

PARADE

PRAGUE-DRESDEN-BERLIN

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TOUR PREPARATION

PRICING & ACCOMMODATIONS



Date
20 JUL - 29 JUL

Price
\$2600

Duration
10 Days

Availability
Open

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About This Tour

Do you love a parade? We'll be sallying forth to strut our stuff through three of the most picturesque and gay-friendly cities of Europe: Prague, Dresden, and Berlin. This adventure comes to a rousing conclusion with Gay Pride festivities in Berlin – the most decadent of the three cities!

Prague is one of those magical places you never forget – with castle-like architecture and a festival atmosphere at any time of year. Dresden was once known as "Florence on the Elbe," and it has been lovingly restored to its finery after the devastation of WWII. Finally, experience one of the most important capital cities of Europe, as Berlin is increasingly being regarded in the new political realities of the day. We encounter its history and culture, concluding with a riotous expression of color, community and pride: Christopher Street Day!

Tour Highlights

Prague

- Charles Street Bridge
- Royal Palace
- St. George's Basilica
- Historic Center of Prague *

Dresden

- Dresden Zwinger (Royal Palace)
- Frauenkirche Church
- Semper Opera House
- Meissen
- Albrechtsburg Castle & Gothic Cathedral

Berlin

- Berlin Wall
- Brandenburg Gate
- Reichstag Parliament
- Palaces & Parks of Berlin *
- Christopher Street Day (Pride)

* UNESCO World Heritage Sites

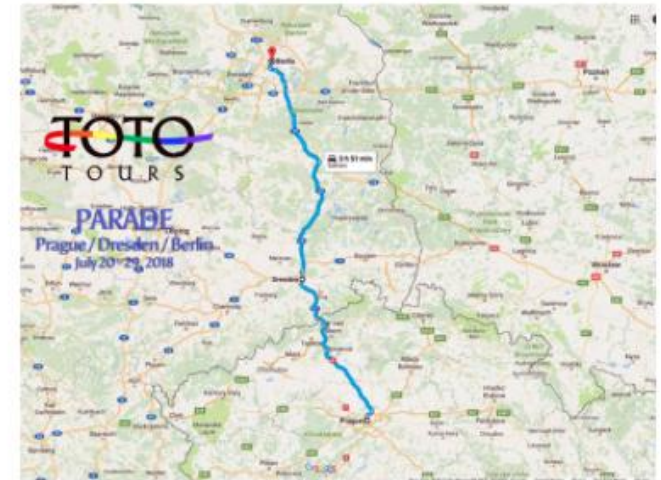
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FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

DEPART YOUR HOME, BOUND FOR PRAGUE

Today is a travel day. Arrange your international flight to leave your home city and arrive in Prague, Czech Republic, by mid-afternoon tomorrow. The airport code for Prague is PRG. (Be sure to make your return flight from Berlin's Tegel Airport (code: TXL). Tour services do not begin until tomorrow, but we highly recommend that you consider arriving one day early to rest from jet lag and enjoy more of Prague. We are happy to arrange an extra night for you at our hotel this evening if you wish. *(Meals Aloft)*



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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

ARRIVE IN PRAGUE / WELCOME DINNER

Upon arrival in Prague, use a taxi or schedule a private transfer service to get from the airport to our hotel, or you can take a less-expensive shuttle bus into the city. We will provide more information on your various transportation options prior to departure. Settle in at our hotel and enjoy free time to explore. We meet this evening to get acquainted over cocktails, and then share a festive Welcome Dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Prague. *(Welcome Dinner included)*



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SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF PRAGUE

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour in this fantastic city. Highlights this morning include a view of the Charles Bridge, and entrance to the Prague Castle area. Here we see the old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane and Daliborka Tower, St. George's Basilica and St. Vitus Cathedral. After a break for lunch, we continue our tour with a visit to the Old Town and Wenceslas Square. The evening is free to enjoy a concert or explore the nightlife. *(Breakfast)*



Prague Castle and the Charles Bridge

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

FREE DAY IN PRAGUE

Today is an entirely free day to continue your exploration of Prague. You may sleep in late and skip breakfast, or get an early start to dive into the city scene right away. You may want to return to sights we visited briefly yesterday or discover different locations on your own. The hotel concierge and your tour escort can help with suggestions. Overnight in Prague. *(Breakfast)*

