Guided tour of Berlin (ends 20:00, hotel 22:00)

Meet at Transport Desk, Level -1
Friday, May 29, 2015, 13:00 - 20:00
Walking tour and boat trip on the river Spree and a visit to the German Parliament.

Friday, 29 May 2015
departing Leipzig at 13:00 – returning at 22:00 approximately

(Guests may choose to remain in Berlin at the end of the tour; further information below)

Please note: The deadline for booking this excursion to Berlin is 20 May 2015.

13:00 Bus shuttle from Congress Center Leipzig to Berlin
15:15 Sightseeing tour on foot
Welcome by our English-speaking tour guide

The capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin is a major centre in European culture, politics, media, and science. Its rich history, combined with a lively, cosmopolitan way of life, makes it one of Europe’s most popular cities for visitors. In addition to this, Berlin is the seat of the German government and it’s Chancellor. This very special place is not called metropolis without reason and it is hard to find a Berliner who is not proud of his city.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the city’s favorite avenue, Unter den Linden. From the Cathedral to the Brandenburg Gate, we get a sense of the city’s recent history as well as of life today. Grandiose buildings and places of culture such as the State Opera House, the National Library and the Humboldt University are part of our walking tour.

17:00 Boat trip along the river Spree
Seeing Berlin from the river offers a unique and incomparable perspective of the city, away from all the crowds and traffic. You will see Berlin’s most beautiful and important sights, including the Cathedral and Museum Island. This island, located in the middle of the river Spree, is one of the most impressive museum areas in Europe and is a UNESCO cultural heritage site. Including the Old Museum, the New Museum, the Old National Gallery, Bode
Museum and Pergamon Museum, this trip will take you on a journey between old and modern architecture. Classical buildings like the Reichstag and the Swiss Embassy are mixed with the new architecture of the German Chancellery or Berlin Central Station. Further sights on the tour include Tears Palace, Moltke Bridge, House of World Cultures, and the Federal Press Office.

17:40 Short walk from the riverside to the German Parliament

18:30 Guided Tour of the German Parliament, the “Bundestag”

Since 1949, there have been a total of 17 elections to the German Bundestag. On 2 December 1990, the 12th German Bundestag became the first all-German parliament to be elected following reunification. The following year, the German Bundestag decided that the seat of Parliament and the Federal Government should no longer be in Bonn, but in Berlin. In 1999, the German Bundestag moved to the rebuilt Reichstag Building. By 2004, three more buildings have been completed, providing office accommodation for members and staff. The Reichstag cupola, designed by the British architect Norman Foster, has become the latest Berlin attraction, which meant that the German Bundestag is the most visited parliament in the world today.

Please note: For security reasons we require name, surname and date of birth of all guests visiting the German Parliament. This will be forwarded to the police and security service of the parliament. Additionally, a valid ID (identity card) is necessary for admittance.

19:00 Shuttle back to Leipzig (or stay in Berlin)*

22:00 Arrival at Leipzig hotel Westin

All inclusive price per participant: 170,00 Euro VAT included

- includes transfer, guided tour, entrance fees
- dinner is not included but a packed lunch / snack box will be provided on the journeys to and from Berlin

If you are interested in accommodation in Berlin, please, do not hesitate to ask Nicole Sobotta via email n.sobotta@leipziger-messe.de.

*For participants who wish to stay in Berlin, please bring your luggage with you on the tour. It can remain in the bus until the end of the tour. For those returning to Leipzig, you can either leave your luggage in Leipzig at your hotel room (if you are staying at the hotel that night, if not leave it with the hotel reception).