

## **Berlin: Past Present and Future**

### **A Mind and Soul Picture of a Fascinating Area**

**April 29 - May 5 2017**

**Land Only \$1799**

**Single Supplement \$375**

**Deposit \$500**

This trip can be combined (availability pending) with our Tuscany Cooking and Seeing Trip which ends April 29. Book both and get an additional \$100 off Tuscany

**Day 1 / Berlin** Arrival in Berlin (TXL Tegel Airport), meet our representative, transfer to our hotel. Our transfer is scheduled for flights that arrive no later than noon. Our arrival day is free until dinner. Hotel check in approx. 3PM. This evening, meet in the lobby and walk nearby to our restaurant for welcome dinner. All dinners include a glass of wine or beer and water. If you do not use our group transfer: 15 minute taxi \$25-30, uber, or more here: [www.rome2rio.com/s/Berlin-Tegel-Airport-TXL/Werderscher-Markt-11-10117-Berlin-Germany](http://www.rome2rio.com/s/Berlin-Tegel-Airport-TXL/Werderscher-Markt-11-10117-Berlin-Germany)

**Day 2 / Berlin** Enjoy a private full day guided tour of historic and contemporary Berlin. After breakfast, meet with our guide and coach. Our morning panorama will include Brandenburg Gate (photo stop), Unter den Linden, Kurfurstendamm, television tower, and Alexanderplatz to name a few. We include a guided tour at the Berliner Dom, the largest church. Lunch included at a local restaurant with German Specialties (drinks not included). Continue our tour with a focus on the Cold War era, including the Berlin Wall Memorial, Check Point Charlie and Olympic Stadium (entrances included). Dinner tonight at a nearby restaurant within walking distance of our hotel.

**Day 3 / Berlin** After breakfast transfer to the Pergamon Museum for a private tour then on to the amazing Hamburger Bahnhof. The Pergamon Museum is one of the greatest in the world. constructed from 1910 to 1930. The Pergamon Museum houses original-sized, reconstructed monumental buildings such as the Pergamon Altar and the Market Gate of Miletus, from parts transported from Turkey. We continue to Hamburger Bahnhof, a former train station, and now a sizzling modern art museum in an area full of other special museums. We did not include tickets as some of you might want to explore the area instead. Our coach will pick us up again at 4PM at a designated spot. Dinner included at a nearby restaurant within walking distance.

**Day 4 / Berlin** After breakfast, meet our guide and coach for a half day tour of Jewish Berlin history. Visits include the Holocaust Memorial, Jewish Cemetery, Bavarian quarter

which chronicles anti-Jewish persecution in the 30s and 40s with street signs in a “normal” middle class neighborhood of Berlin. See Platform 17, the beginning for those sent to death camps, the monument dedicated to those persecuted, the museum – Topography of terror (outside visit) in the former headquarters of the SS and Gestapo and the monument for the Kindertransport in Train station Friedrichstraße. Lunch is included at a local restaurant with German Specialties (drinks not included). After lunch end at the Jewish Museum. Visit to the museum includes a ticket and audio guide. Our bus will leave us there, allowing us to make our own way back to the hotel. Dinner is under own arrangements, however our group usually meets for dinner in the lobby on free nights so no one eats alone!

### **Day 5 / Berlin – Potsdam – Berlin**

This 6 hour tour offers culture, arts and architectural styles. Visit the old quarter, Russian settlement of "Alexandrowka" and Dutch quarter. Enjoy a stroll through the beautiful gardens of Sanssouci Palace, a UNESCO heritage site, New Palace, New Chambers Palace, historic Windmill, Charlottenhof Castle, Roman baths, Orangery Palace and more. This is an area beautified by Frederick The Great. **The tour to Potsdam is \$138 per person, based on 10 minimum but included as our early bird special event.**

**Day 6 / Berlin** Day at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to the Schloss Charlottenburg for cultural, culinary and classical delights! We take a journey through Prussian art and culture at Germany's largest, most important Hohenzollern residence: Charlottenburg Palace. We dine in the palace and finish with an orchestral performance. Enjoy the baroque and classical masterpieces in the glamorous hall of the palace.

**Day 7 / Berlin** After breakfast, we have an early am transfer to the Berlin Airport TXL arriving approx. 8am. Again taxis are easy in Berlin.

## **Includes**

Accommodation in the mentioned hotel or similar

Daily buffet breakfast

Arrival transfer with English speaking assistant (group transfer Airport TXL – Hotel)

English speaking guide

Private bus excursions ( Potsdam based on 10 minmum).

Private tour of the Pergamon Museum

Visit to Charlottenburg Palace with dinner & Concert

Tickets and audio guide to The Jewish Museum

4 dinners (including 1 glass of wine/beer and water), 2 lunches

Transfer out (group transfer) to the airport TXL (without assistant)

Hotel portorage

Entrance fees mentioned

Hotel or similar Berlin Riu Plaza Berlin a dazzlingly new and modern 4 star hotel near shopping, many important sites and well located for our visits. The hotel has wifi throughout, an excellent gym, restaurant and all the amenities needed to make our stay comfortable and convenient.