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TOUR OF BERLIN 13TH – 15TH OCTOBER Provisional Program (as per 26.04.2017)

Friday 13th October 2017

Arrival in Berlin and Tour of the Berlin State Library

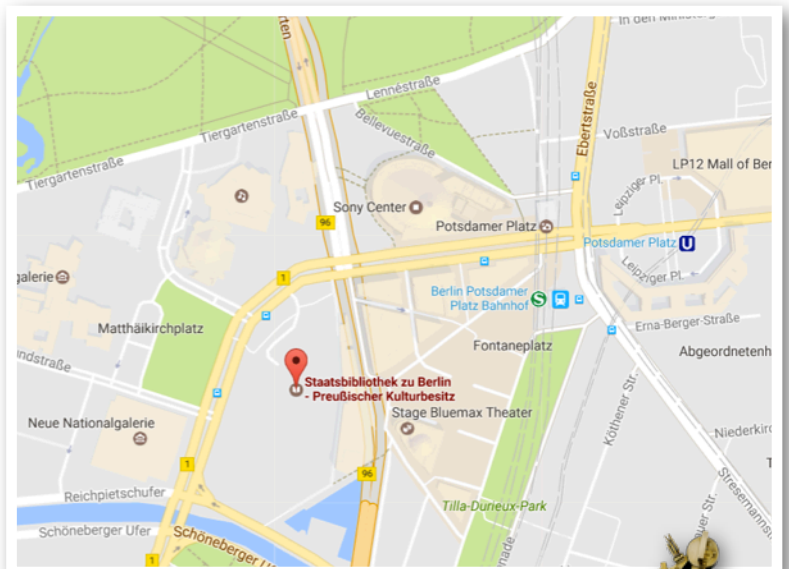
08:00 – 08:30

We will depart Hamburg by coach early on Friday (meeting point to be confirmed)

12:30 – 13:00

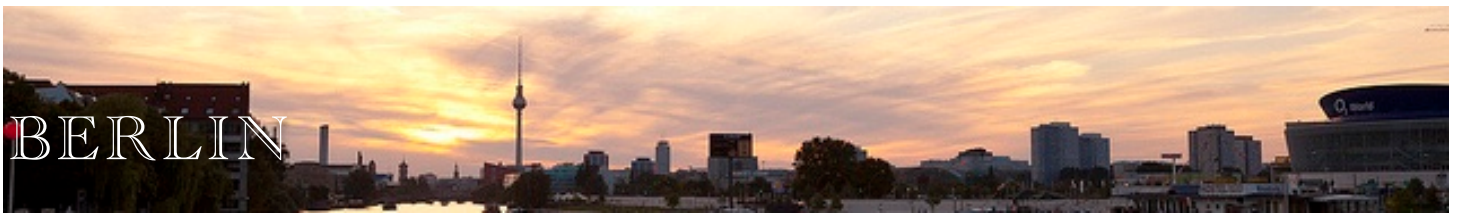
After arriving in Berlin, we will break for lunch close to Potsdamer Platz.

Here, you will find a range of diverse restaurants to choose from at your leisure. (Please note, lunch is not included within the excursion price.)



Location Staatsbibliothek and Potsdamer Platz - Google maps 2017





14:30 – 16:30

Tour of the *Berlin State Library (Staatsbibliothek)*

We will be greeted in the cartographic department by Dr. Markus Heinz and his colleagues from the Library's cartographic department before embarking on a guided tour (duration approx. 2 hours)

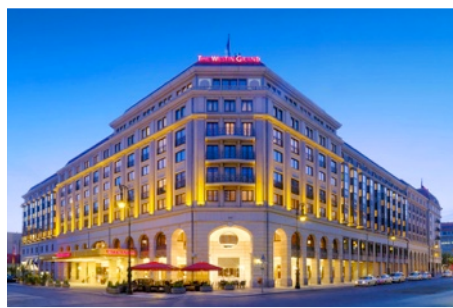
16:30 – 17:00

Travel to *Hotel Westin Grand Berlin* via coach

17:00

Check-in at *Hotel Westin Grand Berlin*.

The Hotel Westin Grand Berlin enjoys an unbeatable city-centre location directly in the shadows of Berlin's Museum Island and the Brandenburg Gate. After checking in to the hotel, the evening is at your leisure.



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Why not take a leisurely stroll to get to know your surroundings? The *Brandenburg Gate* is roughly 500m away, whereas the *Humboldt Forum* + *Schlossplatz* and the *Friedrichswerder Church* (home to the Schinkel Museum) are approx. 1000m away. The *Gendarmenmarkt* is just 350m away.

Please stay tuned for restaurant recommendations and evening entertainment tips.



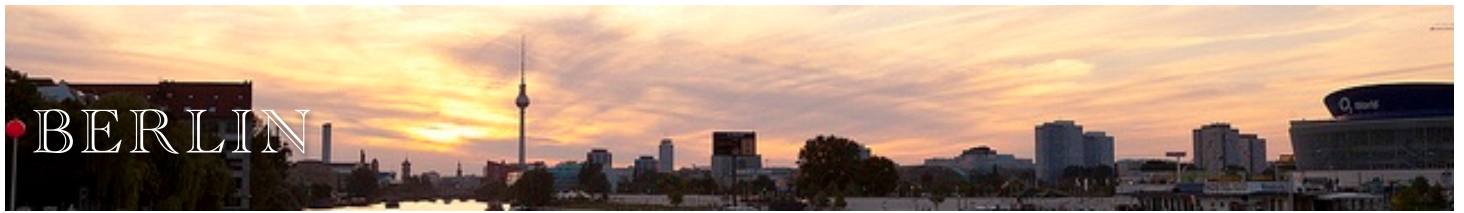
State Library reading hall Foto: SBB-PK/C

Berlin State Library

Founded in 1661, the Berlin State Library (or Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin) is one of the largest universal libraries in Europe and broadly considered to be one of the most important academic research libraries in the German-speaking world. Whilst a stand-alone map department was founded in 1859, the library's collection of cartographic materials actually dates back to the library's foundation in 1661. The department forms Germany's most important cartographic hub and therefore acquires, catalogues and holds items from all countries and parts of the world.



