







# The Very Best of Eastern Germany May 26-June 6, 2025 | 13 Days / 11 Nights program



Christoph will take you on an 11 night journey to his motherland of East Germany! See sights that you haven't seen on your previous visits to Germany. Enjoy meats, cheeses, breads and try local beers at a beer garden. Learn how to properly dance an English Waltz instructed by Christoph's sister at her dance school. Visit the famous Meissen porcelain factory. Meet and hear from locals on your city tours of Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig and Potsdam. Relax and enjoy the countryside between cities. Visit the summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia in Potsdam and eat at the same restaurant Goethe and Bach dined! Take a river cruise on the river Spree and see Berlin from its best angle. Experience a unique boat cruise on the Elbe River on a paddle steamer in Dresden. Enjoy a farewell dinner cruise in Potsdam on the River Havel and soak in the scenery. ...Be surprised - Not everyone in Germany wears lederhosen!

#### MAY 26 | US TO GERMANY

Today you board your overnight flight to Germany.

#### MAY 27 | BERLIN | PANORAMIC CITY TOUR

Upon arrival at the Berlin airport you will be met and assisted by your Universal Travel representative. Berlin is an incredible place, originally two 14th century towns (Cölln and Altberlin) separated only by the River Spree. It has always been a city of contrasts and never more so than in its recent past, which makes it such a fascinating place to visit. This morning embark on a panoramic city tour incl. Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag Dome, Kurfürstendamm, and free time for lunch before you check into your hotel early this afternoon. Tonight meet your fellow travelers and enjoy a welcome to Germany dinner complete with German food, beer, and wine!

Overnight: Berlin MAY 28 | GDR MUSEUM | BERLIN WALL | RIVER CRUISE This morning after a leisurely breakfast, you board your

A full day of Berlin! First you will visit the East German-GDR Museum, one of the most interactive museums in the world. berg for a guided tour of the Luther House. It was here that The museum gives you a chance to experience what everyday the Reformer, Martin Luther, lived and worked for over 35 life behind the Berlin Wall was like in former East Germany, years. Originally built as an Augustinian Monastery, Martin such as living conditions, the Wall, and the Stasi. This visit is a Luther called this home from 1508; first as a monk and then history lesson like no other, making it one of the top things to later with his family. This was where he made his "reformatory do in Berlin. Next you are off to the Berlin Wall, Germany's discovery," gave lectures to students from across Europe, and standing symbol of the Cold War, dividing the country for penned his writings that changed the world. After your tour more than 28 years. The longest remaining stretch has now enjoy free time in Old Town Wittenberg for lunch on your transformed into the world's longest open-air gallery, the East own. You continue your journey southbound and arrive at the Side Gallery. This one mile of fascinating images takes a signif- University City of Leipzig for a two-night stay. Tonight's icant era of Germany's history and turns it into a work of art. dinner will be served at the famous Auerbachs Keller. Like After some free time for lunch your tour continues with a millions of guests before you, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe cruise down the Spree River. Here you will get a completely was here, too. The mentioning of the Fasskeller (barrel cellar) different perspective of Germany's Capital. Enjoy lovely views in Goethe's classic work "Faust" makes it arguably the most of the Reichstag, the Main Train Station, and the TV Tower famous restaurant in Germany. Today the room is exactly as among many other sites. You return to your hotel with time to generations of guests before and after Goethe's time knew it. relax and an evening at your leisure.

#### Overnight: Berlin

#### MAY 29 | A FREE DAY IN BERLIN

Today is yours to explore Berlin on your own! Make it a shop- ing tour of the city followed by free time for lunch and shopping day at the famous department store "The Kaufhaus des ping in Leipzig's Old Town. This afternoon a special treat is in Westens." With over 60,000 square meters of retail space, the store as you participate in a "hands-on slow waltz dance KA-DE-W is the second largest department store in Europe, lesson" complete with sparkling wine, taught by Christoph's after Harrods of London. Within 10 min. walking distance, sister, a professional ballroom dance champion! Return back to you reach Kurfürstendamm. This large avenue, colloquially your hotel with the remainder of the day at your leisure. known by the Berliners as "Ku'damm," is the most important Overnight: Leipzig

shopping area in Berlin. A vast number of shops are strung along the wide boulevard, most of which are international brands. Another option is visiting Museum Island, a unique ensemble of buildings on Spree Island in the heart of Berlin. It encompasses five large Berlin museums, built under the Prussian rulers, as well as a reception and exhibition building, the James Simon Gallery.