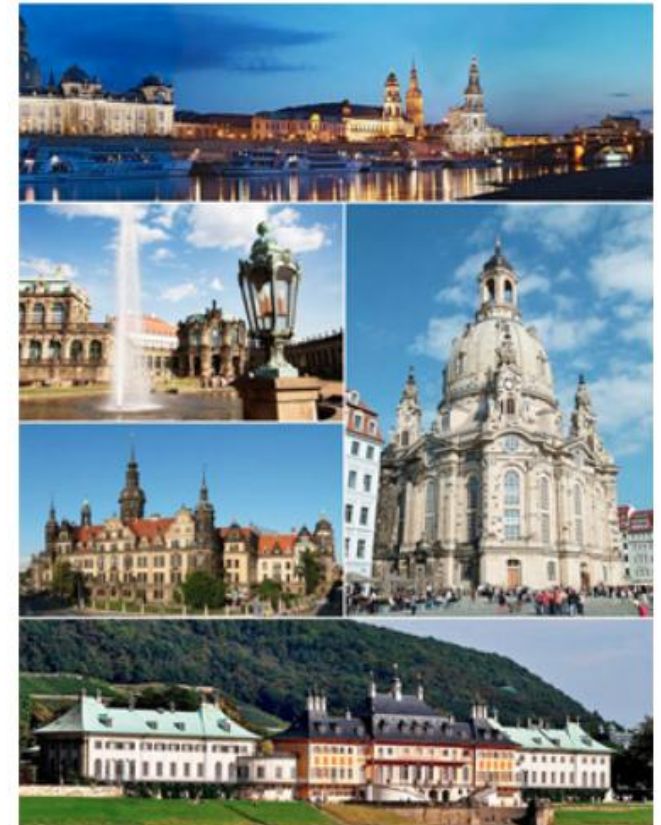


Prague Old Town Panorama

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

DRESDEN

After breakfast, we head to the northwest, crossing the border into Germany on our way to the medieval town of Dresden, the capital city of the German Free State of Saxony. At the end of World War II, Allied aerial bombing destroyed Dresden, but more than 60 years of urban renewal has brought a fresh face to the city. Much of the historical Old Town has been restored to its Baroque grandeur, while on the other side of the Elbe River a gleaming new metropolis stands in stark contrast. During a walking tour of old Dresden we see the Dresden Zwinger (Royal Palace), Frauenkirche Church, and Semper Opera House, as well as many other historical monuments. Overnight in Dresden. *(Breakfast / Lunch)*

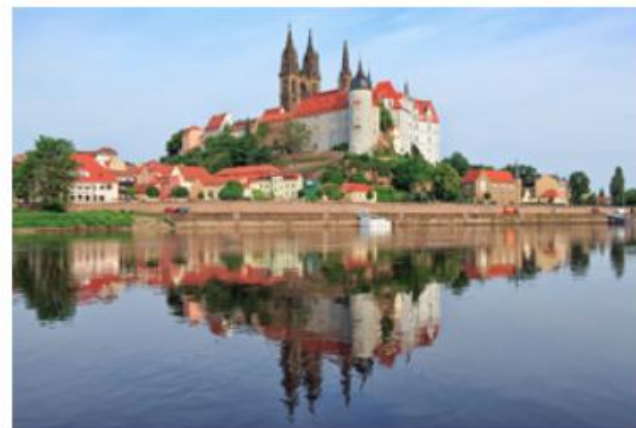


Montage of Dresden Highlights

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018

MEISSEN / DRESDEN

Enjoy a half day excursion to the town of Meissen this morning. About 16 miles northwest of Dresden, Meissen is known as the cradle of Saxony. See its picturesque Albrechtsburg Castle and an ornate Gothic cathedral. The town is also well known for its fine porcelain and we will get a chance to see how it is made on a tour of the porcelain museum and workshop. After free time for lunch (on your own), we drive back to Dresden for a free evening and overnight. *(Breakfast)*



Montage of Dresden Highlights

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

BERLIN SIGHTSEEING

We check out after breakfast and board our motorcoach for the two-hour drive to Berlin, the capital of unified Germany. We have lunch upon arrival, and then take a half day orientation tour to get our bearings within the city in anticipation of the weekend's Pride events. Our sightseeing tour includes a visit to the Wall Museum and the tree-lined boulevard of Unter Den Linden, as well as views of the Reichstag Parliament Building, Brandenburg Gate and the Victory Column. After some free time to settle in at our hotel, we gather in our hotel lobby to proceed to a local restaurant, where Toto Tours hosts an early Farewell Dinner so as not to interfere with upcoming Gay Pride events. *(All Meals)*



Berlin Skyline



FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

FREE DAY IN BERLIN

Today is completely free to continue sightseeing, shopping, or exploring on your own. The tour manager will be available to assist you with your plans. The group may wish to do a walkabout in Prenzlauerberg, central Berlin's main gay area, to scope out the venues for this weekend's revelry. Gay Pride concerts and events will have started on Thursday night, so there will be plenty to occupy your time with enough diversity to satisfy any interests. We will send a schedule of planned events to tour participants as we get closer to the start date of the tour. *(Breakfast)*



Charlottenburg Palace

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

PARADE – CELEBRATE GAY PRIDE

Today is completely free to continue sightseeing, shopping, or exploring on your own. It is the day of the big parade during Gay Pride, so you may want to join in with the partying throngs to enjoy the revelry during this, our final night in Berlin. *(Breakfast)*



Charlottenburg Palace

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2019

DEPARTURE

The tour ends officially after breakfast this morning. Arrange your international flight to depart at any convenient time today. We will assist you in arranging your transfer to the airport. We are also happy to assist with additional hotel arrangement if you wish to extend your stay in Berlin. *(Breakfast)*



Farewell to Berlin

TOUR PREPARATION

Entry Requirements - For U.S. Citizens a valid passport is the only document required to enter the Czech Republic and Germany for stays less than 90 days.

