

Journey to Eastern Europe

A private tour designed by Nathan Tidridge, in conjunction with EF Customized Tours Requested departure date: Friday, March 11, 2011

(Dates below are subject to change. Required date flexibility of 2 days on either side of requested departure date)

Day 1 Friday, March 11, 2011

Fly overnight to Berlin!

Day 2 Saturday, March 12, 2011

Arrival in Berlin

Arrive in historic Berlin, once again the German capital. For many years the city was defined by the wall that separated its residents. Since the monumental events that ended Communist rule in the East, Berlin has once again emerged as a treasure of arts and architecture with a vibrant heart.

Walking Tour of Berlin

Stroll among the cafés, restaurants and embassies of the elegant, tree-lined Unter den Linden, sometimes known as the Champs-Élysées of Berlin. Your tour director shows you the city's most famous sites as you continue to the Reichstag, Germany's Parliament. The building, constructed in the late 19th century, was the seat of the Weimar Republic government until it was seized by the Nazis in 1933. Sir Norman Foster's glass dome, added to the top of the Reichstag between 1995 and 1999, is now one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, offering fantastic views of Berlin from its top.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 3 Sunday, March 13, 2011

Guided Sightseeing of Berlin

Ride past the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (left unrestored as a reminder of the ravages of war) and down the glittery Kurfürstendamm, Berlin's liveliest street. Pass the Rathaus Schöneberg, where 1,500,000 West Berliners flocked to hear President Kennedy's famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in 1963. On your way to the Eastern sector, pass the Reichstag, former seat of the parliaments of the German Empire and the Weimar Republic. Arrive at the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the undeclared Cold War, and now the symbol of a reunited Berlin. It was at this gate that the famous images of East and West Berliners dancing atop the crumbling Berlin Wall were filmed and broadcast around the world. As you see where the Berlin Wall actually stood, imagine the bleak watchtowers and piercing spotlights that guarded "the border" until November 1989. Journey down Unter den Linden, once considered one of the world's most elegant boulevards.

Visit to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum

On the site where Checkpoint Charlie once guarded the border between East and West Germany, you'll visit a museum devoted to the era of the Berlin Wall. Inspect the "escape cars" once used to cross the border. See if you can find the secret compartment where escapees hid. Then view a photo exhibit that evocatively portrays the 30-year separation of East and West Germany, reunified in 1989

Jewish Museum

Today you will visit the Jewish Museum Berlin and learn the history of the Jewish-German culture. Featuring exhibitions and an extensive virtual library, the museum offers a powerful insight into the lives and history of Jewish Germans.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 4

Monday, March 14, 2011

Transfer to Warsaw

Arrive in Warsaw

Arrive in Warsaw, Poland's capital since 1611.

EF walking tour of Warsaw

View ornate Renaissance facades and elegant baroque townhouses during your walking tour of Warsaw, which brings you through the enchanting Old Town-closed to all traffic except horse-drawn carriages-to Starego Miasta Square, the city's former marketplace.

Overnight in Warsaw

Day 5

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Guided sightseeing of Warsaw

Destroyed by the Nazis in WWII, Warsaw has since been painstakingly restored to its former splendor. At Lazienki Park, a local guide shows you the Chopin monument and the palace of Stanislaw Poniatowski, Poland's last king. Browse through the Historical Museum of Warsaw, and watch a film chronicling Warsaw's experiences during WWII. You'll also view the site of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, in which the Jews of the city were tragically imprisoned by the Nazis.

Warsaw Jewish Cemetery

The historic Warsaw Jewish Cemetery has been in continuous use since late in the 18th century and contains an estimated 250,000 individual graves, as well as mass graves of thousands of residents of the Warsaw Ghetto. Today, the cemetery is also the site of several monuments to heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto. While many of the gravestones have survived, the cemetery burial records were destroyed by Nazi forces during the WW II occupation of Warsaw.

