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The Berlin Jewish Heritage Tour

On this private and exclusive tour you will first visit the Memorial to the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and then explore some of the most important sites and buildings of Jewish Heritage and present Jewish life in Berlin.

Among these will be for example the Holocaust Memorial, the New Synagogue and the Jewish Museum.

This tour is very individual and not standard , meaning that everything can be custom-tailored to suit your wishes.

You'll be picked up by your personal driver next to your ship with a state-of-the-art, smoke-free and air-conditioned sedan, minivan, minibus or coach according to your groups size.

- **Pick-up time:** about 30 - 45 minutes after docking – according to landing time
- **Activity level:** low to medium; longest walking distance about one mile (only in the former Camp), the only few steps to take.
- **Total duration of trip:** about 12 hours.
- **Please note:** depending on duration and place of departure, the route may vary. Please be aware that due to traffic conditions and streets closed due to reasons beyond our control, some places of interest may not be available. We will try to replace them with an alternative.
- **Tour price includes:** pick-up from ship and drive back to port, the vehicle, its driver, admissions and audio-guides at former Concentration Camp and Jewish Museum and a 4-hour narrated sightseeing tour by your English speaking guide in Berlin.
- **Back at port:** 2 hours prior your ship sails.
- **Price does not include:** tips and gratuities to guides, drivers and other service personnel, admission tickets to palaces and parks, or museums and other sightseeing points that are not included in the itinerary.

After pick-up from your dock and a scenic ride of about 2 ½ hours through the idyllic flatlands of North Germany with its hundreds of lakes, you will arrive in Oranienburg, the site of former **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp** which was planned to be a model for many other camps and designed to be the first new concentration camp established in 1936.

In Sachsenhausen more than 200,000 people were imprisoned between 1936 and 1945.

Tens of thousands of people died of starvation, disease, mistreatment and were victims of the systematic extermination operations of the SS.

You will have the opportunity to get an overview during a walk through the camp on your own of about 1 ½ hour with an English audio-guide.

Extra costs: Euro 4.00 per person to be paid directly at the Memorial

After the former Camps visit and a drive of about 45 minutes you will meet your private Guide in former East-Berlin's Historic Centre at the **New Synagogue**. This outstanding, Moorish styled place of Jewish worship was built in 1866 and renovated in 1995 to become with its gilded dome again a landmark of the German capital (no inside visit).



Pass Friedrichstrasse train station to have a look at the sculpture **"Trains to Life – Trains to Death"** by Frank Meissler, dedicated to Jewish children transported from here to Great-Britain in 1938/39.

See some authentic sites of two old Berlin districts well known as the **Barn District** and the **Spandauer Suburbia (Spandauer Vorstadt)** as for example the site of Berlin's oldest **Jewish Cemetery**



Arrive at Germany's national symbol the **Brandenburg Gate** and the new parliament built inside the former **Reichstag Building** for a short snapshot.



You will then visit the famous **Memorial Dedicated to the Murdered Jews of Europe** (known as **Holocaust Memorial**) with its 2711 tilted stone blocks, designed by Peter Eisenman.

Not far from the Memorial you will be given some time for a snack lunch.



Be then prepared to visit one of the worlds most spectacular museums, the **Jewish Museum** by **Daniel Libeskind** opened in 2001 which has attracted since then more than 350 000 visitors. The architect calls his work a "walkable" sculpture. Your guide will give you an introduction on the architecture and you will have some time to explore a bit of 2000 years of German-Jewish history.



After all these varicoloured impressions you will have time to reflect your day in Berlin until your driver will bring you back safely to your ship.

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