



The Road to Berlin 75

HONOURING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION

KASSEL - COLDTIZ - DRESDEN - ZAGAN - BERLIN

MAY 10th - MAY 15th 2020

Destinations: KASSEL - COLDTIZ - DRESDEN - ZAGAN - BERLIN

Tour Dates: May 10 - May 15th, 2020

Duration: 5 Night Tour, 6 Days

Flight departure: [May 01] **Flight return:** [May 15]

Tour departure [from Arnhem], **Flight Return** [Berlin] > [Home via your major gateway]

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The Daily Itinerary



From Arnhem, we depart for Germany - stopping at the Mohne Dam in the Ruhr Valley



Exploring Colditz Castle

Day 1 - Sunday May 10th

After breakfast, say your farewells to some of our group members heading home today. After hotel check-out, we drive north to [Germany](#) to continue the Liberation story in Western Europe. En route, we will take a visit at the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery](#) at [Rheinberg](#), to pay respects to those who did not return from the [Dambusters Raid](#). We then travel onto the [Mohne Dam](#) in the [Ruhr Valley](#), which was heroically breached by the Lancasters of 617 Squadron in 1943. During this fascinating day, you can walk on top of the dam and see where the breach was made. We will continue our travels through [Germany](#) to [Kassel](#) for our dinner and overnight. [Overnight - Kassel 4* TBD (B, D)].

Day 2 - Monday May 11th

Today we visit [Colditz](#), the [castle](#) and [museum](#) - the infamous "bad boys camp", and a scene of many ingenious escape bids. Perched above a sleepy town of the same name, Colditz has a varied history, although we will focus on its use as an internment camp for Allied prisoners during World War II. You will hear the story of



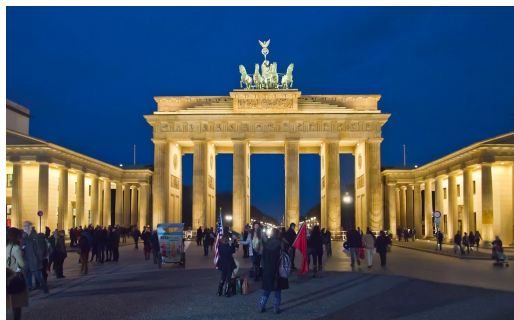
Overnight in Dresden



The Elbe Valley



The Great Escape - Zagan Poland



The Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

the "Red Fox", Mike Sinclair, killed on an escape attempt, and also the story of Douglas Bader, plus many more. Then, onto [Dresden](#) for some free time, and our overnight accommodations. [Overnight - Dresden 4* TBD (B, D)]

Day 3 - Tuesday May 12th

Today we will discover the tumultuous history of the great city of [Dresden](#). As the seat of Saxon royalty, Dresden became arguably Germany's most beautiful city. During the war it suffered almost complete destruction, however, it has since been painstakingly restored to its former glory. In the Swiss Saxony area, you will come across the [Bastai](#), rising to 1000 ft above the [Elbe Valley](#) and offering spectacular views across the Regional Park area. Sandstone cliffs that have been weathered into amazing shapes by the elements provide natural walkways and viewpoints. Upon our return, enjoy your dinner and overnight at your own pace. [Overnight - Dresden 4* TBD (B)].

Day 4 - Wednesday May 13th

This morning - to [Zagan, Poland](#) to learn of "[The Great Escape](#)". You will cross the border to visit the Polish camp from where "The Great Escape" was planned. Uncover the story of the escape and the reprisals ordered by Hitler against the recaptured men. We will also visit the [Memorial](#) before our transfer to [Berlin](#). [Overnight - Berlin 4* TBD (B, D)]

Day 5 - Thursday May 14th

Today - the "[Fall of Berlin](#)". At the [Berlin War Cemetery](#), we pause for reflection at the graves of many Bomber crew shot down over the city. You can also see the remains of the Anhalter Bahnhof. Once Berlin's Rail Gateway to Europe and the point from which many fled the Third Reich, it is now poignantly preserved as a ruin. An equally poignant reminder of the war is the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedachtniskirche, a ruin amongst the wealth of the [Ku-Damm](#) shopping area. Enjoy a walking tour with our guide to see such sights as [The Brandenburg Gate](#), the [Unter Den Linden](#) areas, the [Babelplatz](#), [The Royal](#)



Departure from Berlin

Activities on this itinerary may change due to 2019 schedules which are yet to be finalized.

Should you have any questions regarding your flight, insurance, or travel extension options. Please contact us.

Flights for this itinerary will be available for scheduling and pricing by September 2019 - 11 months prior to the departure date.

Palace, The Humboldt University, The Berliner Dom, Alexanderplatz and the TV Tower as well as the Flakturm. Plus, we make a stop at Checkpoint Charlie for an orientation as well as a view of the Reichstag Building. This evening, we enjoy our "*Farewell Dinner*". [Overnight - Berlin 4* TBD (B, D)]

Day 6 - Friday May 15th

After breakfast we will be transferred to [Berlin's international airport](#) for our flight departures back to [Canada](#). [(B) Meals onboard.]

