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*The Brandenburg Gate at sunset (Wikimedia photo by Thomas Wolf)*

## BERLIN

### “Past - Present - Future”

Monday, September 25 to Friday, October 6, 2017

*Twelve day tour of the reunified Germany capital, today one of Europe’s most dynamic and exciting cities. Always a "must see" with its monumental architecture, superb museums, fascinating history, exciting music and fine food, this year it features the once in a decade **Gardens of the World Berlin/ IGA Berlin 2017**- a spectacular exposition of advanced international garden design and green urban lifestyle landscaping - the climate change future! This surprisingly inexpensive metropolis will be explored on foot, by bus and subway from our base in one of the city’s finest hotels, the 5-star/deluxe Kempinski Bristol, situated on the legendary Kurfuerstendamm Avenue. This tour is limited to 20 participants, and will be escorted by Michael Quinn and Garry Burns.*

Tour Cost: From Toronto, “Land only”: \$2,995.00 CDN

Single use of a double room: \$849.00 CDN

Direct Individual Flights: \$565.00 + Taxes \$613.54 = \$1178.54 CDN

#### PROPOSED ITINERARY:

##### Day 1 - Monday, September 25:

Evening departure from Toronto with Air Canada Rouge direct. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

##### Day 2 – Tuesday, September 26: (D)

Morning arrival at Berlin’s Tegel Airport. A panoramic tour en-route of selected sights of former East Berlin, such as the Karl-Marx Avenue, and the East Side Gallery, a collection of about 100 works of art painted directly on a preserved section of the Berlin Wall ([www.eastsidegallery-berlin.com](http://www.eastsidegallery-berlin.com)). Hotel registration at Kempinski Bristol, situated in the pulsating heart of the city, on the legendary Kurfuerstendamm Avenue, Berlin’s answer to the Champs Elysées or Fifth Avenue, and the elegant and interesting Fasanenstrasse - in the heart of what used to be “West Berlin,” close to the Zoo Railway Station and the Emperor William Memorial Church. Light

lunch and time to refresh before an introductory walk along the lively “Ku’damm” with its elegant shops, hotels, restaurants, and interesting sights from the Emperor William Memorial Church to the KaDeWe department store. Dinner in house.

Day 3 - Wednesday, September 27: (D)

*This morning after breakfast, you will receive a pass for unlimited use on the city’s excellent public transportation system, including the efficient subway, the U-Bahn.*

We start today’s program with a bus ride and leisurely walk through the huge Tiergarten Park, with sights such as the Victory Column (*Siegessäule*), Bellevue Palace, residence of the German president, the House of World Cultures, the Chancellor’s Office, and the Reichstag, the German Parliament - burned down at the time of the Nazi takeover and heavily damaged during the war; recently renovated in its entirety and now features an unique glass cupola created by the famous architect Sir Norman Foster. On via the Soviet War Memorial to the Brandenburg Gate, as emblematic of Berlin as the Eiffel Tower is to Paris. We end our walking tour at Paris Square, featuring famous buildings such as the French and US Embassies, the DZ- Bank (designed by Frank Gehry), and the prestigious historic Kempinsky Adlon Hotel, “sister” of the Kempinsky Bristol. One can return from here to the hotel by line bus, or stay for lunch in the area and visit the nearby Holocaust Memorial, virtually sitting on top of the underground bunker in which Hitler committed suicide! This evening dinner of Berliner specialties in a typical restaurant.

Day 4 - Thursday, September 28:

We continue our exploration of this great city with a bus ride back to Paris Square. From here we cross into former East Berlin and stroll along the elegant Unter den Linden Boulevard past the monumental Russian Embassy to the city’s historical heart, bursting with important sights: Humboldt University; the equestrian statue of Frederick the Great; the quixotic memorial of the Nazi book burnings; the venerable old State Opera; the New Guardhouse (*Neue Wache*) with the moving war memorial designed by Käthe Kollwitz; the Arsenal (*Zeughaus*), now a museum of German history; the huge Lutheran Cathedral; the Pleasure Garden (*Lustgarten*) and Palace Square, where the former imperial palace may soon be rebuilt. On to the statue of Marx and Engels, the charming old Nicolai District, and Berlin’s old “Red City Hall.” We finish at Alexander Platz, the heart of former East Berlin, and its 365-meter high TV-Tower. From here we return to our hotel via the *S-Bahn*, the excellent above-ground municipal and suburban railway system.

