

SPRINGTIME GERMAN TREASURES

BERLIN AND MUNICH



May 29–June 7, 2024

Presented by The Historic New Orleans Collection



Reichstag Dome in Berlin



Join The Historic New Orleans Collection on its 2024 international cultural exploration to Berlin and Munich. We will travel in late May when Germany is dressed in its springtime best! Our itinerary will include visits to remarkable palaces and museums, poignant memorials, and beautiful parks and gardens. Learn about the connections between New Orleans and Germany. Whether you've never been to Germany, or you've been there a dozen times, this custom-curated tour will provide memories to last a lifetime.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel de Rome, a Rocco Forte Hotel—This elegant 5-star hotel is ideally situated in the heart of Berlin, just steps away from the Berlin Opera House. Housed in a refurbished 19th-century bank, the property exudes old world elegance, while comfortably appointed rooms infuse a modern touch. The hotel has a spa and lap pool in the former jewelry vault as well as a contemporary Italian restaurant and glamorous rooftop bar.

The Charles Hotel, a Rocco Forte Hotel—Since its completion and opening in 2007, the Charles Hotel has been hailed one of Munich's most prestigious luxury hotels, featuring the largest average room size in Munich. Beautifully appointed, the rooms offer sweeping city views from oversized windows. Situated beside the city's old botanical garden and on the edge of Munich's renowned museum quarter, many of Munich's best museums and historic Königsplatz square are within walking distance while the high-end designer shops on Maximilianstrasse are a short taxi ride away. The hotel has a luxury spa, a large indoor swimming pool, and an excellent Italian restaurant with a lush garden terrace.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 29

ARRIVALS IN BERLIN

Hotel de Rome (Dinner)

- Independent arrivals in Berlin.
- Private car transfers to the Hotel de Rome upon request
- Early morning check-ins are not guaranteed without booking by May 28.
- At 5:00pm, gather in the afternoon for a stroll down the Unter den Linden to Pariser Platz. See the soaring **Brandenburg Gate**, the **American Embassy**, and Frank Gehry's intriguing **DZ Bank** building, whose sedate façade belies its avant-garde interior and fishlike dome.
- Continue to the Bundestag and delve into the conglomeration of old and new during a visit to the historic **Reichstag Building**, whose neo-Renaissance structure is topped with a striking glass dome offering superb views of the city.
- Proceed to the Reichstag's rooftop **Käfer Restaurant** for a memorable welcome dinner featuring gourmet cuisine and outstanding views.

Thursday, May 30

BERLIN

Hotel de Rome (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- On a city orientation tour by bus, drive past the Humboldt Forum for an exterior view of the reconstructed Baroque façade of the former Berlin Palace; cross the Nikolai quarter, the city's oldest district; and circle **Alexanderplatz** to glimpse the soaring Fernsehturm (TV tower) and other examples of GDR-era architecture, including former embassies.
- Stop at **Treptower Park** to see the Soviet War Memorial, a memorial cemetery for 5000 Soviet soldiers, and walk along the **East Side Gallery**, an open-air art gallery on the banks of the Spree that has the longest continuous section of the Berlin Wall still in existence. Immediately after the wall came down, 118 artists from 21 countries began

painting the East Side Gallery, and it officially opened as an open-air gallery in 1990, gaining a protected memorial status just a year later.

- Continue to the **Jewish Museum** for a guided tour of this innovative museum designed by renowned architect Daniel Libeskind.
- Be dropped off near **Checkpoint Charlie**, the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point during the Cold War, and sample **Turkish fare** in a beloved neighborhood restaurant.
- Walk through the historic **Gendarmenmarkt**, an elegant, French-inspired square housing the Konzerthaus concert hall and the French and German cathedrals.
- Independent dinner.