Immunizations and Health - No immunizations are currently required for travel to the countries visited on this tour, but it is wise to have your inoculations up-to-date. Is your tetanus booster current?

Exit Requirements - No departure taxes required other than those already included in the cost of your airline ticket.

Making Travel Arrangements to Czech Republic & Germany

On this tour, international airfare is NOT included. You will need to get your international flights from your home to Prague, Czech Republic and from Berlin, Germany, back to the U.S.A. We encourage you to work with Steven Goldberg at Frosch Travel in Chicago, who knows the best flights to get you to and from Europe for this tour. You will need to arrive in Prague by 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Departure from Berlin can be scheduled for any convenient time on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

Steven Goldberg / Frosch Travel Toll-Free in USA: 1-800-323-1276

International guests, please call +1-312-371-9686

Email: steven.goldberg@frosch.com

When calling, please identify yourself as a Toto Tours participant. If you leave a message on Steven's voice mail, he will return your call promptly. He will be happy to discuss your travel plans and help you decide when to purchase your ticket for the best rate.

NOTE: The recent trend in travel is for travelers to finalize their plans much closer to departure time than was customary in the past. While we try to be as flexible as possible we often must turn away last minute registrants because we relinquish hotel space and air reservations 8 – 12 weeks prior to departure! Please keep this in mind when making your travel plans.

What to Bring

In July, the weather is moderate in Prague, Dresden and Berlin and surrounding areas, with average temperatures ranging between 54 and 72 degrees F. However, there have been historic heat-waves in recent years, so be sure to hydrate! You won't need a suit jacket or tie, as the tour is informal and dinner attire will be casual. Try to pack light and bring as little luggage as possible. Mix and match outfits! Pack any medications you require in a carry-on bag and leave expensive jewelry at home!

Suggested Packing List:

- Proof of citizenship. Passport required.
- Nice casual wear for dinners.
- Lightweight long pants & long-sleeved shirts for sun protection.
- Shorts for warm touring days.
- Socks, underwear for 8 days.
- Sweater or lightweight jacket for cool evenings.
- Personal toiletries, and bug repellent
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Camera, lots of digital memory, extra batteries.
- Electrical Adapter. The electricity supply in Europe is 220 volts requiring "Type F" plugs with two round prongs. [Click here](#) to see an example of the electrical adapter you will need during this tour.
- A good book for your flights and the drives.

Money Matters

The Czech currency is the Koruna (CZK), and the German currency is the Euro (EUR). We recommend that you obtain local currency after you arrive in the country, as doing so in advance carries high fees. After you clear customs and exit the secure area with your baggage, there will be ATM machines available at the airport in Prague. Use your ATM Debit Card as much as possible for withdrawing local currency at a bank machine, as you will always get the best exchange rate. Be sure to notify credit card companies of your travel plans before departure so you do not run the risk of having your cards shut off due to their automatic fraud protections. Major credit cards are accepted at most restaurants, hotels, shops and tourist attractions. [Click here](#) to obtain the most current exchange rate for these currencies.

Tipping in Prague: Tips are welcomed by staff working in the tourist industry in Prague, although generally tipping is relaxed and workers do not chase them. 5%-10% is appropriate. The one exception is the very touristy restaurants in the city center.

Tipping in Germany: Unlike some other countries, service staff is always paid by the hour (albeit not always that well). A tip is therefore mainly a matter of politeness and shows your appreciation. Since the introduction of the Euro, a tip (Trinkgeld, lit. "drink money") of about 5-10% is customary if you were satisfied with the service. Nonetheless, a service charge is already included in an item's unit price so what you see is what you pay. Tipping in Germany is usually done by mentioning the total while paying. For example, if a waiter tells you the bill amounts to "€13.50", just state "15" and he will include a tip of €1.50.

We will provide suggested tipping guidelines prior to departure, and will present a collective tip to drivers and guides at appropriate points throughout the tour.

The Toto Spirit

Toto Tours provides Adventure Travel Experiences as differentiated from tours in the traditional sense. Adventure Travel allows (even encourages) you to be an active participant. Adventurers can be identified by certain traits. They are:

- fun-loving optimists who have a sense of humor and accentuate the positive;
- good natured realists who are willing to accept situations as they exist;
- undaunted by the unexpected, like occasional delays or bad weather;
- willing to forego some of the amenities we normally take for granted;
- eager to try new things & test limits;
- punctual
- not whiners!

Toto Tours is known for attracting great groups of people who are outgoing, interesting, and fun. You wouldn't want to do this tour with anybody else! Join us for a Parade of fun and revelry in these marvelous destinations. If you have any questions, please call us toll-free at: 800-565-1241.

Travel Insurance

We recommend you purchase travel insurance with Travel Guard to cover for unforeseen events prior to and during your trip. Please follow the link below or call us for more information.

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