

BERLIN TOUR



1 to 2 full days (8 hours each)
including



Private driver, car & expert
guide within Berlin



BERLIN'S ARCHITECTURAL, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AT IT'S BEST!

Upon arrival, guests will be met planeside by their VIP greeter and escorted through customs, assisted with luggage and taken to meet their driver. Their driver will take guests by private luxury transfer to their hotel for check in.

Unter den Linden

Begin at the Brandenburg Gate and drive down Unter den Linden, a grand boulevard lined with some of the finest Baroque and Classical palaces of Northern Europe. Enjoy the exquisite symmetry of Gendarmenmarkt, one of the high points of King Frederic the Great's 17th century vision for the city.

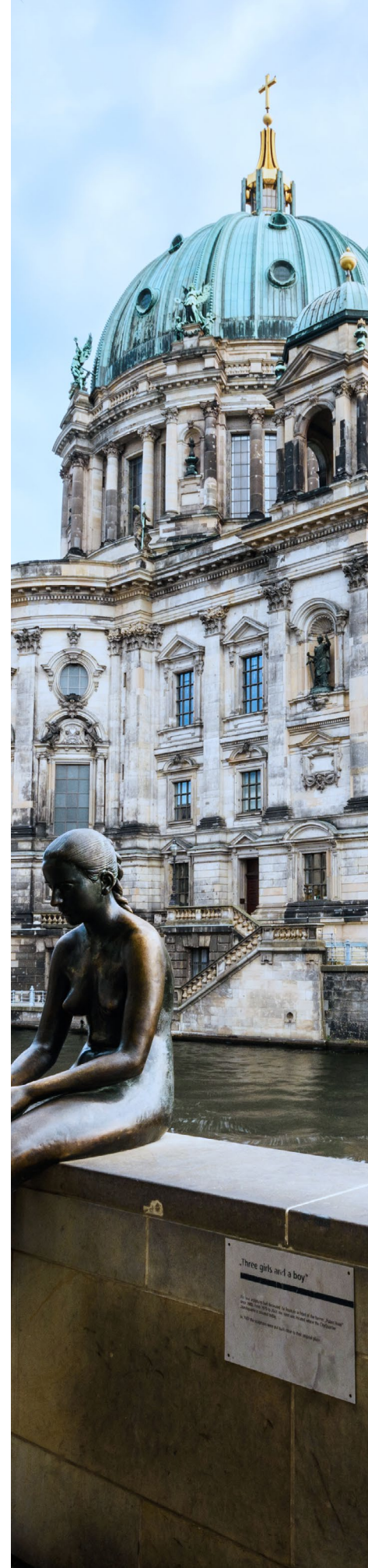
Holocaust Memorial

Just across from the U.S. Embassy, opened in May 2005, stands Peter Eisenman's Holocaust Memorial, a labyrinthine grid of 2711 concrete steles sunk into the ground with a powerful documentation centre concealed underneath.

Museum Island

Cross the river Spree on to Berlin's UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Museum Island', a 19th century acropolis of the arts with sensational collections ranging from Classical Greek to Impressionist.

Visit the Pergamon Museum, one of the world's major archaeological museums. Highlights are the Hellenistic Pergamon Altar, the Roman Market Gate of Miletus and the Babylonian Gate of Ishtar.



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Also visit the newly reopened Neues Museum to see the world renowned bust of Queen Nefertiti.

Private tours of the individual museums can be arranged.

Third Reich, WWII & Cold War Sites

Our guide takes guests on a tour focusing on the historic legacy of the Third Reich and WW II.

Visit the site of Hitler's former Chancellery and Bunker near Brandenburg Gate. Drive by the Soviet War Memorial built in 1945 out of marble taken from Hitler's Chancellery as guests make their way to former West Berlin to see the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church bombed to a dramatic ruin in 1943. For a more in depth history, take a brief tour of the Topography of Terror, an area of excavated cellars that used to belong to Reinhard Heydrich's SS and Gestapo headquarters, now home to an exhibition documenting the history of this instrument of Nazi oppression.

Contemporary Architecture

Nowhere else in the world today can one find such a phenomenal concentration of buildings by the world's most celebrated 20th and 21st century architects: from Santiago Calatrava to Rem Koolhaas, from Renzo Piano to I. M Pei, the new German capital plays host to them all. The tour includes a stop at Pariser Platz with Frank Gehry's floating boardroom in the DZ-Bank Building, Ruble & Yudell's US Embassy, which opened on July 4, 2008 as well as Potsdamer Platz, home to the Sony Center.

Lunch is recommended at Restaurant Käfer. Situated on top of the Reichstag, which stararchitect Norman Foster converted into a state-of-the-art parliament building with a glass dome overlooking the city below. Normally visitors stand in line upwards of 1-2 hours to visit the top of the Reichstag, which is why we recommend having a light lunch at the restaurant located here which allows guests to skip the line. Tour of the Reichstag and it's history included.

After lunch visit Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin's most famous border crossing, drive along a remaining section of the Berlin Wall to the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of Berlin's cold war division.

Visit the former border post at Bernauer Strasse, where a viewing





platform allows you to look out on a preserved part of the cold war border complete with patrol paths, searchlights, watchtowers and the mined 'death strip'. An information center provides hair-raising film footage of great escapes by way of tunnels, homemade flying contraptions and abseiling devices.

Cruise along former Stalin Avenue lined with monumental workers palaces created in Soviet sugarbaker style out of the rubble left from Russia's final assault on Berlin in May 1945. Stop by the East Side Gallery - a 1 kilometer long stretch of the Berlin Wall in an industrial district of Berlin, now painted with anti-war murals by artists from all over the world.

Jewish Berlin

Take a walk through the former Jewish quarter, today a district buzzing with art galleries, boutiques, bars and restaurants. Visitors will find small brass plaques let into the pavements giving the names of Jews who were deported from their homes in the neighborhood. Stop to admire the gold-domed New Synagogue sacked by brownshirts during 'Crystal Night'. Continue to the collection point on Grosse Hamburger Strasse from which 56,000 Berlin Jews were deported to Auschwitz and Theresienstadt.



In a hidden courtyard nearby, visitors will find a small, run-down apartment with an astonishing story: it was here that Otto Weidt prevented a handful of blind Jews from being deported by employing them in his broom factory.

At Rosenthaler Strasse 40-41, the trendy rebuilt Hackesche Höfe has risen from the ashes of World War II to become a chic place for dining, drinking, going to the theater, or patronizing fashionable boutiques and art galleries. Originally these warehouses were constructed beginning in 1905 as shining examples of Berlin's take on Art Nouveau industrial architecture. Heavily damaged in Allied bombing raids, all nine interconnecting courtyards are new again, with shiny white tiles interspersed with Moorish mosaic designs.

Jewish Museum

Guests can take a privately guided tour of Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum in the shape of an exploded Star of David. After an introduction to Libeskind's award-winning building, guests will take an overview tour of the permanent exhibition.