Optional Tour - Former Concentration Camp Sachsenhausen: With sufficient numbers, Universal Travel will offer a visit to the Sachsenhausen Memorial Center, one of the biggest concentration camps on German territory from 1936 to 1945. From 1945 to 1950 the site was used as a special camp by the Soviet secret service.

Overnight: Berlin **(B)** 

#### (D) MAY 30 | WITTENBERG - MARTIN LUTHER | LEIPZIG

private motor coach and travel south to the town of Witten-

Overnight: Leipzig

#### (B) MAY 31 | LEIPZIG CITY TOUR | DANCE LESSON

This morning after breakfast we are off to a half day sightsee-

**(B)** 



#### JUN 1 | MEISSEN PORCELAIN FACTORY | DRESDEN

world famous porcelain factory. Meissen porcelain was the first successfully produced true porcelain in Europe, and dominated Overnight: Dresden the style of European porcelain manufactured until the mid JUN 4 | POTSDAM | CHURCHILL, TRUMAN, STALIN 17th century. From here, you journey a short distance to stay. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

(B,D) Overnight: Dresden JUN 2 | CITY TOUR | WINE TASTING | STEAMBOAT

Start your morning with a walking tour of Dresden's old city the Eastern and Western powers. After an included lunch you quarters. See the famous Frauenkirche, the Dresdner Zwinger, the Stallhof and more. Next, enjoy a guided tour of the famous powers of World War II met for the Potsdam Conference Semper Opera House, the most famous opera house in all of during the summer of 1945. Churchill, Truman, and Stalin Germany! The Opera houses the Saxon State Orchestra, one of made world history here discussing how to divide Germany, the world's oldest and best-known orchestras. After some free and later signed the Peace Treaty Agreement. This afternoon time for lunch on your own, you leave town and journey along check into your hotel for a two-night stay. the Saxon Wine Route. Here you stop at a winery and sample Overnight: Potsdam wines while taking in the scenery. In this area you will find JUN 5 | CITY TOUR | SANSSOUCI PALACE | CRUISE many different varieties of wine, including Traminer, Riesling, On your city tour this morning discover the regal heritage unwind with a relaxing steamboat cruise on the River Elbe. see Downtown Potsdam, Belvedere Pfingstberg, and admire Dinner tonight is included.

Overnight: Dresden (B,D)

#### JUN 3 | SAXON SWITZERLAND REGION | FORTRESS

After breakfast this morning you leave for the Saxon Switzer-Czech Republic it forms the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. Your with dinner, wine, beer and entertainment! first stop is the Königstein Fortress, the "Saxon Bastille," a Overnight: Potsdam hilltop fortress located on the left bank of the River Elbe. It is one of the largest hilltop fortifications in Europe and sits atop This morning you will be transferred to the Berlin airport and the mountain Königstein. After a guided tour of the fortress and an included lunch, your journey continues to the Bastei, one of Germany's most unique landscapes. Giant pinnacles of

sandstone rocks tower over the Elbe River and the green coun-This morning you travel to Meissen for a guided tour of the tryside. Later this afternoon return back to your hotel for an evening at your leisure.

After checking out of your hotel this morning, you travel Dresden and check into your hotel for a relaxing three night north and arrive in Potsdam around noon. First stop will be the famous Glienicke Bridge, also known as the Bridge of Spies. The bridge straddled the border between East and West Berlin and was used to exchange high-ranking spies between will visit Cecilienhof Palace. It was here that the victorious

Müller-Thurgau, Dornfelder, and Pinot Noir. This afternoon of Potsdam, Berlin's posh royal suburb from the past. You will the red brick buildings in the Dutch Quarter. Later you will marvel over the UNESCO-listed wonder of Sanssouci Palace, the summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia. Explore the palace gardens before returning to your hotel. land region. Together with the Bohemian Switzerland in the This evening enjoy a boat tour along the river Havel complete

(B,D)

JUN 6 | DEPARTURE BACK HOME

board your flight home. The memories you made in East Germany will last forever!

