

**Berlin Grand tour:** This exciting overview of the fascinating capital of Germany will begin with your pick-up at port in a comfortable A/C vehicle. You can sit back and relax as you enjoy the 3 hour transfer to Berlin on the German autobahn.



### **Brandenburg Gate**

Upon arrival in Berlin, you will be met by your English speaking guide who will lead you through your introduction to Berlin's fascinating history.

**During your time in Berlin, you will enjoy viewing many of the sights that you have only read about in books or seen in films. Highlights include (but are not limited to): the imposing Brandenburg Gate, Berlin wall, Charlottenburg Palace, Reichstag, Berlin Cathedral, Museum Island, Checkpoint Charlie, and the sobering Holocaust Memorial.**

**Below is a brief introduction to just some of the historic sights you will see on your exciting Berlin Grand Tour:**

**Brandenburg Gate** – pictured above: The Brandenburg Gate, the national symbol of Germany, is one of the first landmarks that come to mind when thinking of Germany. It is an 18th-century neoclassical triumphal arch built on the site of a former city gate that marked the start of the road from Berlin to the town of Brandenburg an der Havel. German history was made here – many different times. The Brandenburg Gate became infamous in the Cold War, when it was the sad symbol for the division of Berlin and Germany: The Gate stood between East and West Germany, becoming part of the impenetrable Berlin Wall. It was here that both John F Kennedy & Ronald Reagan made moving speeches.

### **Charlottenburg Palace**



You will enjoy a photo stop at the magnificent Charlottenburg Palace, one of the landmarks of Berlin and a major tourist attraction. This palace was badly damaged during WWII but has since been restored. Built at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it is the largest palace in Berlin and the only surviving royal residence in the city dating back to the time of the Hohenzollern royals. Charlottenburg was erected as the summer residence of Sophie Charlotte, the first queen of Prussia, who was also the namesake for the palace and the surrounding district. Subsequent generations of the royal family expanded and remodeled the

palace. As a result, the palace contains interior decoration reflecting several architectural styles: the old palace, with its magnificent baroque state rooms and the famous porcelain cabinet, and the new wing built by Frederick the Great in 1742. The famous palace gardens contain the mausoleum of Queen Louise, the Belvedere with its world-renowned collection of KPM porcelain and the new pavilion. Don't miss your opportunity to snap a photo of the bronze statue of Frederick Wilhelm I located in the interior courtyard.

## Berlin Cathedral

The Berlin Cathedral is a Lutheran cathedral located on Museum Island in the Mitte district. The Cathedral is the largest church in the city, and it serves as a vital center for the Protestant church of Germany.

It was built between 1895 and 1905. Dedicated on February 27, 1905, it faces the Lustgarten (a city park) and the former site of the imperial palace, the Stadtschloss.

During World War II, the building was bombed by the Allies and severely damaged. A temporary roof was installed to protect what remained of the interior and in 1975 reconstruction started. The restoration of the interior was begun in 1984 and in 1993 the church reopened in an event attended by Chancellor of Germany Helmut Kohl and televised nationwide in Germany. During reconstruction, the organ was fully restored, although the building's original design was modified into a simpler, shorter form.

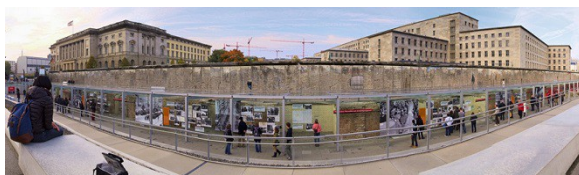


## Reichstag

The Reichstag was completed in 1894 following German national unity and the establishment of the German Reich in 1871. After a complete restoration of Paul Wallot's original building, the Bundestag reconvened here in Sir Norman Foster's spectacularly restored Reichstag building on April 19, 1999. Following German reunification on October 3, 1990 the Bundestag (German Federal Parliament) decided, one year later, to make the Reichstag the seat of Parliament in Berlin, the

restored capital of reunited Germany. The Reichstag's new glass dome with its vast central glass cylinder is among the most visually impressive features and is designed to reflect natural light into the plenary chamber. It provides natural ventilation and light with a mirror system which directs light inside the chamber during the day and reflects it back at night.

