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Berlin 2028: Enemy to Ally with MCHE

9 days

From the rise of Nazism and the devastation of the Holocaust to the city's postwar division and eventual reunification, this immersive one-week journey through Berlin traces stories of resistance, rescue, moral courage, and the experiences of ordinary people living through extraordinary times. Each day is built for reflection, conversation, and genuine engagement with some of the most consequential history of the 20th century—exploring how a city once synonymous with tyranny has become a global leader in historical memory and democratic values. Iconic landmarks, historic Jewish neighborhoods, powerful memorials, and lesser-known sites all have a role to play in revealing Berlin's complicated, unflinching past.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
Breakfast daily
2 dinners with beer or wine
8 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Berlin Holocaust Memorial
Topography of Terror
German Resistance Memorial Center
Weissensee Jewish Cemetery
New Synagogue-Centrum Judaicum
Plotzensee Memorial
WWII Bunker Tour
Ravensbrück Women's Concentration Camp exhibition
Museum Berlin-Karlshorst
Berlin Wall Memorial
East Side Gallery
Farewell dinner cruise

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about three hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with a few hills.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Berlin today.

Berlin → 7 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Berlin
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Germany! After touching down at the airport, transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Later, gather together with your Tour Director and fellow travelers to kick off your trip with a welcome dinner, served with beer or wine.

Day 3: Third Reich Walking Tour
Included meals: breakfast
Berlin wears its history in plain sight, and a local guide will help you read the city like a living archive. From bullet-scarred facades to gleaming glass towers, this is a metropolis that has rebuilt itself time and again.

- Visit the Lustgarten, once the site of massive anti-Nazi protests during the Weimar Republic and later used by Goebbels and Hitler for state rallies. Next, visit the Zeughaus—the oldest building on Unter den Linden and the site of a failed assassination attempt against Hitler and his inner circle.
- Cross into Bebelplatz, where Nazi students burned more than 20,000 books on May 10, 1933. Peer through a glass panel in the cobblestones to find artist Micha Ullman's underground installation: an empty library, its bare shelves a haunting reminder of what was lost.
- Roll down Unter den Linden past the gilded State Opera, the stately Humboldt University, and the painstakingly rebuilt Berlin Palace, now home to the Humboldt Forum.
- Stop before the Brandenburg Gate—once a barrier between two worlds, now the anchor of a reunified Berlin.
- Stand in solemn reflection at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, where 2,711 concrete stelae rise in quiet, unwavering tribute to the six million Jewish lives lost during the Holocaust.
- Cap the morning with a ride up into the Reichstag Dome for sweeping views over the city.

This afternoon, your group moves to two of Berlin's most sobering sites of memory and conscience.

- Stop at the Topography of Terror, built on the excavated foundations of the former SS and Gestapo headquarters, where a local guide traces the historical reach of Nazi terror and examines how this "place of perpetrators" has been reckoned with in the decades since.
- Gather in the courtyard of the German Resistance Memorial Center—where Claus von Stauffenberg and three fellow conspirators were executed by firing squad just hours after the July 20, 1944 coup collapsed—before exploring the permanent exhibition independently, chronicling the full spectrum of German resistance to National Socialism.

Day 4: Jewish Berlin Walking Tour: Life, Loss & Memory
Included meals: breakfast
Spend the morning at the Weissensee Jewish Cemetery, one of the largest and best-preserved Jewish cemeteries in Europe. Established in 1880 and UNESCO-recognized, the grounds hold the graves of over 115,000 members of Berlin's once-thriving Jewish community. A local guide will lead you through the site, including the memorial to the Herbert Baum resistance group—young Jewish activists who organized opposition to the Nazi regime from within Berlin itself.
This afternoon, explore the city's historic Jewish quarter on a walking tour of its most significant heritage sites.

- Enter the New Synagogue Berlin and the Centrum Judaicum, built in 1866. Hear the story of Officer Wilhelm Krutzfeld, who defied direct orders on Kristallnacht and refused to let the synagogue burn, and browse the "Open ye Gates" exhibition chronicling Berlin's Jewish community through the centuries.
- Walk along Grosse Hamburger Strasse, stopping at the Old Jewish Cemetery—the oldest in Berlin, predating Weissensee by more than 200 years—and the site of Moses Mendelssohn's free Jewish school, which by 1942 had become a Nazi transit camp. Hear the story of its last headmaster and the fate of those held here before deportation.
- Visit Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind, where a factory owner spent years bribing Gestapo officers and hiding his blind and deaf Jewish workers.
- End at the Rosenstrasse Memorial, site of the only successful mass protest against a Nazi deportation order.