\*Itinerary is subject to change

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Roundtrip transfer to the FSD airport
- Roundtrip airfare from FSD to Berlin
- 12-days luxury motor coach transportation while in Germany
- Local step-on guides in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden & Potsdam 10-nights Accommodations in 4-star hotels (3-nights in Berlin & Dresden, 2-nights in Leipzig & Potsdam)
- Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners (including a glass of beer, wine, or soda per dinner)
- Panoramic Sightseeing in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden & Potsdam
- Guided tour of GDR museum, Porcelain factory, Dresden Opera House, Martin Luther House, Cecilienhof Palace, Sanssouci Castle and Fortress Koenigstein
- Cruises as indicated on the Spree, Havel and Elbe Rivers
- Wine tasting at a winery
- Dance lesson incl. 1 glass of beer, wine, sparking wine, or soda
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Hotel taxes, meal taxes and gratuities
- Porterage of 1 bag per person (excludes airline baggage fees)
- All resort, service, and government fees
- Professional Tour Director, bilingual (English/German)
- All gratuities for drivers, guides, step-on guides

### TRIP COST:

\$6,698.00 Per Person \$7,999.00 Single Rate

A valid passport is required for travel.

\$900.00 deposit due to confirm the reservation

Final payment due Jan 6, 2025 No penalties until Jan 9, 2025

#### **Cancellation:**

50% non-refundable Jan 10, 2025 100% non-refundable Feb 10, 2025

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# 360° Group Premier | Group Travel Protection

#### Plan highlights

- Trip cancellation/interruption benefit includes:
  - Sickness, injury, or death1
  - Inclement weather & natural disasters
  - Financial insolvency<sup>2</sup> & labor strike
  - Involuntary unemployment

- Primary coverage, no deductibles<sup>3</sup>
- · Medical evacuation
- 5-hour travel delay benefit
- 3-hour missed connection benefit
- 12-hour baggage delay benefit
- Fast online claims<sup>4</sup>

#### 360° Group Premier plan rates<sup>3</sup>

Trip cost	0-59	60-74	75+
\$0	\$36	\$47	\$64
\$1 - \$250	\$44	\$58	\$81
\$251 - \$500	\$57	\$74	\$105
\$501 - \$1,000	\$86	\$114	\$168
\$1,001 - \$1,500	\$109	\$143	\$211
\$1,501 - \$2,000	\$149	\$191	\$215
\$2,001 - \$2,500	\$191	\$245	\$277
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$234	\$300	\$338
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$276	\$354	\$400
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$319	\$409	\$461
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$361	\$463	\$523
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$404	\$518	\$584
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$446	\$572	\$646
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$489	\$627	\$707
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$531	\$681	\$769
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$574	\$736	\$830
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$638	\$818	\$923
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$723	\$927	\$1,046
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$808	\$1,036	\$1,169
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$893	\$1,145	\$1,292
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$978	\$1,254	\$1,415
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$1,063	\$1,363	\$1,538
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$1,148	\$1,472	\$1,661
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$1,233	\$1,581	\$1,784
\$15,001 - \$16,000	\$1,318	\$1,690	\$1,907
\$16,001 - \$17,000	\$1,403	\$1,799	\$2,030
\$17,001 - \$18,000	\$1,488	\$1,908	\$2,153
\$18,001 -\$19,000	\$1,573	\$2,017	\$2,276
\$19,001 -\$20,000	\$1,658	\$2,126	\$2,399

#### 360° Group Premier plan benefits<sup>3</sup>

Benefits	Coverage
Trip cancellation	100% of trip cost (up to \$20,000)
Trip interruption	150% of trip cost (up to \$30,000)
Trip interruption—return air only <sup>5</sup>	\$1,000
Travel delay	\$1,000 (\$250/day)
Missed connection	\$1,000
Baggage & personal effects	\$1,500
Sporting equipment delay <sup>3</sup>	\$600
Baggage delay	\$250
Emergency medical expenses <sup>6</sup>	\$50,000
Emergency dental expenses <sup>6</sup>	\$500
Emergency evacuation & repatriation	\$250,000
Accidental death & dismemberment	\$10,000
Travel assistance services <sup>7</sup>	Included