Overnight in Warsaw

Day 6

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Travel from Warsaw to Kalinigrad, Russia

Guided Sightseeing of Kaliningrad

Originally known as Konigsberg, this Prussian city was cut off from the rest of Weimar Germany after the creation of the Polish Corridor post WWI. In 1944, the city endured heavy bombing by the Allies and much of the historic city centre, castle and walls were badly damaged or destroyed. In 1946, the city was absorbed by the Soviet Union and named after Mikahil Kalinin.

Today, visitors can witness the city's Teutonic and Prussian past as well as explore it's evolution into a Soviet exclave. Your guide will accompany you and commentate on various

sites including the Kaliningrad Cathedral, Old Stock Exchange, and Old City Walls and Towers.

Overnight in Kaliningrad

Day 7

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Transfer to Ketryzn, Poland to Visit the Wolf's Lair Complex

Spend the afternoon learning about this site and exploring the ruins

Overnight in Kretzyn

Day 8

Friday, March 18, 2011

Transfer to Krakow

Arrival in Krakow

Arrive today in Krakow, Poland's former capital.

Overnight in Krakow

Day 9

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Excursion to Auschwitz Birkenau

EF walking tour of Krakow

Enjoy the unspoiled splendor of Poland's former capital as you walk the narrow streets of Krakow's Old Town on our EF walking tour. Hitler's armies were driven out of Krakow before they had a chance to destroy it, thus the city has retained its original charm.

Overnight in Krakow

Day 10

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Transfer to Prague

Encounter the legendary beauty of Prague, former capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Dubbed the City of One Hundred Spires, the city boasts an enchanting mix of diverse architecture, Bohemian culture, and storied history. Despite many recent changes, the undeniable charm of centuries past still permeates from the cobblestone streets and countless gothic spires piercing the skies.

Overnight in Prague

Guided Sightseeing of Prague

Your tour begins at the celebrated Prague Castle (Hradcany). In the castle's courtyard, you'll visit the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, which took over 600 years to complete. On the nearby Golden Lane, royal alchemists once labored (unsuccessfully) to turn lead into gold. More recently, on the same street, Franz Kafka turned his angst into some of the century's finest fiction. You'll also stroll through the quaint, cobbled streets of the Mala Strana, the backdrop for Milos Forman's Amadeus. Cross the Charles Bridge, adorned with 30 beautiful baroque statues, to the 13th-century Old Town (Stare Mesto). Here you'll see Market Square, famous for its 15th-century astronomical clock. You'll also wander through Josefov, the traditional Jewish Quarter, home to the oldest synagogue in Europe (built in 1270).

Guided Sightseeing of Prague's Jewish Quarter

A local guide will lead you on a stroll through Josefov, Prague's Jewish Quarter. For centuries Jews were forced to live separately in Josefov and were then purged under Nazi occupation in World War II. Today Josefov stands in loving memory of Judaism in Central Europe. You will visit the unique Old Jewish Cemetery, the Jewish Museum and the Old-New Synagogue and the Spanish Synagogue.

Overnight in Prague

Day 12

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions at www.eftours.ca/bc.



Tour Highlights and Details

Overnight stays:

| Berlin | (2) |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Warsaw (including 1 night in Ketryzn) | (3) |
| Krakow | (2) |
| Prague | (2) |
| *Kaliningrad | (1) |

Comprehensive sightseeing tours led by an expert local guide of the following:

Guided sightseeing of Berlin Guided sightseeing of Kaliningrad Guided Sightseeing of Prague Guided Sightseeing of Prague's Jewish Quarter

Entrances included to the following sites:

Checkpoint Charlie Museum

Jewish Museum

Ghetto Warsaw

Historical Museum of Warsaw

Jewish Cemetery Warsaw

Wolf's Lair

Kaliningrad Cathedral

Auschwitz/Birkenau Audioguides

Golden Lane

St. Vitus Cathedral

Jewish Museum/Cemetary/Spanish Synagogue

Included in the Program Fee:

