



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

A PRIVATE, HISTORICAL
AND CULTURAL SHORE
TOUR OF BERLIN





THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTED DAILY TOURING SCHEDULE. SIGHTSEEING MAY BE CHANGED TO REFLECT YOUR EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES, AS WELL AS YOUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS.

WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting our trademark extraordinary journeys to Central Europe, Russia, and Central Asia for 25 years. Our specialty is to distill the best of the best in iconic places that are on so many people's travel must-do list.

We are not a call center of nameless, faceless people. We do not try to be everything to everyone. We are a small team of specialists. We are all committed to providing the best travel experiences to our destinations. Each member of our team has travelled extensively throughout our destinations, giving them insider knowledge lacking in many other tour operators.

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and often closed to the general public. We can offer special insider access that takes you beyond the typical tourist sites. We know how important it is to remain authentic and increasingly going beyond the well-known sites is what is important to our guests—discovering the little known museum or street market that adds to their experience. We do this through our local knowledge, cultivating our extensive contacts and regularly visiting each destination to enable us to share the most up-to-date insider information with you, our valued partner.

The most important part of your trip will be your guides. Guides come in many quality levels, especially in this region. We have worked with a core group of the best of the best for over 20 years. We know them like family and if they weren't the best, they wouldn't work for us. Simply stated, a guide can make or break your experience. You should have 100% confidence in who is introducing you to your guide and the level of guiding that you are going to get throughout the countries you will be visiting. The best does indeed cost more and we pay our guides at the very top of the market, with pride.

You'll also want to know what kind of vehicle your tour will include. We use luxury late-model vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. You'll want to see things that may or may not be open to the public and go in early or after hours before the crowds whenever possible. We also make every effort to skip lines whenever possible. Avoiding long museum lines is one of our top priorities and we work hard to minimize the wait time to get into the most popular sights in each city, maximizing your time in each destination.

You'll want impeccable planning and someone to bounce ideas off of before your trip and speak English as well as you do while planning your trip so there are no cultural misunderstandings when you arrive. You'll also want someone to talk to if your trip is not perfect when you get home. These are all ways that we distinguish ourselves from all other companies.

A lot goes into our travel program design. We arrange the program so that it is flawless and effortless for our travelers from the time they set foot in the first city until they leave us. The expertise to set up an itinerary like this comes after years of investing in staff on both sides of the Atlantic, and this too is a value that is incorporated into our traveler's trips with us.

OPTION 1



BERLIN

This morning your driver will meet you at your ship at **9AM** for the approximately 2.5 hour drive to Berlin. Upon arrival, your local guide will meet you for touring.

Begin your time in Berlin with a short overview tour of the new Berlin. Located on the once desolate Pariser Platz, the Brandenburg Gate is Berlin's only remaining city gate and has become a symbol of German unity. Nearby, your guide will take you to Berlin's Holocaust Memorial. The memorial commemorates the Jewish victims of Nazi terror. This striking memorial consists of approximately 2,700 concrete slabs to symbolize an undulating graveyard. This moving and solemn memorial contains the names of 4.4 million murdered Jews.

In the same area you can also see the Reichstag. The Reichstag was built in the late 19th Century to house the German Parliament. Today you will have an appointment to head to the top of the dome for a panoramic view of Berlin.

This afternoon, continue down Unter den Linden to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Museum Island and visit the imposing Dom Cathedral. Once the court cathedral of Prussia's royal family, the Berliner Dom was conceived as a Protestant answer to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Today you will have the choice of visiting one of Berlin's top museums. One favorite is the Neues Museum, home to Berlin's fantastic Egyptologist collection including several mummies and the famous bust of Nefertiti. Or, if you prefer European Masters, we recommend Gemaldegalerie. This is Berlin's premier collection of Old Masters, featuring one of the most important collections of European paintings from the 13th to the 18th centuries. You'll find Breugel, Dürer, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt and more. For more modern masters, you will want to see the Berggruen. This outstanding museum presents exceptional works of classic modern art. Included among the artists are Picasso, Klee, Giacometti and Matisse. Over 100 works by Picasso form the heart of the collection.

After touring, your guide will remain behind in Berlin and you will return with your driver to your ship.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (12 Hours); Berlin Guide (6 Hours)

OPTION 2



POTSDAM

This morning your driver will meet you at your ship at **9AM**. After the approximately 2.5 hour drive to Potsdam, you will be met by your guide. Known as the beautiful sister of Berlin, Potsdam celebrated its 1000th anniversary in 1993. It is known for its palaces and beautiful gardens and is the former home of the Prussian Kings.

First begin with a visit to the favorite summer residence of Frederick the Great, Sanssouci. Originally this was nothing more than a terraced garden, which Frederick had planted in 1744. Because the view was so stunning, he had a summer residence built above the terraces just one year later. Today, several palaces exist on this property. You will have the opportunity to stroll these famous gardens. If you like, you can step inside to the restored interiors of Neue Palais, considered to be one of the last great Prussian baroque palaces.

