



A WEEK IN BERLIN

with an optional extension to DRESDEN

June 8-15, 2019

We invite you to travel with us to BERLIN! By day, explore world-class museums and important historic landmarks and wonder at stunning architecture that spans the centuries. By night, the cafés, cabarets, and concerts of this vibrant and exciting city will be there for us to enjoy. A visit to POTSDAM and an optional extension to DRESDEN also are planned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - Early evening departure from Philadelphia, or your home city, to BERLIN. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard the airplane.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - Upon arrival we transfer to the BERLIN HILTON located on the GENDARMENMARKT, one of Berlin's most beautiful squares. An afternoon walking tour of the neighborhood includes the French and German cathedrals built in the early 18th century, the neo-classic KONZERTHAUS built by Berlin's most famous architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel, and the Friedrichstadt Passages, with its luxury shops, offices and restaurants. Then enjoy a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant. (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 10 - We tour historic Berlin and see UNTER DER LINDEN, a magnificent avenue lined with Baroque and Neo-Classical buildings; the BERLINER DOM, the city's most important cathedral; the BRANDENBURG GATE, the Neo-classical symbol of BERLIN; and the EAST SIDE GALLERY, a riveting open-air gallery with a series of murals painted on the remnants of the BERLIN WALL. Then visit the REICHSTAG, built in the 1880s. Lunch is included today inside the modern elliptical dome designed by Sir Norman Foster. Then pass through CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, the crossing point between East and West during the Cold War, and drive through the TIERGARTEN, BERLIN'S largest inner-city park. Also see the CHANCELLERY and EMBASSY DISTRICT and more! (B,L)

THERE ARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR EACH FREE EVENING FOR DINING AND PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERTS, BALLET, OPERA, CABARET AND JAZZ WHEN AVAILABLE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 - This morning our visit to MUSEUM ISLAND includes highlights of the ALTES MUSEUM, housing Greek and Roman antiquities as well as the 3000-year-old bust of Egyptian Queen Nefertiti; and the phenomenal PERGAMON containing precious ancient artifacts. The ALTE NATIONALGALERIE currently contains works of 19th century artists such as Max Liebermann, Arnold Böcklin, and the French Impressionists. Suggestions will be provided for lunch after which you can return to MUSEUM ISLAND or enjoy Berlin on your own. Perhaps you would enjoy a visit to the BERLIN ZOO or shopping at KADAWA, Berlin's most exclusive department store (B)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 - Travel outside Berlin today to see the home of artist MAX LIEBERMANN and the building in which the 1942 WANNASSEE CONFERENCE took place. Then, visit historic POTSDAM, an independent city bordering Berlin. In the beautiful PARK SANSSOUCI, see the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, built in 1747 on the site of an orchard; the Neo-Renaissance Orangerie, built in the 19th century to host foreign royalty; the Rococo-style Chinese teahouse with its exquisite porcelain collection; and the Neo-Romanesque Church of Peace, modeled after the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome. Lunch is included at SCHLOSS CECILIANHOF where Churchill, Truman and Stalin met for the POTSDAM CONFERENCE at the end of World War II. (B,L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 - We visit the **JEWISH MUSEUM** whose collection focuses on Jewish history and art. Though it is under renovation, we still have a chance to see a special exhibit in the spectacular post-modern building by **DANIEL LIEBESKIND**. Lunch is included before a walking tour of the **HACKESHE HOFE**, a complex of interconnecting courtyards built in the 1910s in the German Secessionist Style. See **Grosse Hamburger Strasse**, one of the main streets of Berlin's Jewish Quarter: The Jewish Boy's School, Jewish Cemetery and the new Synagogue. (B,L)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - Our tour this morning will focus on architecture. 2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the **BAUHAUS** and our guide will show us buildings by **Walter Gropius** and **Mies Van der Rohe**. In the 1990's. the world's finest architects flocked to Berlin during its exciting reemergence after **THE WALL** came down in 1989. See buildings by contemporary masters including **Helmut Jahn**, **Frank Gehry**, **I. M. Pei** and **Renzo Piano**, many of which are in **POTSDAMER PLATZ** filled with restaurants, shops and cinemas. The afternoon is free. We recommend a visit to the **GEMALDEGALERIE** holding one of the world's leading collections of European paintings from the 13th to the 16th centuries with works by **Raphael**, **Botticelli**, **Titian**, **Rubens** and **Vermeer**. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 - If you are returning home today, we will arrange for transportation back to the airport. Additional nights at the **Hilton Berlin** are available upon request. We are also proposing an optional extension to **Dresden**. (see below)

TOUR COST: The cost of land arrangements is \$2990 pp based upon double occupancy. The single supplement is \$525. We will try to arrange for a compatible roommate if you so desire. Costs are based on a minimum of 15 participants and may vary according to the value of the Euro. **SAVE \$250** if you reserve by Saturday, December 8. Past travelers on extended trips in 2017 and 2018 will receive an additional \$100 discount

INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE: Accommodations for six nights at the **HILTON BERLIN** including tax and service; two dinners, three lunches, and full buffet breakfast daily; all sightseeing and special events as listed in the itinerary including museum admissions; taxes and service on all included items; and a pre-trip reading packet. Airport transfers are not included but will be arranged by **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO DRESDEN (JUNE 15-18) - **DRESDEN** is 100 miles from Berlin and is often called the "Florence of the North." See the **Royal Palace**, the **Church of Our Lady**, the splendid **Semper Opera House** and spectacular treasures in the **GREEN VAULT** in **Dresden Castle**. Two world-class museums, **Albertinum** and the **Old Masters Gallery**, a stop in **LEIPZIG** and an excursion to the **MEISSEN PORCELAIN FACTORY** are on the itinerary. Let us know if you are interested so we can determine the cost.

AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS: We are currently holding coach seats on June 8 and June 15 on the new non-stop flights on **AMERICAN AIRLINES** between Philadelphia and Berlin. The cost is guaranteed at app. \$875. (Taxes can vary). This cost will vary if you participate in the optional trip to **DRESDEN**. **CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 34 PARTICIPANTS. Complete the form below and mail it with a deposit of \$1000 to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. *We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express* for an additional 4% charge. Final payment is due no later than Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Full refund for land arrangements may be made until March 6 less an administrative fee of \$1000. Thereafter, all costs are non-refundable. Airfares are subject to airline cancellation restrictions. We highly recommend trip cancellation insurance which is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

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I AM INTERESTED IN THE POST-TRIP EXCURSION TO DRESDEN _____.