

Berlin



24 June – 1 July 2018
(7 nights)

Price based on 2 people sharing
£1950 per person

Price includes
Accommodation at Hotel Mondial
Breakfast on site, plus
Dinner at a variety of Berlin restaurants

Programme of **daily** wheelchair
accessible **excursions** around Berlin

Transfers between either of Berlin's
airports
(Tegel or Schönefeld)
and the Hotel

The vibrant, arty, free spirited "small town" that just happens to be the gargantuan capital city of contemporary mainland Europe's (arguably) most influential country. Full of contradictions and fascination, its cultural cup runneth over, while retaining a surprisingly cosy & laid back feel.

Berlin was at centre-stage for many of the most significant events of the Twentieth Century, so it's no wonder that it brings memories to life. Yet its unique pendulous swing between power centre and isolation has also resulted in one of the most active contemporary artistic communities in the world, now outshining many cities whose touristic reputation feeds from the romance of their artistic past. This presents itself not only in galleries, but in the imagination & individuality stamped on the shops, cafés, public spaces, and especially in its nightlife.

The large scale must-see attractions include the Brandenburg Gate, once representing the division but now at the very centre again. Nearby is Norman Foster's masterpiece crystal dome of the Reichstag, fully accessible and offering great views over the city. Then there's the UNESCO listed Museum Island, on which you can (quite incredibly) see Queen Nefertiti of Egypt, ancient temples, and Nebuchadnezzar's entire Gate of Babylon (making the Elgin Marbles issue look a little tame in comparison if you ask me).

Then there are the palaces; Charlottenburg, Sanssouci at Potsdam - how the list could go on....



And is there anyone over 40 who was not amazed at The Wall's fall, when East German Trabant cars started to pour through to the west?

We'll take you round as much of Berlin as we can squeeze into a week, and on our tour, as is our style, we'll not only take you to the famous sights, but also introduce you to quirky idiosyncracies that make life in Berlin so special.



Accommodation & Dining

The Hotel Mondial has an enviable position, right on West Berlin's legendary main shopping & entertainment street, the Ku'damm. It also has excellent accessibility throughout, with a hoist into its own heated swimming pool.

Breakfast will be at the hotel, and we will dine out at a variety of restaurants chosen by us after careful research, taking into account ambience, menu, and of course accessibility. As usual, we will have our extensive collection of accessibility aids, including hoist, shower chairs, & mobility scooter, at no extra charge.



Weather

Highs of 23 degrees are typical of late June, with some rain expected on 9 days in the month, according to online resources.

Our packages do not include flights

However, we are more than happy to assist in identifying the best value and most suitable flights for you, and indeed need to liaise with all clients prior to ticket purchase in order to be sure all the transfers to & from hotel are feasible.

Berlin's Tegel and Schönefeld airports are both conveniently close.



There are direct flights from several of the UK's smaller regional airports in addition to the larger centres. You can check availability now with skyscanner.net or cheapflights.co.uk

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