## Remembering Berlin's past



Berlin Wall & Topography of Terror exhibit



Checkpoint Charlie



Holocaust Memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe



## Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

One of Berlin's iconic buildings, the half-ruined **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church** together with its modern additions is located on Breitscheidplatz in the center of western Berlin and dominates the view from the Kurfürstendamm and the Tauentzienstrasse. The church was originally constructed between 1891 and 1895 by architect Franz Schwechten as a present to the German people from Kaiser Wilhelm II. It serves as a memorial to Wilhelm II's father, Wilhelm I. \_\_\_\_

The church was partially destroyed during a bombing raid in 1943. Following the war, several different options for the church's redevelopment were considered, including the construction of a new church made from glass in the old church's ruins, and also its complete demolition and replacement with a new structure. Eventually it was decided to leave the ruined tower as a memorial to the futility of war, and create a new church around it.

## **12h Berlin Grand Tour**

**Type:** History, Architecture, Drive with photo stops  
**Length:** 11-12 hours  
**Status:** Open group tour  
**Group size:** Max. 26 people  
**Activity level:** Medium - driving & walking tour  
**Transportation:** A private air-conditioned vehicle corresponding to the group size  
**Inside visits:** No inside visits  
**Price:** \$145 USA/per person (discounted if you also book St. Petersburg)  
**The price for those booked on one of our St. Petersburg tour programs is \$105 USA per person**

This full day tour, duration of about 12 hours, will start and end at the harbor (Warnemuende, Rostock) next to your ship. Your party will be met at the ship and accommodated in a comfortable touring vehicle for the transfer to Berlin. Within 2 ½ - 3 hours you will arrive in Berlin where your English-speaking guide will join you for the city sightseeing tour and you will be transferred to a smaller vehicle (or, depending on your group size, remain in the same vehicle). Your Berlin tour will include the highlights of the capital with photo stops at Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall, Charlottenburg Palace and the famous glass-domed Reichstag. You will have the opportunity to drive, walk and take many photos during this tour. You also have the option to sample a traditional German meal for lunch (please have euros for lunches).

Attn! The order of sights-visited may be subject to change due to various technical reasons.

Attn! The actual start and end times of our tours are adjusted to coordinate with your ship's arrival and departure. Please contact us for the exact itinerary of your ship.

Attn! The transfer to Berlin will be a group transfer provided in a larger bus with a representative from Alla Tours. If the group transferred to Berlin is larger than 26, the group will be divided into smaller groups upon arrival in Berlin (each with their own guide and driver) for the guided portion of your Berlin Grand Tour. Please note that the transfer to/from Berlin is a transfer and not a guided tour. The guided portion of your tour begins in Berlin.

### **Berlin GRAND Tour**

7:30 Arrival in Warnemuende/Rostock

8:00 Meeting with the company's representative

8:00-11:00 Travel to Berlin. A 20-30 minute comfort stop on the way.

11:00-13:00 **West Berlin sightseeing tour including drive by and picture stops at** Charlottenburg Palace, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Ku'damm, Victory Column, the Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, the site of the Hitler Bunker, the Holocaust Memorial

13:00-14:00 Lunch time

14:00-16:00 **East Berlin sightseeing tour including drive by and picture stops at:** Potsdamer Platz, the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, Gendarmenmarkt, Unter den Linden, Bebelplatz (Book Burning Memorial), Humboldt University, State Opera House, Neue Wache Memorial, Museum Island and Alexanderplatz (TV Tower and Red Town Hall)

16:00-17:00 Free time on your own, **if time permits**, for: shopping or a call to a museum of your interest.

17:00-20:00 **Transfer to Warnemuende.** A 20-30 minute comfort stop on the way.

20:00 Onboard

#### **Price includes:**

- Transfer from port to Berlin and back
- Driving service in Berlin
- Guiding service in Berlin

#### **Price does not include:**

- Cost of meals & refreshments

#### **Important Notices**

Children under the age of 4 years are not permitted on our group tours. If you are touring with small children, we recommend that you book a private tour to allow your youngsters the flexibility to comfortably move at a slower pace.