Day 5: War at Home: Plotzensee Memorial & WWII Bunker Tour
Included meals: breakfast
This morning, make your way to the Plotzensee Memorial, where the Nazis carried out hundreds of executions between 1933 and 1945. The execution chamber has been preserved in its original state, honoring the more than 2,500 men and women put to death here, including political resisters, military conspirators, and civilians. A small exhibition grounds each name in a human story, offering a deeply personal window into this chapter of Berlin's history.
This afternoon, your group descends beneath the city's streets for a guided tour of one of Berlin's most extraordinary hidden spaces. Enter through an unassuming door beside Gesundbrunnen station and step into one of the few WWII air-raid bunkers preserved nearly exactly as it was left after the war.

- Explore the subterranean space with expert guides who unpack the realities of civilian air defense, forced labor, and daily life underground during the war's most relentless years.
- Take in the preserved details of the bunker itself, from its original infrastructure to the traces left behind by those who sheltered within its walls, offering a rare and grounded look at wartime Berlin from below street level.

Please note: The visit to the Berlin Underworld isn't suitable for travelers with limited mobility; sturdy footwear is obligatory.

Day 6: Ravensbrück: Women of the Resistance
Included meals: breakfast
Today, your group makes the journey north of

Berlin to Ravensbruck, the largest Nazi concentration camp established primarily for women. Operating from 1939 to 1945, the camp held over 130,000 prisoners from across occupied Europe. Its preserved grounds and structures now serve as a memorial to those who were imprisoned here.

- Meet with memorial education staff at the Visitor Information Centre for a guided overview of the former camp complex, grounding the visit in its historical and human context before venturing deeper into the site.
- Move through the main exhibition, "Ravensbruck Women's Concentration Camp: History and Memory," housed in the former SS headquarters building, which chronicles the camp's operations and the lives of those held within it.
- Follow the documented histories of the women held here as you walk through the camp's preserved structures, including the cell building, the main exhibition hall, and the former guards' house.
- Walk the memorial grounds along the banks of the Schwedtsee, where the landscape offers a moment of quiet reflection.
- Take time for independent exploration before regrouping for the return journey to Berlin.

Day 7: Tour Southeast Berlin: From Nazi Power to Final Defeat

Included meals: breakfast

Today, your Tour Director leads the group through southeast Berlin, tracing the arc of the Nazi regime from its earliest acts of terror to its unconditional collapse.

- Begin at the Kopenicker Blutwoche Memorial, commemorating the SA's June 1933 campaign against workers, Social Democrats, and Communists—one of the regime's earliest assertions of power, carried out just months after Hitler took office.
- Continue to Museum Berlin-Karlshorst, where Germany signed its unconditional surrender on May 8, 1945, in the hall of the former Wehrmacht officers' mess. The exhibition documents the full sweep of the German-Soviet war and the final chapter of WWII in Europe, with English-language audio guides available throughout.
- Visit the Soviet War Memorial in Treptower Park, a monumental site built in 1949 to honor the 80,000 Soviet soldiers who fell in the Battle of Berlin. Twelve sculpted sarcophagi line the processional path toward a towering bronze soldier standing watch over the grounds.
- End with a photo stop at the site of the Führerbunker, the underground complex where Hitler spent his final days before his death on April 30, 1945.

The rest of the day is yours to explore freely. Whether you choose to wander a neighborhood, linger over a meal, or simply take a moment to reflect, Berlin's neighborhoods, restaurants, and cultural venues offer no shortage of ways to spend an afternoon and evening on your own terms.

Day 8: The Berlin Wall & the Road to Reunification

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

For your last full day in Berlin, meet a local guide with firsthand experience of life under the communist GDR and a personal perspective on coming to terms with the complicated past of Germany's 20th century.

- Begin at the Berlin Wall Memorial on Bernauer Strasse, where an original section of the border fortifications has been preserved alongside a documentation center and outdoor exhibition on the division of the city and the escape attempts made across it.
- Stop at Checkpoint Charlie, the Cold War's most iconic border crossing between East and West Berlin, and hear your guide reflect on what it meant to live in a city cleaved in two.
- End at the East Side Gallery, the longest surviving stretch of the Wall, now an open-air gallery of murals commemorating its fall and the reunification that followed.

After some free time this afternoon, gather with your fellow travelers for a private farewell dinner cruise along the Spree. As the boat glides past illuminated landmarks and the river catches the last light of the evening, raise a glass to the places you've been, the stories you've heard, and the people you've shared it all with.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.