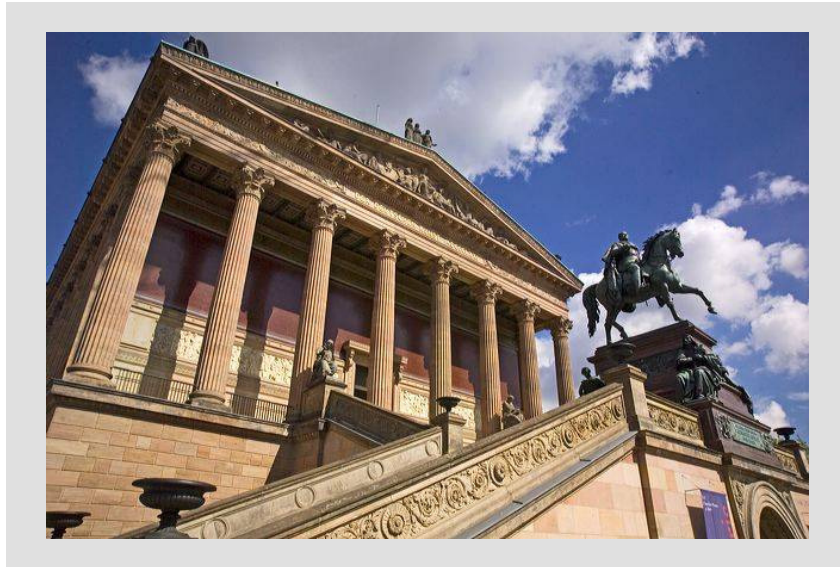


Sample Itinerary

UNESCO Tour through Eastern Germany (8 days)

Berlin – Potsdam – Wittenberg – Wörlitz – Dessau-Rosslau –
Quedlinburg – Goslar – Eisleben – Weimar – Eisenach – Frankfurt



DAY 1 **USA – Berlin**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Berlin**

Arrival in Berlin

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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E-Mail: salespromotion@btm.de

www.berlin-tourism.de

DAY 2
Cont'd **Berlin**

Places of Interest:

- Museum Island with Berlin Cathedral (UNESCO)
- Berlin Housing Estates (UNESCO)
- Parks in Glienicke and Zehlendorf (UNESCO)
- Brandenburg Gate
- Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Museums along the Wall incl. Checkpoint Charlie
- Schonenberg Town Hall
- Olympic Stadium
- TV Tower
- Potsdamer Platz
- Government district and Reichstag
- Avenue 'Unter den Linden'
- New National Gallery

Berlin – The events of the past have left their mark on Berlin's cityscape – and the city is still changing today. "Berlin is always in the process of becoming", remarked historian Karl Scheffler, and this is one of the traits that makes it one of Europe's most vibrant, exciting and colorful capitals. One is spoilt for choice with more than 1,500 events every day as well as numerous parks, museums, operas, and historical sites such as the Brandenburg Gate or the Berlin Wall. The five museums on the Museumsinsel in Berlin (UNESCO site), built 1824-1930, are the realization of a visionary project and show the evolution of approaches to museum design over the course of the 20th century. Each museum was designed so as to establish an organic connection with the art it houses. Another UNESCO site is the Modernism Housing Estates. The property consists of six estates that testify to innovative housing policies from 1910 to 1933, especially during the Weimar Republic, when the city of Berlin was particularly progressive socially, politically and culturally. Bruno Taut, Martin Wagner and Walter Gropius were among the leading architects of these projects which exercised considerable influence on the development of housing around the world.



