



## Germany – Sample Itinerary

### Day One

Begin your visit to Germany at the Story of Berlin Museum for an interactive overview of the history of the country. Stop by Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous crossing point between East and West Germany, which now serves as a reminder of the Cold War and the partition of Berlin. Then see the Topography of Terror exhibit to learn about the origins, development, and deployment of Nazi terror from 1930-1946. Finally visit and tour the Neue Synagogue and Museum.

### Day Two

A visit to Classic Remise Berlin is exciting whether you are a car lover or not. This center for vintage cars is located in a historic tram depot and provides a terrific backdrop for some very cool photos. Perhaps the most noteworthy symbol of Berlin is the East Side Gallery – a portion of the Berlin Wall which serves as a memorial and art gallery with its popular murals painted on the remnants of the wall. We will tour the area and get a more in depth understanding of the culture and history of the city. For lunch, we will meet and hear the story of a Syrian refugee living in Berlin at "Refugio Berlin," a center providing support and community to the refugee community. After some free time to prepare, we will join with the local community at the Central Synagogue to celebrate Shabbat together.

### Day Three

After walking to the Urban Nation Street Art Museum, we will see varied insight into the history of urban contemporary art at this unique platform for urban art in Berlin. Next we will continue to stroll into the center of the city to see the famous Brandenburg Gate. We will then visit a number of important memorials and monuments including: the Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted under Nazism, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Hitler's Bunker, and the Book Burning Memorial at Bebelplatz. In the afternoon we'll have a food tour giving us the chance to taste the most popular German treats followed by free time at Alexanderplatz. In the evening, we'll visit an Escape Room modeled in the style of a home that was common during Communism.



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## Day Four

Starting off our day, we will enter the Reichstag, seat of the German government to learn about the thriving and strong democracy Germany has become. The stunning architecture and interesting narratives will create an interesting visit for us. Next we will visit the large and popular Mauerpark Flea Market. For lunch we will be hosted by several German Jewish students who will share with us a bit about what it is like to grow up Jewish in Germany today. In the afternoon, we will visit the interactive DDR Museum which will introduce us to the history of life in the socialist DDR. In this museum, none of the exhibits are behind glass, rather visitors touch, hold and interact with a range of objects and installations. After some free time and dinner in Potsdamer Platz, we will enjoy the incredible Blue Man Group show in the evening.

## Day Five

After a short train ride to just north of the city, we will visit the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen. Built in 1936, it was a model camp which was also used for training SS guards and as a concentration camp in close proximity to the "Reich" capital city. After returning to Berlin, we will have a meeting at the Israeli Embassy where we will hear about the relationship between Germany and Israel today from a member of the embassy. Finally, we will have some free time to shop and continue to explore before heading home to Israel.



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