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tours



3 DAY TOUR

Life in the GDR: Berlin

Day 1

Reichstag

Democracy to dictatorship; The Battle for Berlin; from Cold War division to Reunification.

Brandenburg Gate

Symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; from Spartacist revolt, to Nazi Parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

Soviet War Memorial Tiergarten

Soviet liberation and occupation of Berlin; Why is it here? What does the memorial say about the Soviet attitude towards Germany.

German-Russian Museum Berlin-Karlshorst

End of the 3rd Reich; The Soviet 'liberation' End of the 3rd Reich and Genesis of the Cold War.
Self-Guided tour.

Treptow Park Soviet Memorial

Mother Russia and the Soviet Liberator; Relief carvings showing the events of Great Patriotic War; Soviet propaganda and its place today.

East Side Gallery

Longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall; Murals; An excellent photo opportunity and chance to buy souvenirs.

Day 2

The Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, Bernauer Strasse

Preserved section of the Berlin wall with aerial view of the whole area; The division of Germany; The Airlift; Establishment of GDR and FRG; The exodus of East Germans to the West; Origins, purpose and nature of the Wall; Individual stories.

Nordbahnhof

Exhibition looking at closed-down and heavily guarded train stations of the U-Bahn and S-Bahn lines in East Berlin, only used by trains coming from the West.

Friedrichstrasse station and Tränenpalast

The 'Palace of Tears' exhibition which explores everyday life at the border crossing with a focus on the experience of those who sought to leave the GDR via the station.

The Federal Ministry of Finance

Former GDR House of the Ministries; 17 June 1953 protest throughout the GDR; the use of Soviet troops and tanks.

Willy Brandt Forum

Ostpolitik. Exhibition telling the story of Germany's most significant post war politician from his early years as a refugee from National Socialism to the re-formation of Europe.

Alexanderplatz

Heart of old East Berlin; Soviet era architecture and murals.

DDR Museum

An excellent interactive museum focussing on everyday life in East Germany.

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Day 3

Karl-Marx-Allee

Walk the former Stalinallee a flagship building project for East Germany's reconstruction after the Second World War.

The Stasi Prison – Hohenschoenhausen

Guided Tour: The role of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) in East Germany; Their methods and purpose of interrogation.

Gethsemanekirche

Die Wende; The Church's role in the Peaceful Revolution; Meeting point for opponents of the DDR regime and a centre of the civil rights movement.

Checkpoint Charlie – *site only*

What was Checkpoint Charlie? Wall stories; The events of 9th November 1989; The fall of the Berlin Wall; The road to reunification.