

## **Berlin, Germany**

Tentative Itinerary (depending on the group size and availability)

### **Day 1: Departure**

Group will meet in Portland at Concord Bus Terminal. Transfer to Logan Airport in Boston  
Departure at night

### **Day 2: Arrival in Berlin**

Arrival in Berlin in the morning/at noon time.

Transfer to the hotel, check in

1:00 pm: Group will meet in the Hotel lobby for questions and information.

Lunch at the hotel

Free time: Optional visit of the Berlin Zoo, Shopping at Berlin's famous Ku'dam

5:00 pm: Together we will take the S-Bahn to the heart of former East Berlin. Our destination is the "Fernsehturm Berlin" (Berlin's TV tower), where we will take the elevator up to enjoy the view from above and have dinner at the "Sphere Restaurant"

8:30 pm: We will take the S-Bahn back to our hotel, the jet lag will hit you by then....

### **Day 3: Getting to know Berlin**

After a good night's rest and a solid breakfast, we will get to know Berlin today. I will be happy to answer questions for you during the morning hours.

10:00 am: Departure for a guided sightseeing tour by bus (3 hours)

1:00 pm: Lunch at "Samadhi" near the Brandenburg Gate

Walk: Visit of the Jewish Memorial Site, the American Embassy, Brandenburg Gate, and site of the former wall

2:30 pm: Visit of the German parliament ("Reichstag"), and the caucus

3:45 pm: Free time: With your group you can now explore Berlin on your own. Take a stroll or rent a bicycle through the Tiergarten, visit the Potsdamer Platz for shopping and architectural highlights, take bus 100 and do your own sightseeing hop on/off tour, or just find a nice place to sit down in one of the many cafes nearby and enjoy the city

6:00 pm.: Every group should be back at the hotel

6:30 pm: Dinner at the hotel (barbeque)

7:00 pm: Free time: Join me for an evening walk through the neighborhood of the hotel or just hang out at the hotel and relax

#### **Day 4: East meets West and the "Third Reich"**

After breakfast, we will explore the border of former East- and West- Berlin and learn about the daily life on both sides of the wall. During lunch we will create our own chocolate at Germany's famous chocolatier "Rittersport", stop at the famous border crossing "Checkpoint Charlie", before we visit a documentation center and memorial site of the "Third Reich", an important place of remembrances of the darkest German history. In the evening, we will go back to the 1920s by ending the day with an entertaining cabaret show.

9:00 am: Meeting in the hotel lobby. I will be your tour guide today.

10:00 am: Guided tour of the "Gedenkstaette und Dokumentationszentrum Berliner Mauer" (documentation center of the Berlin wall), Bernauer Strasse, duration 1 hour

12:00 am: Lunch at Rittersport and Make your own chocolate.

1:30 pm: Walk along Friedrichstrasse with a stop at Checkpoint Charlie

2:30 pm: Guided tour at "Topographie des Terrors" (topography of terror, documentation center)

3:30 pm.: Free time

5:30 pm.: Dinner at the hotel

6:30 pm: Meeting in the lobby for an evening walk through the "Scheunenviertel" (Barn Quarter). One of Berlin's oldest and most charismatic neighborhoods

8:00 pm: Show at the Chameleon (an early 20<sup>th</sup> century theater with a stunning art nouveau ballroom)

## **Day 5 : Americans in Berlin and Trip to Potsdam**

Potsdam, a former residence of the Prussian kings and German Kaisers until 1918. It is the site of the parks and places of Sanssouci, the largest World Heritage Site in Germany. The city is now the capital of the German federal state Brandenburg, bordering Berlin.

9:30 am: Meeting in the hotel lobby and departure

10:00 am: Guided tour at the Alliierten Museum (Allied Museum)

1:00 pm: Lunch at the Russian Tea Room, Alexandrovka

2:00 pm: Guided tour through Potsdam

includes Schloss Cecilienhof (Potsdam Conference 1945)

4:00 pm: free time downtown Potsdam

5:00 pm: Departure

6:00 pm: Dinner at the hotel

7:30 pm: D-Light Club: Ending the day on the dance floor

## **Day 6: A little Escape to Paradise**

10:00 am: Tropical Island

Lunch from the hotel

Dinner voucher

### **Day 7: Culture pure – and last day**

Put your comfortable shoes on. Today, we will visit the world's famous Museum Island (Museumsinsel), known for its magnificent artwork, and an outstanding ensemble of five world-renowned museums. In 1999, the Museum Island complex was inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage.

9:00 am: We will meet in the hotel lobby

10:00 am: Guided tour of the world famous Museumsinsel (museum island)

12:00 am: Free time

6:30 pm.: Departure for an evening farewell-dinner cruise

### **Day 8: Goodbye Berlin!**

9:00 am: Transfer to the airport

5:00 pm: Arrival in Boston

8:00 pm: Arrival in Portland