Berlin

When? 19-21.01.2024

Berlin is the capital of Germany with a chequered history. With about three and a half million inhabitants, Berlin is the largest city in Germany as well as the largest city in the European Union. It is located in the east of Germany and is surrounded on all sides by the state of Brandenburg.

What to expect on excursion to Berlin:
- Train journey to Berlin and back;
- 2x hotel overnight stay with breakfast;

Program highlights (Must see tours):

- **Guided city tour**
  Explore Berlin, the German capital, which impresses with its extraordinary variety of sights, rich cultural life and a lively lifestyle.

- **Guided tour to the Bundestag/ Reichstag**
  You will have the chance to look inside the Bundestag and see how Parliament works in Germany. Have a look in plenary room, where all the politics happen 😊

Optional program:

- **Jewish Museum**
  The Jewish Museum Berlin is one of the most outstanding institutions in the European museum landscape. With its permanent and temporary exhibitions, its collections, its events program, the museum is a vibrant place for dialogue and reflection on Jewish history and the present in Germany.

- **Topography of Terror**
  From 1933 to 1945, the most important centers of National Socialist terror were located on the site of the "Topography of Terror", next to the Martin-
Gropius-Bau and not far from Potsdamer Platz: the Secret State Police Office with its own "house prison", the Reichsführung SS, the Security Service (SD) of the SS and during the Second World War also the Reich Security Main Office.

- **Museum Island**
  Berlin’s Museum Island is a grand work of art: five world-famous museum buildings from the time of the Prussian rulers, together with the modern James Simon Gallery, form an exciting ensemble that was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 1999. In 1999, the Museum Island master plan was also adopted. The core of this is an underground connection, the Archaeological Promenade, to be built between the museum buildings.

- **Dance Course Swing - Lindy Hop – Blues**
  Swing dance is a lively and joyful dance genre. It includes several dance styles, including Lindy Hop, which is one of the most popular. Lindy Hop is characterized by its playful improvisation and dynamic connection between partners, which makes it a dance full of energy and fun.

- **"Dark Worlds": bombing war, air raid shelter + underworld museum**
  This exhibit aims not only to educate about historical events but also to prompt reflection on the enduring human capacity for hope and survival. "Dark Worlds" invites visitors to contemplate the consequences of war and the collective responsibility to strive for a future free from such darkness.

- **Free evening programs with tutors!**
5 Fun Facts about Berlin that you surely didn't know yet!

1. Cultural program: more museums than rainy days

Read correctly: Berlin has more museums than rainy days.

The capital boasts no less than 180 museums. In relation to this, Berliners have to endure an average of 106 rainy days per year. In other words, if you spent every rainy day in a different museum, you still wouldn't have seen them all after a year.

2. on the move: 18 parades per hour

It's hard to imagine, but it's true: Every hour in Berlin there are 18 moves from one neighborhood to the next. That's about 1 move every 3 minutes! After this fun fact, I'm sure no one is surprised that the city is always on the move.

3. Dance rage: medium-sized city in Berlin clubs

40,000 to 50,000 people dance every weekend in Berlin clubs as if there were no tomorrow. By definition, that's the population of a medium-sized German city. So if the line in front of the club seems a bit long, that could be the reason.

4. Culinary Berlin: 950 kebab skewers a day

Next to the currywurst, the kebab is Berlin's culinary landmark. In figures, this can be described as follows: 950 doner kebab skewers are eaten per day, which, at a weight of 63 kilograms per skewer, amounts to 60 tons of doner meat per day. The curry sausage is in no way inferior to its Turkish brother: 70 million curry sausages cross the counter every year.

5. Fluctuation: more and more are arriving

Anyone who has lived in Berlin for a few years already knows the game: Again and again, you have to say goodbye to people you have grown fond of, and again and again you meet new people you grow fond of again. It's a constant coming and going, but in fact more than 100 new people come to Berlin every day than leave again. So it's no wonder that the city is growing and growing.