Friday, May 31

BERLIN

Hotel de Rome (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- On the walk to **Museum Island**, stop to see two powerful memorials: Bebelplatz, the site of the infamous Nazi book burning, and the New Guardhouse designed by Karl Friedrich Schinkel, which houses Käthe Kollwitz's moving Pietà, a memorial to victims of war and tyranny.
- Spend the morning exploring Museum Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and repository of ancient art and architectural treasures from Babylon to Egypt to Rome.
- Be guided through the **Neues Museum** and see highlights from the Egyptian Museum, including the remarkable bust of Nefertiti. Marvel at the transformation of this mid-19th-century museum, which was badly damaged during bombing in World War II and refurbished by David Chipperfield, the 2023 winner of the Pritzker Prize, the "Nobel of architecture."
- After recharging over a casual luncheon at a nearby café, continue to the **Berlin Cathedral** and be treated to a behind-the-scenes visit to the Organ Gallery for a private demonstration of the great **Sauer organ**.
- Round out the day with a visit to the **German Historical Museum** for an overview of the country's fascinating history.
- Enjoy free time during the late afternoon to enjoy a self-guided tour of one of the many museums that are within close walking distance of the Neues Museum (the Altes Museum, Bode Museum, the Alte Nationalgalerie, the German Historical Museum, or the Humboldt Forum).
- Return to the hotel on foot.
- Independent dinner.

Saturday, June 1, 2024

BERLIN

Hotel de Rome (Breakfast)

- Buffet breakfast.
- The drive to **Charlottenburg** passes city landmarks in West Berlin, including many remarkable embassies, including the French Embassy; the sleek Nordic Embassy complex; the Bauhaus Archiv-Museum, designed by Walter Gropius; notable buildings of the IBA (International Building Exhibition); and the **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**, the symbolic center of West Berlin and one of the city's most popular sights.
- Spend the balance of the morning at the rococo **Schloss Charlottenburg**, the largest and most magnificent palace in Berlin. The palace was named after Sophie Charlotte, the first Queen consort in Prussia and an accomplished musician, because she loved to stroll the grounds here with renowned scholar and philosopher Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz.
- During a guided tour of both the old and new palaces, view the staterooms and the rococo ballroom known as the Golden Gallery. The Silver Vault includes stunning tableware of gold, silver, glass, and porcelain displayed on laid tables. Around 100 table services have survived intact, a vivid reminder of the magnificence of dining at court. The impressive display of the remaining pieces of the Prussian crown jewels, complete with the imperial insignias, as well as personal treasures, such as the elaborately designed, exquisite snuffboxes collected by Friedrich the Great, are also well worth seeing. The Porcelain Cabinet in the Old Palace offers a breathtaking collection of the finest blue-and-white porcelain decorating the entire room.
- Enjoy free time for lunch at the **KaDeWe** food court.
- Then take a cruise on the Spree River from Charlottenburg to Tränenpalast.
- Disembark near **Tränenpalast**, the “Palace of Tears,” an extremely interesting and unique museum that is housed in the old border crossing point, featuring a permanent exhibition on daily life in divided Germany.
- Walk to the hotel.
- Independent dinner.

Sunday, June 2, 2024

BERLIN

Hotel de Rome (Breakfast)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Walk about 15 minutes to the sobering **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe**, completed in 2005.
- Continue on foot to **Potsdamer Platz** to see how this area has been completely transformed since German reunification from a “no man’s land” into an exciting new architectural and cultural mecca, bridging Berliners from both sides of the former divide. It now boasts some of the city’s most impressive contemporary architecture and has become a symbol of the new Berlin.
- Walk to the **Kulturforum**, a Berlin quarter with many cultural institutions.
- Visit the **Gemäldegalerie**, housing a remarkable collection of paintings by the Old Masters, including Dürer, Holbein, Titian, Botticelli, Van der Weyden, Bruegel, and one of the largest Rembrandt collections in the world.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and an independent dinner.

Monday, June 3, 2024

BERLIN—LEIPZIG—MUNICH

The Charles Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Porterage and check out of the Hotel de Rome.
- Proceed to the train station and take a direct morning fast train to Leipzig.
- Disembark the train and set forth on a Leipzig walking tour.
- Visit the **Gedenkstätte Museum in der Runden Ecke**, the original office of the secret police. The building now presents police documents and surveillance equipment to the public.
- Have lunch at the historic **Auerbach's Keller**, a favorite of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, which he later immortalized in his monumental *Faust*.
- Visit the historic **Thomaskirche** where Bach served as the choirmaster for 27 years and for which he composed most of his best-known cantatas and organ music.
- Pass the 12th-century Gothic **Nikolaikirche**, where Martin Luther preached and where demonstrations were staged that helped bring down the communist regime.
- Continue by fast train to Munich.
- Check into the five-star Charles Hotel, a Rocco Forte property.
- Dine together in the hotel's renowned Italian restaurant, Sophia's.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