<sup>1</sup>Of you, a traveling companion, family member, or business partner. <sup>2</sup>Coverage when plan is purchased at or before the final trip payment. <sup>3</sup>All coverage per insured up to the limits listed. Pre-existing medical conditions waiver may vary by state. Coverages may vary and may not be available in all states. Please see the policy for details, or call +1.888.574.7026. Rates are subject to change. <sup>4</sup>Based on industry average. Fastest payment on approved claims is based on electronic payment of claim. <sup>5</sup>Coverage for trip interruption and trip interruption-return air only cannot be combined. <sup>6</sup>\$50 deductible in CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, and WA. <sup>7</sup>Provided by the designated provider listed in the policy. 10.23 GRPFLY3





#### Questions about plan benefits?

Call +1.888.574.7026 and use Plan GPZ-1023, or email 360Group@travelexinsurance.com.

#### Trip cancellation & trip interruption

Protect travel investments and recover nonrefundable prepaid costs if your trip is canceled or interrupted for a covered reason. Popular covered reasons include:

- Sickness, injury, or death1
- Residence or destination uninhabitable
- Strike
- · Inclement weather
- · Cancel for business reasons
- · Traffic accident en route

- Quarantine
- · Jury duty/subpoena
- · Military duty
- Financial insolvency<sup>2</sup>
- · Terrorist incident
- Theft of passport/visa
- · Involuntary termination

#### Travel delay

Reimbursement for reasonable additional costs - such as accommodations, local transportation, and meals - if travel is delayed five hours or longer.

#### Baggage & personal effects

Reimbursement for personal articles and expenses if bags are lost, stolen, or damaged.

#### Baggage delay

Reimbursement for reasonable additional personal articles and expenses if bags are delayed for 12 hours or more.

#### Emergency medical & dental expenses<sup>6</sup>

Emergency medical treatment if sickness or injury occurs while traveling.

#### **Emergency medical evacuation**

Includes emergency medical evacuation to the nearest suitable medical facility, help returning home if medically necessary, and repatriation expenses.

#### Accidental death & dismemberment

Reimbursement for permanent loss of life, limbs, or sight from a covered accidental injury during travel.

#### Pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver<sup>3</sup>

Pre-existing medical conditions are eligible for coverage when:

- The traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase
- · The plan is purchased at or before the final trip payment

A pre-existing condition is an injury, sickness, or other condition (excluding any condition from which death ensues) of an insured, traveling companion, or family member traveling with the insured within the 60-day period immediately preceding the insured's plan purchase date.

#### Plan details

View policy at policy.travelexinsurance.com/GPZ-1023

Unless otherwise stated in the plan, this plan will not pay for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of, or as a result of, or from, or that occur to, or are as a result of the actions of, the insured or the insured's family member, or traveling companion, or business partner for the following: suicide, attempted suicide, or intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane (while sane in CO and MO); mental, nervous, or psychological disorders; being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants, unless prescribed by a physician; normal pregnancy, resulting childbirth, and elective abortion; participation as a professional in athletics while on a covered trip; participation in organized amateur or interscholastic athletic or sports competition or related practice events; riding or driving in any motor competition; off-road driving, whether as a driver or as a passenger; declared or undeclared war, or any act of war; vivil disorder; service in the armed forces of any country; nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination; operating or learning to operate any aircraft, as pilot or crew; mountain climbing, bungee jumping, snow skiing, skydiving, parachuting, free falling, cliff diving, B.A.S.E. or base jumping, hang gliding, parasaliing, travel on any air-supported device other than on a regularly scheduled airline or air charter company, or extreme sports; mountaineering where ropes or guides are commonly used including ascending a mountain requiring specialized equipment, including but not limited to anchors, botts, carabiners, crampons, lead/flory-rope anchoring equipment and pick-axes; scuba diving if the depth of the water exceeds 75 feet; the insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony; elective medical or holistic treatment or procedures; failure of any tour operator, common carrier, other travel supplier, person or agent or provide the bargained-for travel arrangement/services; a loss that results from a sickness, disease, or other condition, event, or circumstance that oc

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Customer name:	
Customer signature:	 Date:
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Please complete this reservation form (one per person) and mail it with your deposit check plus the **travel insurance premium, if desired**, to:

First Dakota National Bank Attn: Fran Rietveld 1712 N Main Street Mitchell, SD 57301

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	assport):
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Relationship:	Cell Phone:
Your roommate's name, if applicable: _	
Please note if you require a special diet	:
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