Museum Island



Modernism Housing Estates

DAY 2
Cont'd **Berlin**

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 3 **Berlin - Potsdam**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Visit to Museum Island (UNESCO site) with Bode Museum, Pergamon Museum, Old Museum, New Museum and Old National Gallery (see front page)

Museumsinsel

10178 Berlin

Tel: +49 (30) 266 424 242

Fax: +49 (30) 266 422 290

E-Mail: service@smb.museum

www.smb.museum (visitor information for all five museums)

www.museumsinsel-berlin.de (Museum Island masterplan)

Lunch

Transfer to Potsdam – 23 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Short guided city tour

Potsdam Tourist Office

Am Neuen Markt 1 - Kabinetthaus

14467 Potsdam

Tel: +49 (331) 2755 8899

Fax: +49 (331) 2755 829

E-Mail: tourismus-service@potsdam.de

www.potsdamtourismus.de

Places of Interest:

- Sanssouci Palace and Parks
- Old Market Square
- Dutch Quarter
- Movie Studios Babelsberg
- Lakes and Rivers around Potsdam

DAY 3
Cont'd
Berlin - Potsdam

Potsdam – An island amidst the chain of lakes on the Havel and the beautiful wooded countryside that surrounds it. Idyllic lakes and rivers, combined with the fabulous palaces and gardens, make a visit to Potsdam and its surroundings an experience to remember. With 500 ha of parks and 150 buildings constructed between 1730 and 1916, Potsdam's complex of palaces and parks forms an artistic whole, whose eclectic nature reinforces its sense of uniqueness. Voltaire stayed at the Sanssouci Palace, built under Frederick II between 1745 and 1747.



New Palace in Sanssouci Park

Visit to Sanssouci Castle and Park (UNESCO site)

Sanssouci

Maulbeerallee

14469 Potsdam

Tel: +49 (331) 969 4200

Fax: +49 (331) 969 4107

E-Mail: info@spsq.de

www.spsq.de/index.php?id=163

Dinner

Overnight in Potsdam

DAY 4
Potsdam – Wittenberg – Wörlitz – Dessau-Rosslau

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Wittenberg – 51 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour incl. Luther Memorials (UNESCO site)

Wittenberg Tourist Office

Schlossplatz 2

06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Tel: +49 (3491) 498 610

Fax: +49 (3491) 498 611

E-Mail: citytour@wittenberg-information.de

www.wittenberg.de

**DAY 4
Cont'd**

Potsdam – Wittenberg – Wörlitz – Dessau-Rosslau

Places of Interest:

- Augustine Monastery
- Luther Hall
- Luther House
- Melonchton House
- Town Church with Lucas Cranach Alter
- All Saints Castle Church

Wittenberg – It is best known as the place where Luther did most of his work, and you will feel his presence everywhere. Luther launched the Reformation in Wittenberg, an act of the greatest importance in Europe. Visit the All Saints Castle Church on whose door Luther hung his 96 theses and where Luther and Melanchton are buried.



Town square

Transfer to Wörlitz – 19 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch

Guided gondola tour through the Wörlitz Park of the Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz (UNESCO site)

Gartenreich Dessau-Wörlitz

Wörlitzer Park
06786 Wörlitz
Tel: +49 (340) 498 610
Fax: +49 (340) 498 611
E-Mail: krebs@ksdw.de
www.gartenreich.com

Wörlitz – The Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz is an exceptional example of landscape design and planning of the Age of the Enlightenment, the 18th century, and has therefore been added to the UNESCO list in the year 2000. Its diverse components - outstanding buildings, landscaped parks and gardens in the English style, and subtly modified expanses of agricultural land - serve aesthetic, educational, and economic purposes in an exemplary manner.



Gondola ride in Wörlitz Park

DAY 4 **Potsdam – Wittenberg – Wörlitz – Dessau-Rosslau**
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Transfer to Dessau-Rosslau – 10 miles (by car or coach)

Dessau-Rosslau Tourist Office

Zerbster Strasse 2c
06844 Dessau-Rosslau
Tel: +49 (340) 204 1442
Fax: +49 (340) 204 1142
Email: touristinfo@dessau-rosslau.de
www.dessau-rosslau-tourismus.de

Dessau-Rosslau – Between 1919 and 1933, the Bauhaus School, based first in Weimar and then in Dessau, revolutionized architectural and aesthetic concepts and practices. The buildings put up and decorated by the school's professors (Walter Gropius, Hannes Meyer, Laszlo Moholy-Nagy and Wassily Kandinsky) launched the Modern Movement, which shaped much of the architecture of the 20th century.