MUNICH

The Charles Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Drive to the **Schloss Nymphenburg**, the main summer residence of the former rulers of Bavaria of the House of Wittelsbach. Explore the palace, together with its 490-acre park, one of the most popular sights in Munich. Explore its finest pavilions: the exquisite Amalienburg, a small rococo hunting lodge; the Baroque Badenburg bathing pavilion; and the octagonal, two-story Pagodenburg, a beautiful example of 18th-century chinoiserie.
- Enjoy free time to explore the park or join an optional tour of the Royal Porcelain Factory.
- Drive to Munich's historic center, and enjoy a walk through the city's historic center, including places with Third Reich associations, such as the **Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall)**, a beautiful historic building but also where Joseph Goebbels gave his infamous speech that inspired Kristallnacht.
- Break for Bavarian cuisine and beer at **Augustiner Keller**, one of Munich's most famous beer halls.
- Spend the afternoon at the **Munich Residenz**, which served as the seat of government and winter residence for the Bavarian dukes, electors, and kings from 1508 to 1918. Over the centuries, its buildings and garden have expanded and grown more magnificent. Visit the Residenz Museum, the Treasury, and the Cuvilliés Theatre, one of the most beautiful and important rococo theaters in Europe. The decor and art collections span the Renaissance, baroque, rococo, and Neoclassical eras.
- Independent dinner.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

MUNICH

The Charles Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Beer Tasting)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Drive 75 minutes to Prien and take a boat to **Herrenchiemsee Palace**. King Ludwig II wanted to create a mansion that would emulate and outshine the Palace of Versailles. The construction of his fairytale castle started in 1878. In the 20 grand rooms open to the public, visitors are treated to the most lavish decor, including the Hall of Mirrors, which is almost an exact replica of the one in Versailles. After a guided tour, enjoy free time to explore the beautiful grounds.
- Following lunch, break up the drive back to Munich with a stop at a **local brewery**.
- Independent dinner.

Thursday, June 6, 2024

MUNICH

The Charles Hotel (Breakfast, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Mark the **80th anniversary of D-Day** focusing on Nazi history and WW2 in Munich. As the birthplace and former headquarters of the Nazi Party, Munich played a key role in the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich—and World War II.
- Visit key sites on a special walking tour, including the “Führer's building,” a Nazi party edifice best known as being the place where Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler signed the **Munich treaty**.
- Visit nsdoku, the **Center for the History of National Socialism**, which was built on the same site as the “Brown House,” the National Socialist German Workers' Party's headquarters from 1931 until the building was destroyed in 1945. During a guided tour, hear why the NSDAP formed in Munich and why the city had an important role in the Nazi dictatorship. Also learn how Munich has dealt with its shameful history and how it continues to do so.
- Finish the morning at Munich's renowned **Alte Pinakotek**, home to a significant collection of Old Master paintings.
- Enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing.
- This evening bid *aufwiedersehen* to Munich during a memorable **farewell dinner**.

Friday, June 7, 2024

DEPARTURES

(Breakfast)

- Take a group transfer (included) to the Munich Airport (MUN) for independent flights back to the US.

TOUR INFORMATION

Hotels:

- Berlin: Hotel de Rome, Behrenstraße 37, 10117 Berlin, Germany / 011 49 3046 06090
- Munich: Hotel Charles, Sophienstraße 28, 80333 München, Germany / 011 49 8954 45550

Price per person, double occupancy: \$7,895 (includes a \$500 donation to THNOC); single supplement: \$1,995.

Included: 9 nights in hotels; breakfast daily at the hotels, 5 lunches, 3 dinners, 1 beer tasting; wine/beer included with all lunches and dinners; all travel outlined in the tour schedule; entrance fees for outlined activities; professional tour escorts; and gratuities.

