

Berlin, Then and Now

2019, October 24th – 27th

Small Group Tour



Berlin, one of Europe's most exciting cities is glowing in autumn with its golden trees, beautiful gardens and parks and amazing art events. Come and witness the renaissance of Jewish life in Germany's capital. From the iconic golden dome of the reconstructed New Synagogue of Berlin, to architect Daniel Libeskind's impressive Jewish Museum, our Berlin tour brings you closer to the stories behind Berlin's landmarks. No other major European city has re-defined, re-created, and re-built itself to such an extent as Berlin in the past decades. Until 1989, the city was divided in half by a wall. The main historic Jewish sites were on the eastern side of the city, the part of Berlin that was behind the Iron Curtain.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall, the city has sought to re-weave its two halves together. In the process, world-renowned architects like Frank O. Gehry and I. M. Pei contributed their spectacular new designs to the changing landscape. This period of reconstruction produced a blossoming Berlin tourism industry, booming business development, and a sophisticated art scene. However, perhaps the most significant change is that the once diminished Jewish Community of Berlin is becoming the fastest-growing Jewish community in Europe.

Jewish life in Berlin is even more prevalent than one might realize at a first glance, and our Jewish Berlin tour reveals little-known stories of Jewish interest behind major Berlin highlights, like the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate. Admire the recently opened James-Simon-Gallery, remembering the Jewish philanthropist who became the "father" of Berlin's most admired collection of museums, the Museums Island.

There have been several Golden Ages of Judaism in Berlin. The 18th century welcomed the Jewish Enlightenment heralded by Moses Mendelssohn, and the 19th century gave birth to Reform Judaism through the contributions of scholars like Abraham Geiger. The early 20th century saw outstanding personalities such as Leo Baeck, Kurt Weill, and Albert Einstein further increase the community's prestige.

The inspiring periods of Jewish heritage in Berlin are shadowed by the overwhelming losses of the Holocaust. These are keenly felt and stringently remembered in numerous moving memorial sites, including the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, next to the Brandenburg Gate. Despite the years of division, there was a post-war Jewish cultural identity in Berlin that formed the bedrock of today's thriving community. Berlin boasts two Jewish newspapers, a Jewish theater, Jewish educational institutions and nine synagogues.

Join us on this eye-opening small group tour, make friends and enjoy the intimate experience of being guided by an insider and expert.



Travel Date:

2019, October 24th – 27th (Individual extensions possible for a supplement t.b.a.)

Duration: 7 days

Price per person sharing Twin / Double room: 2150,00 EUR land services only in a double room; 350 EUR single room supplement (Min. 6 pax, Max. 8 pax)

Deposits and final payment:

An 50% deposit is due upon reservation(s). Final Payment is due until Sept 30th.

Accommodations:

Between reservation and Sept 30th you are responsible for 50% of the full amount. From Sept 30th you are responsible for the full amount.

Accommodations:

6 nights

Meals:

All breakfasts; 4 Lunches; 2 dinner

Included Services:

4* centrally located hotels

Luxury air-conditioned coaches

In depth M&H Sightseeing program

All entrances as per itinerary

Professional M&H tour director throughout the tour

Not included:

R/T flight from the USA

Tips to tour director, guides and drivers, restaurant and hotel

Airport transfers

Porterage

All expenses of a personal nature

Insurance is not included. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO BUY A TRAVEL INSURANCE!