

CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. NMB_PP

Christmas Escapade in Berlin and Potsdam (port-to-port cruise)

BERLIN – NEDLITZ – BERLIN

Escape it all on a wintertime cruise on the lakes formed by the Havel River, and discover the best of Berlin and Potsdam during the holidays. Luxuriate in the magic of Christmas while visiting beautiful palaces with sumptuous gardens. Top it all off with a literal “cherry on the cake” during a customary pause of “Kaffee und Kuchen” (coffee and cake).

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Christmas markets in Berlin and Potsdam
- Experience Europe during the festive holidays
- There’s nothing like a wintertime cruise on the lakes formed by the Havel River
- **THE MUST(1):**
 - Luxurious Charlottenburg Palace
 - Vibrant, modern Berlin
 - The New Palace in Sans souci Park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - The charming Scheunenviertel neighborhood in Berlin and the Hackesche Höfe courtyard complex
 - Breathtaking views from the Berliner Fernsehturm
- Onboard presentations on German Christmas traditions
- An evening of Christmas tales
- Onboard holiday concert

CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : BERLIN

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. in Berlin. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. We'll enjoy dinner on board. Join us this evening for a presentation on German Christmas traditions.



Day 2 : BERLIN

In the morning, join us on an **optional excursion** to the splendid Charlottenburg Palace complex, the former retreat for seven generations of rulers. We'll jump back in time during a visit to the New Wing and its elaborate apartments and halls. Most of the Prussian Crown Jewels are on display in the palace, as are some magnificent snuff boxes once owned by Frederick the Great. The Christmas market in front of the palace offers one of the most authentic German holiday experiences. Take some time to look for gifts and souvenirs while enjoying the treats and mulled wine available.

This afternoon, join us on an **optional excursion**: we'll set out on a panoramic tour to get a good look at the must-see sites in Berlin, once the iconic representation of a world divided in two. Our tour includes the Reichstag, Alexanderplatz, Brandenburg Gate, and Checkpoint Charlie—the scene of many spy thrillers and novels during the Cold War. At tea time, we'll enjoy the customary Kaffee und Kuchen, a cup of coffee and delicious German cake. You'll be able to choose from a variety of cakes—including German cheesecake, apple strudel, and Black Forest—along with a warm beverage. Our last stop will be the enchanting Christmas market in Gendarmenmarkt, one of the most beautiful squares in Berlin. German Christmas markets are unlike any other in the world. The decorations, smells, sounds, and crafts overflow with holiday spirit and include glassblowers, jewelry and candle makers, and woodworkers displaying their skills and wares.

After dinner, animated evening on the theme of German Christmases on board.

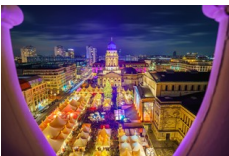


Day 3 : BERLIN - NEDLITZ - Potsdam

We'll spend the morning cruising the Havel. Discover the idyllic charm of the lakes formed by the Havel River between Berlin and Potsdam.

During the holiday season, Potsdam turns into a veritable winter wonderland. In the afternoon, join us on an **optional excursion** to visit the New Palace, the largest, most impressive complex in Sanssouci. With over 200 rooms, the New Palace was mostly used for celebrations and housing guests during its peak in the 18th century. Among the marvels we'll see are the Marble Hall, Grotto Hall, Concert Room, and the Palace Theater. After, enjoy some free time at the Blauer Lichterglanz Christmas market in the historic center of Potsdam. When we return on board, we'll enjoy a nice hot cup of mulled wine and a traditional Lebkuchen cookie.

Our ship will cruise to Berlin. Tonight is our festive gala evening.



Day 4 : BERLIN

Join us for a full-day **optional excursion** to Berlin. We'll begin our tour this morning in the lively Scheunenviertel neighborhood. One of the most interesting sites in this area is the beautiful Hackesche Höfe courtyard complexes, but the quarter is also filled with cafés, boutiques, and bars. The architecture is also one of its biggest draws and includes Art Nouveau styles and impressive stained glass windows.

We'll enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the Nikolaiviertel quarter.

Spend some free time this afternoon at the Christmas market in the Alexanderplatz, a must-see site in Berlin. The market includes some incredible scenes, such as the beautifully lit, giant Christmas pyramid and the rows of tiny chalet stands with handmade gifts. Our last stop will be the Berliner Fernsehturm, the tallest structure in Germany. During the winter holidays, it is covered in decorations and lights that shine across the city like an enormous Christmas tree. You'll be transported to the top in only 40 seconds to step out onto the observation platform for a fantastic 360° view of the city at night.

Enjoy an onboard holiday concert this evening.



Day 5 : BERLIN

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - Drinks included on board (excluding special cards) and a drinks package for meals taken outside the ship (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard activities - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses - drinks on special menus, drinks taken during excursions or transfers

Transport

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS PACKAGE INCLUDED** with meals
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

MENTIONS

For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary.

Possible transfers to and from major French cities. Please contact us for more information.

(1) Optional excursions.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