Not included: airfare, passport or visa fees; airport transfers upon arrival; individual airport transfers upon departure for those not using the scheduled group transfer; taxis; meals not included in the itinerary; extra beverages, alcohol, laundry, phone calls, and personal costs not specified in the tour package; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

Optional Services:

- **Extra nights at the Hotel de Rome (Berlin)**—If you would like to arrive up to 2 nights prior to the start of the tour (May 29), a special group rate of \$450 (classic king double) and \$425 (classic king single) will be available to participants, pending availability.
- **Extra nights at the Charles Hotel (Munich)**—If you would like to extend your trip for up to 2 nights at the end of the tour (June 6), a special group rate of \$525 (classic king double) and \$500 (classic king single) will be available to participants, pending availability.

Deposits and refunds: A deposit of \$1,500 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$1,000 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. Deposit payments can be made by credit card, by wire transfer, or by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.

Reservations can be made by calling (202) 244-1448, ext. 1 (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.), or by emailing the below registration form to info@isditravel.com, or faxed to (202) 244-1808, or mailed to International Seminar Design, Inc. 5614 Connecticut Avenue NW, #295, Washington, DC 20015-2604.

Final payment and payment for optional services (single supplement, extra nights, private car transfers) are due by January 19, 2024. Final payment must be made by wire transfer or check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. (ISDI). Credit cards are not accepted for final balance.

Flights: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

Cancellation policy: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI.

- Cancellations made on or before January 19, 2024, will forfeit \$1,000 of the \$1,500 deposit.
- Cancellations made between January 20, 2024, and April 11, 2024, will forfeit \$3,900 deposit (50% of tour price).
- Cancellations made on or after April 12, 2024, will forfeit 100% of full amount.

Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or The Historic New Orleans Collection due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

Passports are required for travel to Germany. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the intended date of departure. They must also have been issued within the past 10 years. For additional information, please call the Embassy of Germany at (202) 298-0100. Please be aware that airlines may have additional restrictions on passports near their expiration dates. Please consult your airline.

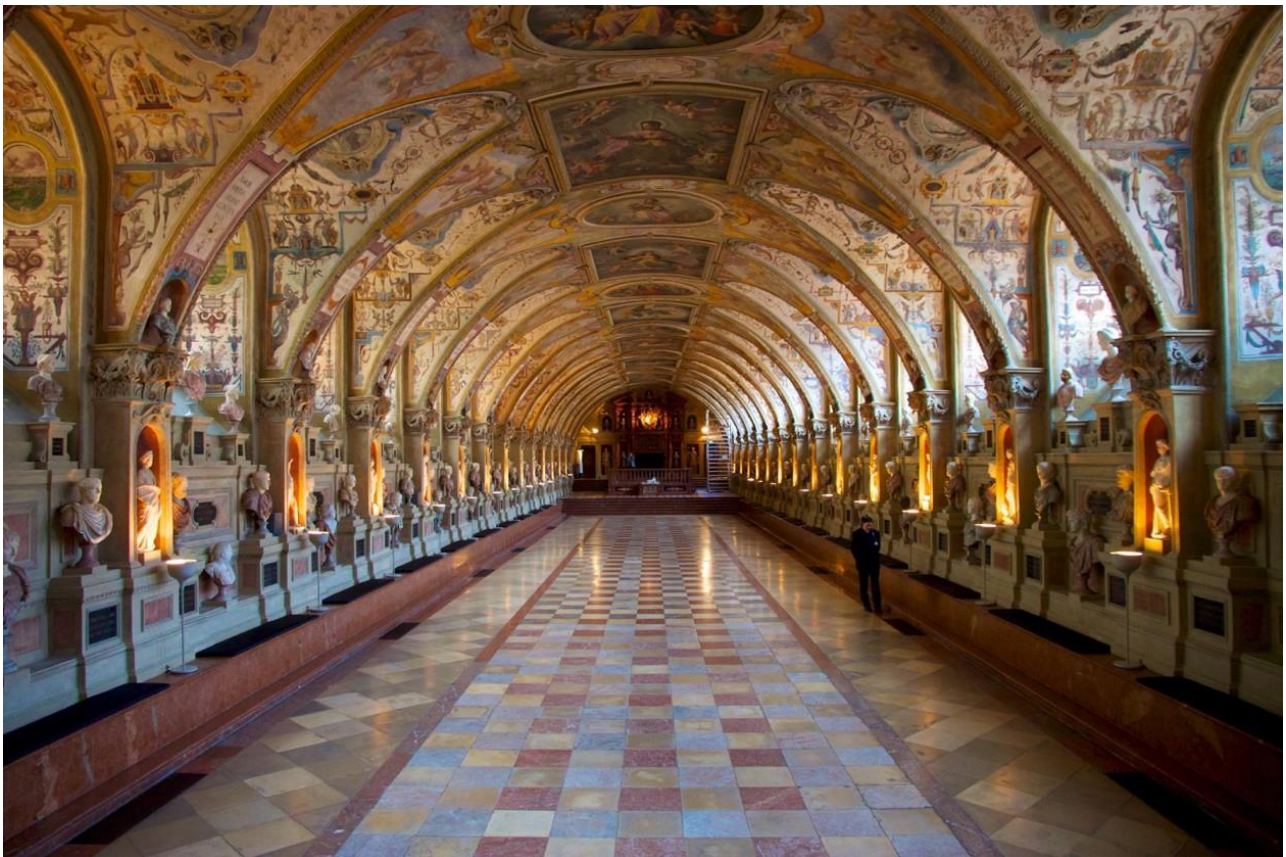
Terms & Conditions: ISDI strongly recommends that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and up to date with their boosters. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