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight stays in first-class, superior tourist class or tourist class hotels (all with private bathrooms)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director

Not included in the Program Fee:

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Public transportation to free time activities



Tour Fee Details for Journey to Eastern Tour

Tour length:12 Days, 10 OvernightsRequested departure date:Friday, March 11, 2011Requested return date:Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Requested departure city: Toronto Free place ratio: 6:1

Program Fees

Based on 35 plus paying participants \$2495 Based on 30 - 34 paying participants \$2580 Based on 25 - 29 paying participants \$2690

The above program fees are valid for all participants registered before June 30, 2010.

Additional Fees

| All Inclusive Insurance Plan: | \$149 |
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| Departure Fees (subject to change): | \$469 |
| Weekend Supplement: | \$40 |
| Adult Supplement (for participants 23 and over): | \$450 |

All additional fees are subject to change.

The above pricing and itinerary are subject to EF's 2011 **Booking Conditions and Release and Agreement**, located in the Participant Application booklet or at www.eftours.ca/bc. Please be certain to review these terms as they contain important information regarding payment deadlines for your tour.

This tour was custom designed for you by Laura Palma on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Once you have reviewed your itinerary and price quote and found it to your satisfaction, please complete and sign the attached Customized Tour Agreement form. Once this is received, EF will activate your tour and website.

Important information about your EF Customized Tour

Please be certain that you and your participants read the *EF Booking Conditions* and *Release and Agreement*. A copy is attached to the participant application form and can be found online at www.eftours.ca/bc. It contains important information regarding payment deadlines for your tour.

Please sign and return this *EF Customized Tour Agreement* with your first set of applications. This will confirm the Program Fee (based on your group size) that will be charged to your participants on their invoices. At 129 days prior to departure, if your group size is greater than what you indicated on your *Agreement*, we will reassess your program fee to be pro-rated based on the actual number of travelers you recruited: this will result in a lower program fee for your travelers. At 129 days prior to departure, if you fall short of the number of travelers you indicated on your *Agreement*, you may choose one of the following three options:

- Adjust your program fee The program fee will be adjusted based on the number of paying participants enrolled on the tour who have paid a minimum of \$799 by 129 days prior to departure. At this time, an invoice reflecting the adjusted program fee will be mailed to each participant.
- Modify your itinerary to bring the cost down*
- Transfer to a consolidated EF Educational Tour*

Please note that once we receive your signed *EF Customized Tour Agreement*, we will need to process the pricing information. EF's customized tour itineraries are designed specifically for each group. As a result, there may be a slight delay until the initial invoices are generated. Your enrolled participants' second payments will be due 30 days after the first invoice is mailed. However, your group's final payment deadline will remain at 99 days prior to departure regardless of enrollment date.

If you have any special requests regarding Tour Directors, optional excursions, transportation arrangements, or other changes to your itinerary please contact us no later than 129 days prior to departure. Please be aware that these changes may affect the price of your tour.

EF Customized Tour Agreement

I have read and am familiar with the *EF Booking Conditions* and *Release and Agreement*. I have explained the payment plan and booking conditions to my participants.

| payment plan and cooling conditions to my | Participants. |
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| I have chosen the following information regar | rding my tour: |
| Program Fee (see Tour Fee Details): | \$ |
| Based on a number of: | paying participants per bus |
| One free place per: | paying participants |
| Chosen Tour Name (limit 30 characters): | |
| | n one free per six paying, my stipend/invoice will be individually rogram Fee charts as published in EF's Group Leader materials do |
| | en my group and my EF Tour Consultant, and I will inform my participants are aware that they may call EF's Customer Service tions they may have regarding their accounts. |
| I have read and understand the above informa | ation: |
| Name: | Date: |
| Signature | |

 $^{{}^*}$ The deadline for these options is 129 days prior to departure. These options may not be available ue to flight space.