

A Berlin Kaleidoscope

With Dresden and Leipzig

May 5 – 15, 2010



This trip to Berlin, along with two full days in Dresden and a day in Leipzig, continues ROMtravel's "Great Cities" series. Few other modern cities have witnessed such stunning reversals of fortune, passing from ruin to renewal. With the destruction of the Berlin Wall in November, 1989, the city had the undeniable good fortune to find itself with a vast open area in which to rebuild and reinvent itself.

The trip begins in Dresden, itself a phoenix of a city, architecturally reborn from ashes. We'll enjoy a performance at the Semper Opera and a boat ride on the Elbe River. Our stop in Leipzig will feature an organ recital in the St. Thomas Church, where Bach was the cantor and director of music.

Our main focus is on Berlin for an intensive and stimulating look at what the millions spent on rebuilding the city have produced in the arts, architecture and cityscape. We'll visit the most famous of the many museums



and art galleries, tour the traditional and radically new architecture with a local architect and spend time in various neighbourhoods of both the former East and West. One day will be spent in Potsdam touring the 18th century Prussian palaces and the Babelsberg Film Studios.

Throughout the trip, we'll meet with local experts to learn about the politics, the arts and the social makeup of Berlin and Germany. We'll dine in style and enjoy the ambience of local pubs. Tickets to the opera and other cultural events can be arranged.

Tour Itinerary & Highlights

Day 1

Individual arrivals in Dresden. Tour of the inner city of Dresden, including the reconstructed Frauenkirche.

Day 2

The Green Vault and Old Masters Gallery in the Dresden Royal Palace. The Zwinger Palace with its amazing porcelain collection.

Day 3

A boat ride on the Elbe River. Visit to the Meissen Porcelain factory. Evening at the Semper Opera.

Day 4

Walking tour of the historic centre of Leipzig. Organ recital at the St. Thomas Church.

Day 5

Orientation tour of Berlin. Lunch at the top of the Reichstag. Walking tour of Unter den Linden, Berlin's Champs d'Elysées.

Day 6

Exploration of Berlin architecture from the traditional to the most modern, led by a Berlin architect.

Day 7

A full day in Potsdam including Prussia's former glory – the Sanssouci Palace. Guided tour of the Babelsberg Film Studios.

Day 8

A day on unique Museum Island – including the Pergamon Museum, with its Greek Pergamon Altar and Babylonian Ishtar Gate; and the Altes Museum with the legendary bust of Nefertiti.

Day 9

"Trabi Safari" – a ride through Berlin in the cult car of the former East. Tour of the Hauptbahnhof – Europe's newest and largest two-level railroad station.

Day 10

The new face of Berlin, which includes a visit to the Turkish Market. A visit to Daniel Liebeskind's famous Jewish Museum.

Day 11

Individual departures from Berlin.

Hotels

Dresden Buelow Residenz for 3 nights
Berlin Westin Grand Hotel for 7 nights

ROMtravel Coordinator

Monica Carr, a native of Berlin, is a past Chair of ROMbus, of ROM Getaway and a past President of the Department of Museum Volunteers. She has coordinated ROMtravel trips to Vienna, Berlin and Turkey.



Tour Cost

Twin Sharing	\$5,880
Single Supplement	\$1,200

Tour begins in Dresden and ends in Berlin.
Flight costs NOT included.

Photos

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- Semper Opera House, Dresden, courtesy Wikipedia.
- Brandenburger Gate, Berlin, courtesy GNTB.
- Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam, courtesy Wikipedia.
- Reichstag, Berlin, courtesy Wikipedia.

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost Includes

- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air-conditioned bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities: Dresden – 3 nights; Berlin – 7 nights.
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily; 12 other meals including welcome and farewell dinners with wine; 'Happy Hour' receptions.
- Bottled water on the bus daily.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, & a post-trip reunion.
- Services of Worldwide Quest International to arrange tickets for unscheduled cultural events.

Not Included

- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls.
- Excess baggage.
- Beverages not included with meals.
- **Flight costs.**
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of January 9, 2009 and are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest International reserves the right to increase the price accordingly. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$90; family annual membership is \$139 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L and M postal zones) is \$95.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A tax receipt for \$300 will be issued by the Royal Ontario Museum. Optional cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. The balance of payment, \$4,880.00, is due on February 5, 2010.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest International and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be received in writing at Worldwide Quest International. All payments are non-refundable. We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation insurance. No refund will be granted for unused services.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance Services Inc. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. 8% PST is included in the quoted prices.

Based on shared accommodation		Based on single accommodation	
Up to 59 years old	\$344.52	Up to 59 years old	\$396.36
60-64 years old	\$424.44	60-64 years old	\$489.24
65-69 years old	\$509.76	65-69 years old	\$587.52
70-74 years old	\$660.96	70-74 years old	\$751.68

For those 75 years and over, contact Worldwide Quest International at 1-800-387-6731.

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