

Places you visit



Day 1-2: Berlin

Germany's capital, Berlin is an exciting and historic metropolis, which has undergone dramatic changes. The Berlin Wall, which encircled the city for 165 kms, was destroyed in 1989, but remnants such as Checkpoint Charlie remain. Your city tour highlights include the City Hall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Berlin Cathedral and Brandenburg Gate. Continue on to see the Reichstag (Parliament Building) and Berlin Wall. During free time you may wish to visit Charlottenburg Palace or one of Berlin's many museums.

Day 3: Berlin, Potsdam & Magdeburg

Located on the southwestern border of Berlin, Potsdam is a beautiful town and home to many architectural masterpieces. The charming Cecilienhof Palace is where Allied leaders met during the 1945 Potsdam

Conference. Visit the 18th century Sanssouci Palace, a perfect example of German rococo architecture. Although heavy WWII bombing nearly destroyed the city, Magdeburg is a traditional German town with notable monuments such as Magdeburg Cathedral, the ruins of St Johannis Church and the 13th century Magdeburger Reiter, Germany's oldest equestrian statue.

Day 4: Dessau

Dessau is a renowned art and cultural centre. From here you'll tour Wörlitz Park, considered Germany's first landscaped park. Its English-style gardens were inspired by Prince Franz Anhalt-Dessau's visit to England. The beautiful grounds surround the 18th century Wörlitz Palace, a classical structure fashioned after an English country home. This afternoon is at leisure.

Day 5: Wittenberg & Torgau

A spiritual and cultural centre, Wittenberg is the "Birthplace of the Reformation". Follow the steps of Martin Luther to discover the many landmarks associated with the Reformation, including Luther's House, the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses and St Marien's Church, where he preached. Sitting on the banks of the Elbe, Torgau boasts amazing examples of Renaissance houses. Your walking tour takes in fortified Hartenfels Castle which dominates the city from its riverside location. See also Market Square and the monument commemorating the historic 1945 meeting between Russian and American troops.

Day 6: Meissen

Surrounded by idyllic wine villages, Meissen dates back more than 1,000 years and is

overlooked by Albrechtsburg Castle. World-famous for its fine porcelain production since the early 1700s, Meissenware is composed of china clay and potter's earth, completely moulded by hand and distinguished by the trademark blue crossed swords. See firsthand how this exquisite porcelain is created and tour the Museum. Travel on to Castle Hill for a walking tour of the Old Town.

Day 7: Dresden

Prior to its WWII destruction, Dresden was known as 'Florence on the Elbe' with its wonderful art treasures and beautiful baroque architecture. Visit the Residence Castle and tour the Green Vault with its treasured collection of fine art and the Saxon monarchs' crown jewels. Continue on foot to 18th century Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House and the Church of Our Lady. The afternoon is free for independent exploring.

Day 8: Saxon Switzerland

A breathtaking stretch of the Elbe, Saxon Switzerland is composed of the rugged cliffs of the Elbsandstein Mountains. Stretching from Dresden to the German-Czech border, the bizarre sandstone rock formation rises out of thick forests and produces narrow valleys and deep gorges. There are some magnificent views to be seen on foot or from the Bastei, 200 metres above the Elbe. Enjoy a walking tour of the area.

Day 9: Litomerice

Cruise leisurely this morning through the scenic area of Porta Bohemia, one of the most beautiful parts of the Elbe. Arrive in the Czech town of Litomerice and see St Stephen's Cathedral, the Jesuit Church, historic Market Square and many residential buildings from the baroque, Renaissance and Gothic periods. End your tour with a tasting of wines from this Bohemian region.

Day 10: Melnik & Prague

Awaken in Melnik, disembark after breakfast and transfer by motorcoach to Prague. Upon arrival, join your walking tour of this 'City of a Hundred Spires'. See the Old Town and explore on your own, then drive to Hradcany Castle for a tour through the castle interior. Check-in to the hotel.

Day 11: Prague

The day is free for you to explore at your own pace. You can see the Town Hall's intricate 15th century Astronomical Clock, visit the Josefov Quarter and discover the city's vibrant Jewish heritage or people-watch in Wenceslas Square.

Day 12: Prague

Hotel check-out.