TOUR END

-This itinerary includes ceremonial events and may be subject to changes

Thinking about arranging a custom pre-tour or post-tour extension to your in Europe? We encourage it!

Should you have any questions regarding your flight, insurance, or travel extension options, we encourage you to reach out to your local travel agent. If you don't have a local agent, contact our host travel agency:

DH TOUR OFFICE
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Tour Pricing

\$3,830.00 CAD Land only - per person, based on twin occupancy

\$890.00 CAD Single Supplement

Air is available from all major Canadian cities - please contact your Travel Agent for more information

Tour Payment Schedule

Initial Deposit: \$500.00 (of which \$300 is non-refundable) to guarantee your space is due immediately

Your Remaining Balance: Due by Saturday February 15th, 2020 (70 days prior to departure)

All funds will be collected by your agency. If you would like to use your credit card, your travel agent will collect your payment details over the phone after you have registered. DH Tour accepts Visa, Mastercard, and American Express, as well as cash and cheque payments.

Personal cheques can be made to:

"DH Tour"

Attn to: Karen Burwood [Travel Manager]

Mail to: 2319 Fairview St., Suite 609, Burlington ON L7R 2E3

NEXT STEPS

1) Register for the tour by filling out your online Registration Form: bit.ly/Berlin75_REGISTER

2) Review our Group Terms & Conditions before booking: thebattlefieldtours.com/terms-conditions

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be provided in writing. You will receive a refund in full, less \$300 per person, up to 70 days prior to departure. Cancellation within 70 days of departure is subject to the following charges:

| 70-31 days prior to departure - 50% of tour cost is non-refundable

| 30-0 days prior to departure - 100% of tour cost is non-refundable

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ☐ Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class (3 - 4 Star Hotels)
- ☐ Full-Time Experienced Battlefield Tour Manager
- ☐ All Entrances as per your Itinerary
- ☐ Executive Motor Coach with Washroom/AC/tea/coffee
- ☐ Breakfast (B) throughout,
- ☐ Dinners throughout (D)
- ☐ Online Custom Map Kit & Tour Resource & Info Guide
- ☐ All surcharges, fees, and departure taxes

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

- ☐ Airfare - this is a land only itinerary
- ☐ Lunches (L), drinks with dinner
- ☐ Single Room Supplement
- ☐ Gratuities owed to tour staff (5EUR per person, per day)
- ☐ Portage (luggage handling to your room available upon request)
- ☐ Travel Insurance (please contact your travel agent / DH Tour if you need assistance booking medical or trip cancellation insurance)

TO REGISTER

Click the link below:
bit.ly/Berlin75_REGISTER

You will receive an online custom tour info and resource guide about the tour approx. 30 days prior to departure - with all the information you need in preparation for your travels

GROUP TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

All Music & Performance Custom Programs are operated by Connection Custom Travel Inc

Contact our office toll free: 1-877-449-6266

Please read our terms & conditions carefully

CONNECTION CUSTOM TRAVEL GROUP TERMS & CONDITIONS

The following information and conditions constitute your binding contract with Connection Custom Tours. Please read all of the information below as it provides conditions relating to both the services of Connection Custom Travel and its suppliers:

Deposits:

To reserve your group space, a non-refundable deposit of **\$300 per person is due to secure your booking**. We accept payment via certified check, wire transfer or money order for your initial deposit. Credit Cards may be taken but an applicable merchant fee is applicable.

Final Payment:

Full and final payment for your group program with Connection Custom Travel is due 70 days prior to departure. Full Payment is due immediately for reservations made within 70 days prior to departure. If payment isn't made by the due date, Connection Custom Travel will assume that you have cancelled your group booking and cancellation charges may be applicable.

Cancellation Policy:

Our cancellation policy is based on outside suppliers and third parties contracted for this group booking. All cancellations must be received in writing. Refund in full, less \$300 per person, will be made up to 70 days prior to departure. Cancellation within 70 days of departure is subject to the following charges:

| 70-31 days prior to departure - 50% of tour cost

| 30-0 days prior to departure - 100% of tour cost

Please be aware that clients are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by our suppliers including hotels, airlines, and certain entrances used in the itinerary. We strongly recommend that your individual travellers purchase trip cancellation insurance which is available for coverage of expenses with cancellation due to illness or accident. In the event a participant must cancel their trip, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

Refunds:

No refund is made for unused travel services or any portion hereof, nor is the value of the unused services exchangeable for alternative arrangements.

Documentation including Passport & Visa:

It is the responsibility of your travellers to determine what documentation is necessary for travel to each country. Connection Custom Travel will assume no responsibility whatsoever for passenger(s) denied carriage by the Air Carrier, or refused entry into any country. Please check with the appropriate consulate or embassy for the latest visa requirements.