Day 5, 6 & 7 - Friday, September 29; Saturday, September 30 & Sunday, October 1:

On Friday morning you will receive a 3-day Museum Pass, to be used during the next three days for visits to as many as 50 museums and monuments - many of which offer audio-systems with English explanation. Following a general introduction to the Berlin museum scene, we travel by bus or subway to the so-called “Museum Island” in the historical city centre, “Berlin Mitte.” The greatest stars of the Berlin museums are concentrated here, and we recommend starting with the superb **Pergamon Museum** - fabulous not only on account of its great Hellenistic Pergamon Altar but also Babylon’s Ishtar Gate. At leisure, the recently reopened **New Museum** just next door, whose Egyptian Collection includes the world-famous Bust of Nefertiti, Queen to the enigmatic Pharaoh Akhenaton! The Island features three additional superb museums, which you may want to visit later on Tuesday or perhaps on Wednesday or Thursday: the **Old Museum**, with its superb collection of Greco-Roman antiquities; **Old National Gallery**, featuring 19<sup>th</sup> century art, including French impressionists; and the **Bode Museum**, highlighting Byzantine and Renaissance art. (For more information on these museums, see <http://www.museumportal-berlin.de/en>)



*The amazing Pergamon Altar (Wikimedia Commons photo by Jan Mehlich)*

On Sunday morning after breakfast, off to the *Kulturforum*, the city's western cultural hub of with prestigious institutions such as the new Berlin Philharmonie, the State Library, and - our objective this morning – the *Gemäldegalerie*, Berlin's world-famous **Picture Gallery**, which features paintings from virtually every style and period. In the afternoon option to return to the museums of the Museum Island, or simply continue just next door to the **New National Gallery**, an architectural creation of Mies van der Rohe, bursting with 20<sup>th</sup> century works of art by German and international artists such as Max Beckmann, Otto Dix, Paul Klee, George Grosz, Oskar Kokoschka, Edvard Munch, Pablo Picasso, George Braque, Juan Gris Emil Nolde. Henry Moore, Alexander Calder...

Day 8 - Monday, October 2:

This morning we resume our exploration of Berlin, with a bus ride to Potsdamer Platz. Before the war this was the busiest intersection in Europe, but post 1945, a bombed- out wasteland bisected by *die Mauer*. Revived in the 1990s' it became a dazzling complex of shops, restaurants, and the headquarters of Sony and other global corporations, featuring ultra-modern architecture by the likes of Renzo Piano. From here we stroll to the Wilhelmstrasse, once the nerve centre of Nazi power with buildings such as Göring's still present Air Ministry, as to, the ruins of the infamous Gestapo Headquarters and prisons. On via a preserved piece of the Berlin Wall to Checkpoint Charlie, where tourists used to cross the Berlin franchise of the Iron Curtain. Nostalgic for the bad old days of the Cold War?... visit the museum *Haus am Checkpoint Charlie*! Continuing along the revived Friedrichstrasse, with its chic shops and department stores, we reach the trendy historic Gendarmenmarkt, a magnificent square featuring the Berlin Konzerthaus with the statue of the poet Friedrich Schiller. You may want to stay in this attractive district for lunch and further exploration of this attractive district, enjoy a boat tour on the Spree River, or return by subway or bus to "West Berlin" in order to check out the fabulous department store KaDeWe, where the food section is claimed to be the world's finest...rest of the day at leisure.



*The Gendarmenmarkt on an ancient painting*

Day 9 – Tuesday, October 3:

Morning excursion to the Prussian town of Potsdam, situated in an idyllic setting of forests and lakes on former East German territory. Here we visit Schloss Sanssouci, the Versailles like palace of King Frederick the Great, as well as the Cecilienhof Villa, site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference. Time for lunch before crossing the notorious Glienicke Bridge of cold war spy exchange fame; the resort of Wannsee with memories of the infamous January 1942 conference where Himmler outlined Hitler's Holocaust plans; and a walk through the 1936 Olympic Stadium site before returning to our hotel.