Bauhaus

Visit to Bauhaus (UNESCO site)

Bauhaus Dessau

Gropiusallee 38
06846 Dessau
Tel: +49 (340) 65080
Fax: +49 (340) 650 8226
E-Mail: service@bauhaus-dessau.de
www.bauhaus-dessau.de

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Dessau-Rosslau

DAY 5 **Dessau-Rosslau – Quedlinburg – Goslar – Eisleben**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Quedlinburg – 55 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Dessau-Rosslau – Quedlinburg – Goslar – Eisleben**

Guided city tour through the Castle, St. Servatius Church and Old Town (UNESCO sites)

Quedlinburg Tourist Office

Markt 2
06484 Quedlinburg
Tel: +49 (3946) 905 6245
Fax: +49 (3946) 0950 629
E-Mail: gtm@quedlinburg.de
www.quedlinburg.de

Places of Interest:

- Medieval Old Town with half-timbered houses
- Quedlinburg Castle
- Cathedral St. Servatius & Cathedral Treasure
- Towers of the medieval city walls

Quedlinburg – an important royal and imperial town in the Middle Ages, and one of Germany's foremost heritage sites. Situated on the Romanesque Route for its St. Servatius Church in the Quedlinburg Castle (UNESCO site), it is a fine example of a beautifully preserved medieval town. Quedlinburg's historic layout boasts a wealth of art nouveau architecture and over 1,300 timber-framed houses from a period spanning eight centuries. The Collegiate Church of St. Servatius on Schlossberg hill can be seen for miles around. A wonderful example of Romanesque architecture, it houses a priceless collection of church treasures from the Middle Ages. The first German emperor Heinrich I and his wife Mathilde are both buried in the crypt.



Castle with St. Servatius Church



Old Quarter

Transfer to Goslar – 40 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch

DAY 5 **Dessau-Rosslau – Quedlinburg – Goslar – Eisleben**
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Guided city tour through the Old Town (UNESCO site)

Goslar Tourist Office

Markt 7
38640 Goslar
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www.goslar.de

Goslar – The former Free Imperial Town of Goslar has an over-1000-year history. For centuries it was the favored seat of government in northern Germany and at the same time a centre of Christianity. The spires of the 47 churches, chapels and monasteries delineated the town's unique silhouette. It was referred to as the "Rome of the North". Still today the view of the townscape with the steeples of the five large parish churches is impressive when viewed from the knoll upon which the Imperial Palace stands. The many crooked, narrow, cobble-stoned streets in the Old Town are an adventure of their own, where each house tells its own story and secret nooks and crannies await discovery. In the naturally scenic background the 2000-ft-high Rammelsberg Mountain rises. In it are the ore mines, which closed down only as recently as 1988. Since 1992, the mine and the Old Town of Goslar have been entered on the UNESCO World Heritage list.



Market Square



Rammelsberg Ore Mine Museum

Places of interest:

- Bakers' Guild Hall
- Broad Gate
- Market Square with Town Hall and Hall of Homage
- Frankenberger Plan Square
- Great Holy Cross Shelter
- Kaiserpfalz Imperial Palace
- Kaiserworth Building
- Shoe Square

DAY 5 **Dessau-Rosslau – Quedlinburg – Goslar – Eisleben**
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Places of interest (cont'd):

- Rammelsberg Mining Museum
- Zwinger Tower
- Collegiate Church Vestibule
- Frankenberg Church
- Market Church St. Cosmas and Damian
- Monastery Church of St. Georg at the Grauhof estate
- Neuwerk Church
- St. Jacob's Church

Visit to Rammelsberg Mining Museum (UNESCO site)

Erzbergwerk Rammelsberg

Bergtal 19

38640 Goslar

Tel: +49 (5321) 7500

Fax: +49 (5321) 750 130

E-Mail: info@rammelsberg.de

www.rammelsberg.de

Transfer to Eisleben – 73 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Eisleben

DAY 6 **Eisleben – Weimar**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour incl. Luther Memorials (UNESCO site)

Eisleben Tourist Office

Hallesche Strasse 4

06295 Lutherstadt Eisleben

Tel: +49 (3475) 602 124

Fax: +49 (3475) 602 634

E-Mail: info@eisleben-tourist.de

www.eisleben-tourist.de

Places of Interest:

- St. Petri-Pauli Church
- St. Annen Church
- St. Andreas Church
- Old Town

**DAY 6
Cont'd**

Eisleben – Weimar

Places of Interest (cont'd):

- Old Town Hall
- Market Square
- Luther's Birth House
- Luther's Death House

Eisleben – the city is famous as the hometown of Martin Luther, the official name is Lutherstadt Eisleben. Luther was born here in 1483 and also died here in 1546. Both his birth house and the house he died in were both declared UNESCO World Heritage sites, considering the outstanding universal value bearing unique testimony to the Protestant Reformation, which was one of the most significant events in the religious and political history of the world and constitutes outstanding examples of 19th century historicism. The town of Eisleben is divided into Old and New Town, the latter of which was created for miners in the 14th century. Eisleben has a sizeable Old Town which dates to the 10th century and is dotted with historic churches, some of which were visited by Luther.



Luther's birthplace

Transfer to Weimar – 95 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour incl. Classical Weimar and Bauhaus (UNESCO sites)

Weimar Tourist Office

Markt 10

99423 Weimar

Tel: +49 (3643) 7450

Fax: +49 (3643) 745 420

E-Mail: tourist-info@weimar.de

www.weimar.de

DAY 6
Cont'd **Eisleben – Weimar**

Places of Interest:

- Goethe's House with museum
- Schiller's House with museum
- Green Palace with Anna Amalia Library
- Bauhaus sites
- Town Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
- German National Theatre with Goethe and Schiller memorial
- Town Castle
- Wittum Palace
- Castle Belvedere

Weimar – The artistic and cultural importance of Weimar's historical architecture and landscape parks, as well as the town's role as an intellectual centre in the late 18th century, were the reasons for its designation as the "Classical Weimar" UNESCO World Heritage site. Visitors get a chance to see Goethe's house with display of his collections and libraries to illustrate the writer's life and work. The Green Palace, built in 1570, houses the Anna Amalia Library, one of the first royal libraries to be opened to the public. A second UNESCO World Heritage site, the Bauhaus sites in Dessau and Weimar, was designated because of the Bauhaus School founded by Professor Walter Gropius, who had a profound influence on 20th century architecture and design.



Belvedere Palace



Bauhaus University

Dinner

Overnight in Weimar

DAY 7 **Weimar – Eisenach – Frankfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Eisenach – 52 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

DAY 7
Cont'd **Weimar – Eisenach – Frankfurt**

Guided city tour

Eisenach Tourist Office
Markt 9
99817 Eisenach
Tel: +49 (3691) 79230
Fax: +49 (3691) 792 320
E-Mail: info@eisenach.info
www.eisenach.info

Places of interest:

- Wartburg Castle
- Luther House
- Bach Family House and Museum
- Old Town
- Automobile Museum
- Reuter Wagner Museum
- Nikolai Church and Nikolai Gate

Eisenach – Since its founding in the 12th century, Eisenach has made an unmistakable mark on German culture and history. Set in the gently rolling hills of the Thuringian Forest, Eisenach is home to a beautiful medieval center, and the Bach House with a fascinating collection of historic musical instruments. The Wartburg Castle, majestically overlooking the forests of Thuringia, has witnessed 900 years of history and culture. Martin Luther hid in the castle in 1521-22, during which time he translated the New Testament from Greek into German. The Luther memorials have been lovingly preserved. The Castle blends superbly into its forest surroundings and is in many ways 'the ideal castle'. Although it has retained some original sections from the feudal period, the form it acquired during the 19th-century reconstitution gives a good idea of what this fortress might have been at the height of its military and seigniorial power.



Wartburg Castle



Canon inside the Castle

Lunch

DAY 7
Cont'd **Weimar – Eisenach – Frankfurt**

Visit to the Wartburg Castle (UNESCO site)

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Auf der Wartburg 1
99817 Eisenach
Tel: +49 (3691) 2500
Fax: +49 (3691) 203 342
E-Mail: info@wartburg.de
www.wartburg-eisenach.de

Transfer to Frankfurt – 120 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high-speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Frankfurt

DAY 8 **Frankfurt – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport

Departure to the USA