

3 DAY TOUR

Cold War: Berlin

Day 1

German-Russian Museum Berlin-Karlshorst

Self-guided tour:

End of the 3rd Reich; The Soviet 'liberation' of Berlin; Genesis of the Cold War.

Treptow Park Soviet Memorial

The significance of Berlin to the Soviets and the scale of losses; Mother Russia and the Soviet Liberator; Relief carvings showing the events of Great Patriotic War; Purpose of the park; Soviet propaganda and its place today.

Reichstag

Democracy to dictatorship; The Battle for Berlin – from Cold War division to reunification.

Brandenburg Gate

The symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; From Spartacist revolt, to Nazi parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

Soviet War Memorial Tiergarten

Soviet 'liberation' and occupation of Berlin; Why is it here? What does the memorial say about the Soviet attitude towards Germany and the Great Patriotic War.

Fuhrer Bunker

Description of the former buildings which were on this site; What was the Fuhrer Bunker? 'Der Untergang' – the end of the Thousand Year Reich.

Alexanderplatz

The heart of old East Berlin; Soviet era architecture and murals.

Day 2

Cecilienhof

Guided tour options available: Site of the Potsdam Conference 1945.

Glienicke Bridge

'The Bridge of Spies'; Espionage in the Cold War; The story of Gary Powers; Individual stories.

Allied Museum

Self-guided tour

The Soviet blockade and the Allied response; The Berlin Airlift.

The Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, Bernauer Strasse

Preserved section of the Berlin wall with aerial view of the whole area; The division of Germany; The Airlift; Establishment of GDR and FRG; The exodus of East Germans to the West; Origins, purpose and nature of the Wall; Individual stories.

Berlin Unterwelten

A range of excellent guided tours exploring sites underneath the city.

Subways; Bunkers; Cold War – Civil Defence Shelters & Nuclear Bunker.

Evening options to include:

- Free time for shopping and food if wished
- Reichstag (pre-registration essential)
- TV tower
- Bowling
- River cruise (subject to availability)



Day 3

The Stasi Prison - Hohenschoenhausen

Guided tour: The role of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) in East Germany, their methods and purpose of interrogation.

East Side Gallery

Longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall; Murals; An excellent photo opportunity and chance to buy souvenirs.

Checkpoint Charlie

The building of the Berlin Wall; Cold War flashpoints and the tank standoff of October 1961; What was Checkpoint Charlie? Wall stories; An excellent photo opportunity and chance to buy souvenirs.

DDR Museum

Excellent interactive museum which focusses on everyday life in East Germany and offers a chance to sit in a Trabbie, try on the 'latest fashions' and see how East German's spent their holidays.

Alexanderplatz

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