Day 10 – Wednesday, October 4: (L)

After breakfast, we leave the city for an hour coach transfer to Lübbenau and the **Spreewald**, a protected UNESCO biosphere reserve since 1991. Here the River Spree meanders in thousands of small waterways through meadow and forest. A guided water tour on one of the traditional barges not only provides an intimate look at many old, traditional farmhouses set in an autumn landscape but also the area's lush vegetation. Like the gondolas of Venice, the ferrymen punt the barges quietly along the waterways as they explain the nature and culture of the Spreewald. Our group lunch today may have an unusual setting before we return to our hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 11 – Thursday, October 5: (D)

The day set aside for **Gardens of the World Berlin / IGA Berlin 2017**, the spectacular exposition of international garden design and green urban lifestyle landscaping. With the motto, *OCEANS OF COLOUR*, its focus is contemporary garden design and landscape architecture, natural experiences, green urban spaces and multifaceted cultures all set in more than one square kilometer. Along with 'Gardens of the World' traditionally inspired landscapes, forecasting garden designs and spectacular IGA structures are prominent. The IGA Berlin 2017 is a source of ideas and inspiration, a place of learning and experimentation, a platform for intercultural dialogue and a laboratory for innovation. Beyond the diverse horticultural exhibitions, the state-owned Grün Berlin GmbH is using the IGA Berlin 2017 to initiate pioneering projects and showcase exhibits on sustainable lifestyles. The IGA Berlin 2017 is one of the cities, and indeed, one of Europe's most important urban development projects of the new millennium. An option also - the suburb of Charlottenburg for visits to the small but exquisite **Berggruen Picasso Collection** and the **Bröhan Museum** of *Jugendstil* (Art Nouveau) decorative art. Afterwards you may want to cross the street and enjoy a stroll through the beautiful gardens of Charlottenburg Palace. This evening...*Auf Wiedersehen*...dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 12 – Friday, October 6:

Morning transfer following breakfast to the airport and direct return flight to Toronto. Lunch and snack served before afternoon arrival at Pearson International Airport.

Tour Cost: From Toronto, Land only: \$2,995.00 CDN

Single use of a double room: \$849.00 CDN

Direct Individual Flights: \$1178.54 CDN including all taxes.

***Included in the tour price are:***

- Accommodation in the centrally located five-star Hotel Kempinski Bristol, based on double occupancy - the supplement for single use of double room is \$849.00.
- Airport transfers;
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily and a total of *four* full-course dinners or lunch;
- Sightseeing, visits, concert, and excursions as indicated in the itinerary, including admissions;
- Hotel taxes and gratuities;
- Museum pass;
- Metro pass.

*The Kempinski Bristol, a member of Europe's oldest luxury hotel group (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kempinski>), is a five-star, i.e. "deluxe" establishment in the traditional continental style. It was founded in 1918, destroyed during WW II, rebuilt in 1951, and totally renovated in 2006. For decades it enjoyed the status of the sole luxury hotel in Berlin and it continues to be one of the finest hotels in the city. The hotel is named after the original Jewish owners, who were expropriated by the Nazis; some family members left Germany, others stayed and perished in the Holocaust. There are three fine restaurants on the premises, including the famous and traditional Kempinski Grill and Reinhard's, a bistro featuring a terrace and sidewalk café overlooking the Kurfürstendamm. The hotel also has a classy but cozy bar as well as a spa with a heated indoor pool, sauna, and fitness facilities. The rooms feature all the usual amenities, including a hair dryer, a safe, and a mini-bar. Past guests include Sophia Loren, the Dalai Lama, Michael Gorbachov, Mick Jagger, and Fidel Castro. The location is superb: on the corner of the world-famous Kurfuerstendamm, Berlin's answer to the Champs Elysées or Fifth Avenue, and the elegant and interesting Fasanenstrasse, in other words, in the heart of what used to be "West Berlin," very close to the Zoo Railway Station and the Emperor William Memorial Church. There are countless bars, restaurants, and shops in the vicinity, and department stores like the amazing KaDeWe. The hotel's website is: <http://www.kempinski.com/en/berlin/hotel-bristol/welcome>.*

***Not included are:***

- All expenses of a personal nature;
- Meals other than those mentioned above;
- Beverages with dinners;
- Gratuity for the coach driver;
- Travel Insurance, available on an individual basis, please call for rates!

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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**RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

**REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:**

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase insurance the all-inclusive travel insurance.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure: 25% of tour cost  
45 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost  
Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. February necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please book \_\_\_ seat(s) on the “Berlin, Past-Present-Future Tour” departing September 25 – October 6, 2017.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)  
Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Optional Group flights \_\_\_\_\_  
or Land Only \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.**

**WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. “Liz” for “Mary Elizabeth”) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin \_\_\_\_\_ double \_\_\_\_\_.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so **please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here.** We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

**Insurance,** Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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All-inclusive Package \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ OR Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:** 9 Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel 9 Visa 9 Mastercard 9 American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**“I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment”.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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