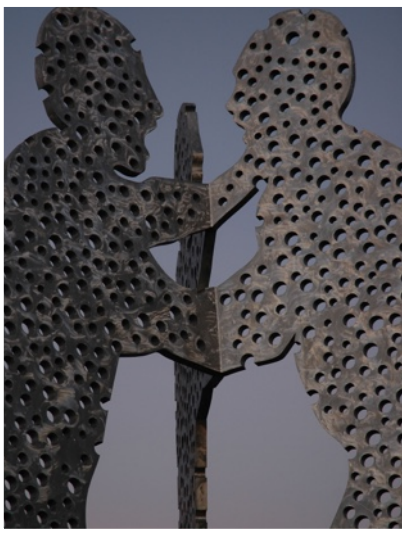
*Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin / Gerardus Mercator / Celestial Globe / 1551: Leuven, 1551 Copperplate, coloured, 42 cm diameter, 57 cm height
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Checkpoint Charlie: © visitBerlin,
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Television Tower und World Time Clock
at Alexanderplatz: © visitBerlin, Foto: Wolfgang Scholvien



Molecule Man: © visitBerlin, Foto: Tanja Koch

Saturday 14th October 2017:

Guided Bus Tour through Berlin

09:30 – 16:00

Saturday will start with a guided sightseeing tour with stopovers at many of Berlin's most famous attractions, including (but by no means limited to), the Berlin TV Tower, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Memorial, the Jewish Museum, Museum Island and the thriving district of Kreuzberg. We will break for lunch at around 13:00 (please note, however, lunch is not included in the excursion price).

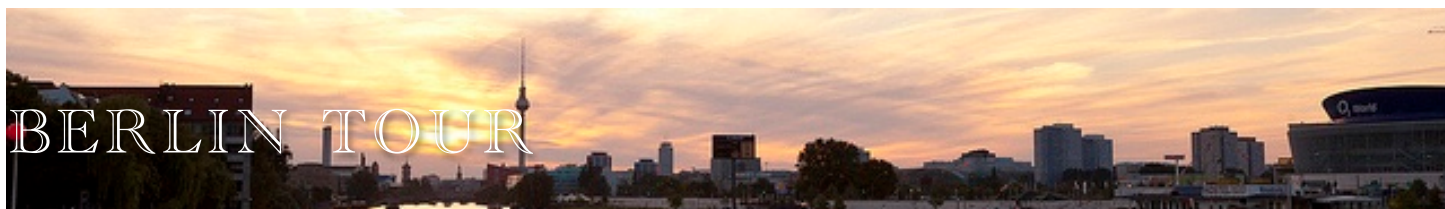
Evening

The evening is at your leisure to further explore the surroundings and do some shopping.

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Schloss Charlottenburg:
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Sunday

15th October 2017:

Museum Island & Departure

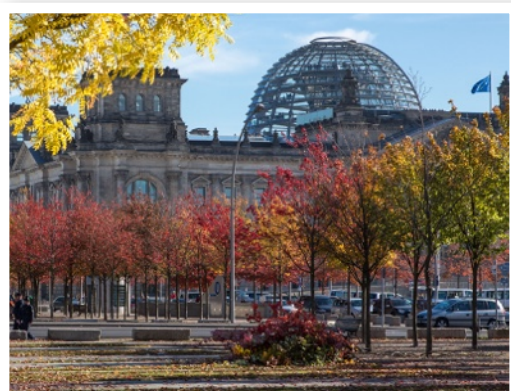
09:00 – 10:30

Group Farewell Breakfast in Hotel Westin Grand Berlin

10:30 – Open End

Visit to Museum Island to visit museums in small groups according to personal interest and time schedule.

Thereafter, day at leisure / departure via Berlin Tegel (TXL) or Berlin Schönefeld (SXF) Airport as per individual travel itinerary.



Autumn in Berlin: © visitBerlin, Foto: Wolfgang Scholvien

Per person single room: 470,- EUR

Per person double room: 295,- EUR

Price includes coach from Hamburg to Berlin,
2 nights stay incl. breakfast, excursions on
Friday and Saturday

**Closing date for registration:
15. July 2017**



Museumsinsel: © visitBerlin, Foto: Wolfgang Scholvien

Museum Island

Museum Island is a unique ensemble of five museums on Spree Island in the district of Mitte in Berlin. The site is of topographical and historical interest as it is here, in the small Spreeinsel (Spree Island) that the city of Berlin originated as the twin 13th century settlements Berlin and Cölln.

The development of the area as a museum complex is closely linked with the Enlightenment and the educational ideals of the early 19th Century. Broadly seen as the historical starting point of Berlin's architectural scene, the Museum Island's design was overseen by some of the greats of the architectural world, including Karl Friedrich Schinkel and Friedrich August Stüler, whose classical masterpieces continue to characterize the Museum Island even now.

The opening of the Altes Museum in 1830 and the subsequent development of the area as a museum complex stemmed from King Friedrich Wilhelm's (1840-1861) romantic vision of a refuge of the arts and sciences similar to the Forum of ancient Rome. The Neues Museum was the next to be constructed in 1843 – 1855, followed by the Alte Nationalgalerie (1867 – 1876), the Bode Museum (1897 – 1904 as the Kaiser Friedrich Museum) and the Pergamon Museum (1910 – 1930).

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