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SIX-DAY GETAWAY to BERLIN

Travel Dates: OCT 08/14, 2022
7 Days/5 nights accommodation, sightseeing, several meals and airfare from IAD

The W&L Traveller's Six-Day Getaway tours offer extraordinary value and convenience. Each international adventure includes roundtrip airfare from Dulles International in Washington, D.C. (other gateways are available). The hotels are conveniently located and rated four-star, and each package includes guided tours, a welcome reception, two dinners, two lunches, and full breakfast daily, with some free time available for independent pursuits. Each program is led by a W&L host or faculty member, with an excellent manager-guide serving each group throughout the itinerary. Busy people looking for short-term holidays will find just enough to satisfy their urge to get away and yet enjoy a substantive experience with enduring value.

A major city in the heart of continental Europe, Berlin presents a dazzlingly new image of Germany to the world. No other city in Europe has seen more change in the past century: World Wars I and II, the Cold War, the Berlin Wall and the successful reunification of two politically opposed regimes. Berlin has always been a center for the arts, from the time of the Prussian kings to the Roaring 20s, so well described in Christopher Isherwood’s Berlin Diaries. Every art form has shaped the capital throughout the centuries. But new developments and the city’s revitalized architecture have made the rebirth of the city even more dramatic. In addition to the impressive variety of historical and modern attractions of this dynamic capital city, our itinerary includes a half-day excursion to Potsdam for the legendary Sanssouci Palace of Frederick II.

Our hotel is centrally located within easy walking distance of the Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island. Consider this a further incentive to join us for a discovery of why Berlin is now the third most popular European destination after London and Paris.
ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Oct 08, 2022 - Depart the USA: Depart Washington (IAD) for Berlin

Day 2 – Oct 09, 2022 - Berlin: Upon arrival, please proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs, you'll be met by your local Jet Vacation tour representative for the transfer to Hotel Mercure Checkpoint Charlie, your home for the next five nights. After settling in and relaxing, you'll have the option to explore the neighborhood with your W&L representatives before we gather in the hotel for a welcome reception and dinner. (Reception, Dinner)

Day 3 – Oct 10, 2022 – Berlin - WWII and the Cold War: After breakfast and our first lecture, we'll depart for an orientation of the city that will focus on the historical attractions related to WWII and its aftermath. Included will be the Neue Wache, the war memorial designed by Karl Friedrich Schinkel, which houses the famous Pieta by Kaeethe Kollwitz. We'll see many attractions including Alexander Platz, Humboldt University, the State Opera, Brandenburg Gate, the site of Hitler’s Bunker, the Holocaust Museum, and Potsdamer Platz, where 21st-century Berlin is taking shape. We’ll follow the remains of the Berlin Wall to Checkpoint Charlie. Our guide will explain how the Wall was built in 1961 and the events that led to its downfall in 1989. We'll pause for lunch on our own at the Reichstag, the only parliamentary building that features a public restaurant. Located on the top floor of the Reichstag, Restaurant Kaefer offers a breathtaking view of the area. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 4 – Oct 11, 2022 - Berlin: Art and Architecture: After our second lecture on Germany and its new role in Europe, we'll explore contemporary Berlin and discover why this capital city has become a major European attraction for tourists all over the world. Berlin’s modern and contemporary architecture represents a past that left few historic buildings intact after WWII. It was reunification in 1989 that combined the architecture of two competing ideologies into one city. In the last decade, entire city districts have been restored and rebuilt. We’ll visit Prenzlauerberg, the chic East Berlin neighborhood that has been significantly reconstructed and is now one of the most desirable places to live among the city’s artsy set. With its attractive garden cafes, restaurants, (including the oldest beer garden in Berlin), the former working-class district Prenzl'berg is a great place to people-watch. After lunch on our own, we'll tour the Pergamon Museum, home of the famous Pergamon Altar that was originally located in what is now Turkey. After our visit, we'll have free time to remain on the Museum Island, home to four additional museums, or return to the hotel. The evening is on our own. (Breakfast)

Day 5 – Oct 12, 2022 - Berlin/Potsdam including lunch in Cecilienhof: Today we tour the historic city of Potsdam, capital of Brandenburg and former seat of the Prussian kings. We'll visit the famous 18th century baroque palace of Sans Souci, former summer palace of Frederick the Great, and Cecilienhof Palace, where the famous post-war Potsdam Agreement of 1945 that decided the fate of Germany was signed. We'll also see the Glienicke Bridge, where famous spies like Gary Powers were exchanged during the cold war. We'll return to Berlin in time to enjoy a free evening. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6 – Oct 13, 2022 – Berlin - Free Day: After breakfast, continue on own your discovery of Berlin. Your Museum Pass allows you to enter numerous museums in town. During your days in Berlin, we recommend you experience some of the extraordinary music events in town. With eight large symphony orchestras, including the world-famous Berlin Philharmonic; Berlin is a paradise for classical music lovers from around the world. Even beyond conventional performance locations, Berlin’s musicians are on the go: they are always putting classical music into new and exciting contexts, whether it be at well-known festivals, in the open air or sometimes even in night clubs. Our farewell dinner will take place at Zur Letzen Instanz or similar, Berlin’s oldest restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner).

Day 7 – Oct 14, 2022 - Berlin/USA: After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight home. (Breakfast)
• 2 lunches with local wines-beer or soft drinks.
• Berlin Guide X 1 Full Day World war 2 Tour of Berlin
• Berlin Guide X 1 half Day Tour of art & architecture tour of Berlin
• Full day tour of Potsdam including full day guide, deluxe coach service, entrance to Cecilienhof, Sanssouci Terrace and lunch at Cecilienhof
• Deluxe air-conditioned Coach for transfers & tours including City Passes & parking
• Tips for Guides, Assistants and Drivers
• Headsets on guided tour

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:
• Any meal, neither in hotel nor in restaurant, except those mentioned in program
• Any service not expressly mentioned in item Services Included
• Meals and beverages during meal unless mentioned in itinerary
• Everything not mentioned under “Services included in the program”
• Travel Insurance

NOTES: The price does not include travel insurance, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees, visas, optional tours that might be offered in addition to our daily included program, as well as items of a personal nature.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, upstairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

HOTEL: Mercure Checkpoint Charlie

Housed in a Wilhelminian-style building, this upscale hotel is a 4-minute walk from both Checkpoint Charlie and the Kochstrasse U-Bahn station. It's also 2 km from the Brandenburg Gate.
Airy rooms come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, desks and minibars, plus tea and coffeemaking facilities. Suites add separate living areas. Apartments offer kitchenettes. Room service is available. Amenities include a bar, a fitness center and a sauna, along with a seasonal terrace. Breakfast and parking are available, and pets are welcome, all for a surcharge. Our guests love the hotel’s quiet location.
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Note: Airlines are subject to change without notice. Changes in flights and itineraries may result in increased costs. There are no refunds or credits for itinerary changes.

Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis.

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