you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for a farewell dinner to Germany. Dinner is on your own (not included in the package and with payment due at time of service.)



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You will be transferred to **Meierei Brauhaus** which sits by one of Potsdam's larger lakes, Jungfernsee, for dinner this evening.

Since it offers a range of traditional German food, including crispy pork knuckle and bratwurst with sauerkraut, you can taste a selection of authentic flavors.

The hearty dishes are a perfect match for their house-brewed craft beers, which range from pilsner to wheat beers, all of which are available in the restaurant and at the brew-house. After dinner, you will be returned to your hotel.

Day 8 Potsdam: Potsdam – US & Home

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you are at leisure until it is time for your departure for the airport. You will be met by your private English-speaking driver in the lobby, after your check-out, who will transfer you to the airport to meet your flight for home.

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