

## The Hidden Treasure of Germany – 8 Days

### **Day 1 :**

Arrive Berlin and transfer to your hotel. Day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 2 :**

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Berlin Tour by Bus & Boat. This tour offers an ideal way to explore the city of Berlin and visit the main tourist highlights visiting the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Potsdamer Square, the Town Hall, Fernsehturm, Unter Den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, the Victory Column, Charlottenburg Palace and many more. Make as many stops as you like and continue your trip on the next available bus. Your ticket is valid for a full day during the hours of operation. You can also enjoy a one hour boat trip, where you can see such distinctive attractions such as the Nikolai quarter and the Berlin Cathedral. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 3 :**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by coach to Dresden. Take a coach trip and enjoy the beautiful view on your tour to Pillnitz. Visit the Park of Pillnitz Palace, a former summer residence of the famous Saxon King August the Strong. You will be impressed by the beautiful location, the gardens and the architecture of the palace built in a Chinese style. The return journey to Dresden will be by steamboat. A ride on the Elbe river is a special experience. Dresden is the home of the largest and oldest steamboat fleet in the world. You will pass by the three Elbe palaces and the famous “Blue Wonder” bridge. Check into your hotel. Overnight stay at your hotel.

### **Day 4 :**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Dresdens` historic city center - a guided walking tour through the pedestrian area of the historical city centre of Dresden is a “must” for visitors. In a three hour tour you will get an over- view of the most famous sights of Dresden, such as the Residence Castle, the Semper Opera House, the Zwinger and the Church of our Lady. Also visit the New Green Vault treasury museum – a short walk from the International Congress Center through the pedestrian area will lead you to one of the choicest jewel collections in the world. The Historic Green Vault shows collected treasures of the Kings and Dukes of Saxony which survived both World War II and the transfer to Russia. This is a personal audio-guided tour. Later you will be transferred to Moritzburg Castle where you will enjoy a guided tour of the castle - Schloss Moritzburg castle is named after Duke Moritz, who built a hunting lodge in 1542. The Castle is one of the most popular destinations in Saxony, Germany. The Baroque hunting palace absolutely looks the part and its beauty is enhanced by its location in a lovely landscape with both natural lakes and artificial ponds. Transfer to Radebeul - Like in no other city in Saxony, water and wine gave the city of Radebeul its present character. Located halfway between Dresden and Meissen and stretching out 8 kilometres in length, Radebeul owes its uniqueness to the water of the river Elbe on the one side and the steep terraced vineyards on the other. This Elbe landscape is beautiful when seen from the deck of a side-wheel steamship or by car on the "Saxonian Road of Wine". Enjoy a guided sparkling wine tour of Wackerbarth Castle State Winery followed by wine-tasting and dinner. Return to Dresden. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 5 :**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by coach to Saxon Switzerland National Park - visit the “Bastei” Rock Formation. Depart for Rammenau. On arrival, enjoy a guided tour of Rammenau Castle - where the Lausitz mountains come to an end, you can find the only manor house in Saxony which has remained intact. Having been comprehensively restored, Rammenau Castle stands out as a masterpiece of Saxon country Baroque. Enjoy lunch at the Castle - the visitor can find varied and aesthetic abundance not only in the interior decoration, but also by the cuisine. The master chef and the chambermaids try out extraordinary dishes in the historic dining room, which themselves show how to combine original Lusatian delicacies with Mediterranean flair. Proceed to Gorlitz – the easternmost town in Germany. When you come to Görlitz for the first time, its architectural variety will likely have you spellbound. The historic city is among the best preserved in Central Europe. Görlitz is deemed to have Germany`s most extensive heritage area with a total of 4000 listed buildings. on your own to the train station to board your train for Leipzig. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel on your own. Evening is free to explore the historical shopping arcades, lovingly restored, a vibrant cultural scene and lively bars that stay open very late, all within a relatively small area. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 6 :**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the train station to board your train to Bautzen. On arrival proceed to your hotel on your own. Later enjoy a guided walking tour of the medieval town centre of Bautzen - This tour is perhaps one of the best ways to get an insight into the history and development of the over 1000 year old romantic old city of Bautzen - in this way you will learn many interesting facts about the richly varied history of the city and also discover some of the special features of the St Peter`s Cathedral, which is simultaneously used by both Catholic and Evangelical denominations. Especially impressive are the Nicolai Cemetry and its church ruins and battlements. Lunch at Sorbian restaurant. Depart for Meissen – a 1000 year old charming town of Meissen, includes a narrated visit of the well-known Meissen Porcelain factory built in the 18th century. In the factory not only the production process of the ”White Gold” will be shown, but you will also see the impressive collection of exceptional porcelain masterpieces. There will be an opportunity to make purchases at the factory shop. A guided tour through the historical city will bring you to the late gothic Albrechtsburg Castle in Meissen and to the Cathedral on the citadel hill of Meissen, typical of sacred buildings of the Mid-Gothic age, although its steeples are from the beginning of this century. Later transfer by coach to Leipzig. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 7 :**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a guided tour of Leipzig followed by Lunch at Auerbach`s Cellar - the second oldest restaurant in Leipzig. Afternoon is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 8 :**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station on your own to board your train from Leipzig for Berlin. On arrival at Berlin airport, transfer to the airport on your own to board your flight back home.

<b>TOUR COST BASED ON MIN 2 PAX TRAVELLING</b>	*	<b>EURO</b>
Per person – Twin / Double	*	2011
Per person – Triple	*	1968
Per person – Single	*	2245
Per Child with Bed	*	1560
Per Child without Bed	*	1200

### **Hotel Details**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hotel Name or Similar</b>	<b>Hotel Category</b>
Berlin	Hotel Albergo	3*
Dresden	Hotel Prinz Eugen	3*
Leipzig	Hotel Windorf	3*

### **Inclusion**

- 07 Nights accommodation
- 07 Buffet Breakfasts
- Transfer from Berlin Airport to the hotel by coach
- Combination ticket for the hop-on-hop-off coach and the boat trip in Berlin
- All transfers by minivan with an English-speaking driver from Berlin to Leipzig
- English-speaking guides for the guided tours in Dresden, Radebeul, Meissen, Görlitz, Rammenau and Leipzig (including all relevant admissions)
- Audio guides for Moritzburg and Bautzen
- Admission to the museums in Dresden Castle
- Admission to Pillnitz Castle, Albrechtsburg Castle and Meissen State Porcelain Manufactory
- Steamboat ticket from Dresden-Pillnitz to Dresden-Brühl's Terrace
- Wine- or sparkling wine-tasting at Wackerbarth Castle (part of the guided tour)
- Ticket for the ICE fast train from Leipzig to Berlin Main Station

### **Exclusions**

- Transfers that are not stated, including the transfer from Berlin Main Station to Berlin Airport (by bus or taxi)
- Admissions that are not stated or part of the guided tours
- Cost of applicable airfare
- Applicable airport taxes
- Visa cost
- Medical Insurance
- Any meals not specified above
- Any items of personal nature such as tips, laundry, telephone bills, minibar, etc
- Anything not mentioned in the "Includes column".