Currently, there are no special limitations or restrictions on entry into Germany related to the COVID pandemic, but you will be informed if there are any changes in this regard.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

Liability Clause

The Historic New Orleans Collection (THNOC) and International Seminar Design Inc. (ISDI), their officers, directors, and staff do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for this tour, including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, taxi, or other transportation companies, local ground, visa processing services, providers, or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, THNOC and ISDI are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal, terrorist, or threatened terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or defective conditions in lodging facilities (or in any heating, plumbing, electrical, or structural problems therein), mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, dangers associated with animals, sanitary problems, food poisoning, epidemics, or the threat of disease thereof, disease, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of THNOC and ISDI. Participants assume all risk. ISDI reserves the right to decline to accept any traveler on the tour if that person's presence is likely to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by others or for failure to abide by THNOC's regulations and/or the directions of the Tour Director. Travelers who have been removed from the tour waive the right to a refund for any part of the fee. ISDI may send the traveler home at the traveler's expense. The payment of your deposit shall constitute agreement to the above. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 paying participants and on the exchange rate of October 9, 2023.



Hall of Antiquities in the Munich Residenz in Munich

REGISTRATION

Tour registration prior to November 22, 2023, is reserved for members of THNOC's Bienville Circle and Laussat Society.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name as it appears on passport:

A copy of your passport's identification page is due with final payment by January 19, 2024.

Name as it should appear on name badge:

Cell phone:

Date and time of arrival in Berlin:

Airline and flight number (for private car transfer only):

Hotel floor preference: low floor high floor no preference

Bed preference: double king two beds

(All efforts will be made to fulfill these requests, but they cannot be guaranteed.)

Health information (due by January 19, 2024):

Dietary restrictions:

Food allergies:

Walking difficulties:

Price per person, double occupancy: \$7,895

Please enclose a deposit of \$1,500 (per person) with your registration form.

Final payment of \$6,395 (per person), plus single supplement (if applicable), and payment for optional services is due by January 19, 2024.

REGISTRATION FEES

QTY			SUBTOTAL
	Main Tour: Registration (per person, double occupancy)	x \$7,895	
	Main Tour: Single supplement	x \$1,995	

OPTIONAL SERVICES

	Extra nights at Hotel de Rome, Berlin, double occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$450	
	Extra nights at Hotel de Rome, Berlin, single occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$425	
	Extra nights at The Charles Hotel, Munich, double occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$525	
	Extra nights at The Charles Hotel, Munich, single occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$500	
TOTAL:				

If you wish to charge your reservation to a credit card, please complete:

Select one: ___Visa ___MasterCard ___AmEx

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