Changes on Itineraries:

Connection Custom Travel

(a) If we cancel your travel program

Connection Custom Travel reserves the right to change or cancel your booking in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond our control. We will give you reasonable notice thereof, in the circumstances, and where available, will offer you a comparable alternative. If an alternative does not exist/not accepted - you will be entitled to either a full refund of monies paid by you to us or a direct transfer of travel credit on to another customized program.

(b) If we change the pricing of your program

Prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs & taxes. Connection Custom Travel reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Connection Custom Travel also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it to make alterations in the itinerary or with the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable. Connection Custom Travel is subject to pass any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

(c) If we change activities on your itinerary

Itineraries and arranged sightseeing are expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Should this unlikely event take place Connection Custom Travel will notify each passenger holding a deposit on the program. The itinerary will be automatically updated to reflect revisions on the Connection Custom Travel website.

Client Changes & Penalties

(a) In the event of a name change There is no penalty for name changes, a name change for accommodation can be done at any time, unless group air fare arrangements are requested in the booking.

(b) Changing the dates or components of an itinerary An itinerary date or change of itinerary components will require a re-quote for the group's entire program and pricing breakdown. In the event of a date or itinerary change, a new agreement must be drafted, as your original contract will be null and void. Please refer back to our Cancellation Policy when cancelling any dates or room nights once a deposit has been paid.

(c) Changing # of room nights on an itinerary In the event of a change in room nights required (ie. number of nights your group will be accommodated at a given property) outside of our parameters [pricing breakdown] a re-quote on the program & changes to the original contract will be required. A new agreement must be drafted, as your original contract will be null & void. Please refer back to our Cancellation Policy when cancelling room nights after a deposit has been received.

Client Responsibility:

(a) Your travellers It is the responsibility of the client to provide Connection Custom Travel with all registration information required per registered traveller [this includes: DOB, Medical Requirements, Allergies, and any additional notes or alternative arrangements the traveller may have which pertain to the tour. Connection Custom Travel requires this information 45 days prior to departure.

(b) Your arrival & departure information If the client requires land-only group arrangements, Connection Custom Travel requires the flight itineraries for each passenger 30 days prior to arrival. This flight information should include their arrival & departure dates & times, the name of the airline, airline number, and arriving & departing airport codes.

Notice:

Living standards and practices as well as conditions and standards differ country to country.

Connection Custom Travel Responsibility:

Connection Custom Travel purchases transportation, hotel accommodation, tour and ferry passage, restaurant and other services from various suppliers who are not members of the Connection Custom Travel specialist team. Connection Custom Travel is issued and subject to all tariffs, terms & conditions under which all transportation, [including airlines, coach, bus or car] hotels, tour and ferry operators, restaurants, and other services are contracted.

Limits on Responsibility:

Participants agree not to hold Connection Custom Travel responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodation or transportation, due to 'Acts of God', any incident at sea, fire, breakdowns in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or authorities, de hure or e facto, wars declared or threatened, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays, cancellations or any causes beyond which Connection Custom Travel can control. Connection Custom Travel cannot be named responsible for any loss of damage resulting from improperly issued visas or other documents. Travellers will receive a refund of any monies paid less reasonable expenses incurred by us in respect to your booking.

Connection Custom Travel purchases transportation, hotel, and other lodging accommodations, restaurants, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers. As a result Connection Custom Travel is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

Responsibility of the Traveler:

There may be times when the Connection Custom Travel manager/host/representative has to make a decision in your best interest or for the best interest of the group. You agree to comply with the authority and decisions of the appointed manager and the laws of the country in which you are traveling. If you do not comply or if, in the tours manager's opinion, you are not compatible with the general enjoyment and well-being of the other members on the trip, or the smooth operation of the journey itself; we reserve the right to refuse to let you continue participating in the group program. We do not tolerate the possession or carriage of illegal or restricted substances (drugs). You must agree that your fellow travellers and Connection Custom Travel staff have the right to travel/work in a safe environment. Any threats to their safety, well-being, or inappropriate behaviour by you, whether verbal or physical will be taken extremely seriously and may result in the immediate termination of your vacation. In either event, you will be responsible for your own repatriation and related costs, having no claims against us.

Should you have a complaint in respect to your travel program, you should inform the Connection Custom Travel director on site during the course of your journey. If the matter cannot be resolved despite Connection Custom

Travel on-site representative's best efforts to do so, your complaint should be made in writing to Connection Custom Travel as soon as it is reasonably possible. If you choose to write Connection Custom Travel via e-mail or online, please provide us with your home address so we might be able to send you a direct reply in writing.

Risks:

There are certain inherent risks in adventure travel where applicable - these might include, but are not limited to, hiking, walking, safaris, climbing injuries, altitudes, all contact with animals, inaccessibility to medical attention and difficulty in evacuation from remote locations in the case of a medical emergency. The passenger assumes all risks of personal injury, death, or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

The payment of a reservation on a tour or customized itinerary shall constitute consent to all of Connection Custom Travel provisions in the terms & conditions.

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