Later you may also visit the Cecilienhof Palace, the historical venue of the Potsdam Agreement between Churchill, Stalin and Truman in 1945. This palace, created in the style of an English country house, was named after Prince William's wife Cecelia. Today you will have the opportunity to have a special guided tour and learn the history, tradition and secrets of the palace.

After touring, your guide will remain behind in Potsdam and you will return with your driver to your ship.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (12 Hours); Berlin Guide (6 Hours)

OPTION 3



JEWISH BERLIN

This morning your driver will meet you at your ship at **9AM** for the approximately 2.5 hour drive to Berlin. Upon arrival, your local guide will meet you for touring.

You will first visit the fantastic Jewish Museum - Europe's largest Jewish museum. The permanent exhibition is closed until July 2019 but temporary exhibitions will be possible to visit. Nearby you can see the Topography of Terror. For history lovers, this outdoor museum on the site of the former headquarters of the Gestapo and SS is an essential visit. The museum is an outdoor timeline of Nazi terror in Germany.

Next, stop in the Neue Synagogue. The synagogue was first inaugurated in 1866 and features the oriental-influenced architecture that was popular at the time. The synagogue was heavily damaged by Allied bombing in World War II and was essentially demolished in 1958, except for the front façade and entrance. In 1995 it was reopened as a museum showing the history of the synagogue and of Jewish life in Berlin.

Afterward, head to one of Berlin's neighborhoods not far from the Museum Island - Hackesche Höfe, a series of ambitiously restored industrial courtyards. It is in this area where you will find another interesting place to stop on your own if you like - the small Museum of Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind. Known as the "Schindler of Berlin," this museum will introduce you to the efforts of Otto Weidt to protect his Jewish employees from persecution and deportation. He employed mainly blind and deaf Jews who produced brooms and brushes. Down some of the many side streets there is still ample evidence of what was once a thriving Jewish community and of its destruction by the Nazi regime.

After touring, your guide will remain behind in Berlin and you will return with your driver to your ship.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (12 Hours); Berlin Guide (6 Hours)

OPTION 4



BERLIN'S 20TH CENTURY HISTORY

This morning your driver will meet you at your ship at **9AM** for the approximately 2.5 hour drive to Berlin. Upon arrival, your local guide will meet you for touring.

You will first drive through Potsdamer Platz, a striking example of urban renewal in action. As late as the 1990s, this was a desolate wasteland and now you will find Berlin's business center. Your first stop will be the Topography of Terror. For history lovers, this outdoor museum on the site of the former headquarters of the Gestapo and SS is an essential visit. The museum is an outdoor timeline of Nazi terror in Germany.

Today your driver will also drive by the Checkpoint Charlie. After the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, the checkpoint remained an official crossing point until the reunification in October 1990 when the booth was removed and the watchtower was later destroyed. The course of the former wall is now marked on the street with a line of bricks and a copy of the booth and sign that once marked the border crossing was later erected where Checkpoint Charlie once stood.

Afterwards you may stop by the "East-Side Gallery." This is the longest cohesive section of the Berlin Wall. This stretch of the Berlin Wall has been painted by various artists after the fall and it stretches for a mile or so. We recommend that you walk a bit and explore some of the different subjects portrayed.

Later today you will also visit one of the most interesting exhibits detailing life in a divided Germany – the Berlin Wall Memorial and Documentation Center. This is located direct at a former border strip on Bernauer Strasse and both the no-man's-land strip and watchtower have been preserved. The Documentation Center shows the history of the Wall, its construction and how it divided the city. You can walk right in no-man's land yourself – on the footsteps of those who tried to escape communist oppression and flee to the West.

After touring, your guide will remain behind in Berlin and you will return with your driver to your ship.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (12 Hours); Berlin Guide (6 Hours)

WHAT IS INCLUDED



Cost of the Program:

From Warnemünde

Number of Travelers	Option 1 - Per Person Price	Option 2 - Per Person Price	Option 3 - Per Person Price	Option 4 – Per Person Price
2	\$1,900	\$2,025	\$1,825	\$1,800
4	\$1,100	\$1,175	\$1,075	\$1,025
6	\$825	\$900	\$800	\$750
8	\$650	\$700	\$625	\$575

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish or Portuguese-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

Meals

No meals included. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. These programs feature 12 hours of vehicle and driver services and six hours of guide services. Guides are based in Berlin and don't ride with guests from/to the ship.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

In general, drivers have basic English-speaking skills. They are professional drivers, not guides. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal for full or half-day sightseeing programs as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, your driver and guide are at your disposal, so you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Gratuities are at your own discretion. We recommend \$30 per person, per day for your guide and \$15 per person, per day for your driver. For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$20 is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Booking Conditions

PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2019. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.

Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.

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