

The Berlin Expert

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Forget the tour bus. Never mind the generic city tour. Tourist traps be gone!

Welcome to Berlin. My name is Jeremy, and I will be your guide.

I came to Berlin 7 years ago. An American Jew living in the German capital. I have walked almost every inch of this city, exploring its tormented and rich history, living its dynamic present. There was a lot of homework to do here. I've done it all. Let me share it with you.

I offer custom-made tours for English speakers visiting Berlin. My specialty is Jewish history and tradition. No need to tell you that Germany's Jewish history is a difficult one. I've asked the hard questions since I arrived and would be glad to share with you what I've heard. But there is also a vibrant transition taking place in Berlin's Jewish community. Let me show you.

My tour offer doesn't stop at the synagogue. Are you interested in architecture, technology or culture? You name it. I will design a tour to keep your mind awake without killing your feet!

Let me show you why millions of visitors are falling in love with this reunited new, old capitol. Take it all in with me, Jeremy, your personal guide. You'll be amazed, you'll learn a lot and we will always take time to enjoy a Cafe Latte served only as the Berliners know it: in big bowls!

My Bio

My friends refer to me as Mr. Berlin. My rule is to do something new here each day. As a result, I know this city better than most locals. And Berlin is like a film you have to see several times in order to appreciate it! Each time I give a tour I still discover something new.

My Fees

This is not my job. This is my passion and hobby. I don't have set fees. You name your price. But if you would like a helpful suggestion, payment usually ranges from 25-100 Euros per hour.

Socially Responsible

I love Berlin and I like to give back whenever possible. Therefore, a portion of the fee always goes to charity: either to a Berlin Jewish educational or cultural organization or to a Berlin school that helps integrate HIV positive children into mainstream society. No other tour guide in Berlin does this.

How will we tour?

Like a native Berliner! "Ich bin ein Berliner". This means I am a Berliner. And like the locals, we'll use public transport such as trams, buses, the Underground and S Bahn trains. And of course, there will be some walking. For those who prefer less or no walking, please contact me for other options. Duration of tours is based on interest, time and weather, ranging from 1/2 day to full day.

Types of tours offered:

- **Berlin Overview**
All The Highlights: The must-see tour for visitors who want a panoramic experience.
Selected Highlights: Victory Column, Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Pariser Platz, Potsdamer Platz, Hitler's Führerbunker, Luftwaffe Headquarters, Gendarmenmarkt, Topography of Terror, Checkpoint Charlie, The Berlin Wall, Unter den Linden, Book Burning Plaza, Museum Island, Berliner Dom, ... plus more
- **Jewish Berlin**
Jewish Life Past and Present: A once vibrant part of Berlin life, almost extinguished, and flourishing once more.
Selected Highlights: Holocaust Memorial, Old Jewish Graveyard, The Jewish Boys School, The Jewish Girls School, Ahavah Orphanage, The New Synagogue, Oranienburger Synagogue, The Old Synagogue, Anne Frank Center, Rosenstrasse, Skipping Stones, Stolperstein, ... plus more
- **Cold War Berlin**
Division and Reunification: See where the Wall once stood and learn how a city has grown back together.
Selected Highlights: The Russian Embassy, The Berlin Wall, The 17th of June Memorial, Checkpoint Charlie, The Soviet Memorial, DDR Museum, TV Tower, Alexander Platz, Karl Marx Allee, ... plus more
- **Destruction and Construction**
Architecture tour: A goldmine for architecture buffs! Berlin offers it's all. And I'll help you sample it, including the bullet-scarred facades on almost every corner.

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Selected Highlights: New Central Train Station, Pariser Platz, Potsdamer Platz, New Government Ministries, TV Tower, Alexander Platz, ... plus more

- **Times of Terror**

The Nazi Period: Berlin's darkest chapter. See the stage of a nation that entered the abyss.

Selected Highlights: Göring's Air Force Ministry, Hitler's Chancellery and Führerbunker, SS & Gestapo headquarters, Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry, Topography of Terror, Germania, ... plus more

- **Gay Berlin**

An early place of tolerance: Berlin's mayor is openly gay. But today's openness and tolerance have a long history.

Selected Highlights: Christopher Isherwood apartment, New Gay Memorial, Magnus Hirschfeld Institute, ... plus more

- **Bike Tour of Berlin**

Discover Berlin by Bike: A tour for visitors who want a panoramic experience by bike.

Selected Highlights: Victory Column, Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Pariser Platz, Potsdamer Platz, Hitler's Führerbunker, Luftwaffe Headquarters, Gendarmenmarkt, Topography of Terror, Checkpoint Charlie, The Berlin Wall, Unter den Linden, Book Burning Plaza, Museum Island, Berliner Dom, ... plus more

- **Potsdam**

Palaces and Parks: Potsdam represents the power and beauty of Prussian history

Selected Highlights: Sans Souci and Gardens, The New Palace, Cecilienhof and 1945 Potsdam conference, Schloss Gleinecke, The old palace site, The old town square, The windmill, ... plus more

- **Sachsenhausen**

Concentration Camp Tour: 45 minutes north of Berlin

Selected Highlights: Arbeit Macht Frei, The Memorial to the Death March, The Standing Barracks, Infirmary Barracks, Barracks 38/39, Station 'Z', ... plus more

- **Daytime Companion**

Ich bin ein Berliner...!!!

Want some company during your stay in Berlin? Spend the day with me! I am happy to share my personal experiences, stories and anecdotes about living as an expat in Germany's capital. We can do the must-see's or take the not-so-beaten path in this fascinating city.

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