WAGNER'S RING CYCLE BERLIN – 2025

Berlin – 11 days

Departure: October 3, 2025 Return: October 13, 2025

Presenting the Grand Wagnerian Spectacle – Berlin's Epic "Ring Tetralogy"

Prepare to embark on a mesmerizing journey into the heart of German opera as the extensively renovated **Staatsoper Unter den Linden** in Berlin proudly presents Richard Wagner's monumental Ring Tetralogie. This awe-inspiring opera event promises to immerse you in the grandeur and drama of Wagner's magnum opus like never before, making you a part of the Wagnerian world where gods, heroes, and mythical creatures collide.

Under the masterful baton of **Christian Thielemann**, one of our most revered Wagnerian conductors, the Bühnenfestspiel orchestra will bring Wagner's legendary music to life with breathtaking intensity. The production is directed by **Dmitri Tcherniakov**, a visionary in the opera world, who also serves as the set designer, crafting a visually striking interpretation of this operatic masterpiece.

As the curtains rise, you'll find yourself amid a Wagnerian world where gods, heroes, and mythical creatures collide. Michael Volle embodies the all-powerful Wotan, a role he has mastered in numerous Wagnerian performances. Anja Kampe, known for her powerful soprano, performs as the fearless Brünnhilde. Andreas Schager, acclaimed for his heroic tenor, takes on the role of Siegfried, bringing his unique interpretation to the stage. Sebastian Kohlhepp, a versatile tenor, portrays the cunning and fiery Loge, while Johannes Martin Krünzle masterfully embodies the sinister Alberich.

Adding to the brilliance of the cast, Claudia Mahnke commands the stage as Fricka, Clara Nadeshdin shines as Freia, and Anna Kissjudit delivers a deeply moving performance as Erda. The giants Fasolt and Fafner, played by Mika Karesand Peter Rose, loom large in the epic narrative.

Meanwhile, Roman Trekel and Siyabonga Maqungo bring charisma to their roles as Donner and Froh, respectively.



The Rhine's magical waters are graced by the enchanting Rhinemaidens: **Evelin Novak** as Woglinde, **Natalia Skrycka** as Wellgunde, and **Ekaterina Chayka- Rubinstein** as Flosshilde. The haunting presence of Mime is vividly portrayed by **Stephan Rügamer**, completing a cast that promises to deliver an unforgettable Wagnerian experience.

To top off your experience, indulge in **nine luxurious nights at the esteemed 5-star Hotel De Rome**, is located just a block from the Staatsoper Unter den Linden. Savor exquisite gourmet dinners at Berlin's finest restaurants to elevate your journey further.

Be prepared to be swept away by the **grandeur**, **emotion**, **and artistry** that awaits you in Berlin's **epic** "Ring Tetralogie."

Opera Performances

In Berlin:

October 5 - Das Rheingold

October 7 - Die Walküre

October 10 - Siegfried

October 12 - Götterdämmerung

CAST:

Musical Director: - Christian Thielemann

Director, Set Design: Dmitri Tcherniakov

Siegfried: Andreas Schager

Brünnhilde: Anja Kampe

Wotan: Michael Volle

Donner: Roman Trekel

Froh: Siyabonga Maqungo

Loge: Sebastian Kohlhepp

Alberich: Johannes Martin Kränzle



Mime: Stephan Rügamer

Fasolt: Mika Kares

Fafner: Peter Rose

Fricka: Claudia Mahnke

Freia: Clara Nadeshdin

Erda: Anna Kissjudit

Woglinde: Evelin Novak

Wellgunde: Natalia Skrycka

Flosshilde: Ekaterina Chayka-Rubinstein

Friday, October 3. (D,B). DEPART FOR BERLIN

Depart this evening aboard any airline of your choice for Berlin, Germany arriving the next morning. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Saturday, October 4. (B, D). BERLIN

Upon arrival at Berlin International airport take a taxi to the deluxe **HOTEL DE ROME** where you will stay 9 nights. Briefing, cocktails and Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Sunday, October 5. (B). BERLIN

Morning sightseeing tour by bus to include Alexanderplatz, the Town Hall, the Palace of the Republic and the Humboldt University. We drive through the Brandenburg Gate for a tour of former West Berlin to see Potzdamer Platz, the newly restored parliament, the Reichstag, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Charlottenburg Palace, the shop-lined Kurfurstendamm and Emperor William Memorial Church. This evening we will see the opera **DAS RHEINGOLD** at Staatsoper Unter den Linden.

Berlin became the capital of a newly founded Germany in 1871 and expanded rapidly during the Industrial Revolution. It lost it's position as a capital to Weimar at the end of the First World war in 1918 until it was moved back by the Nazi party and Hitler in 1933. Then again, in 1945, at the Potsdam meeting it was divided into two cities, the East, under the control of communists and the West, a de facto West German enclave surrounded by the Berlin Wall. Following German unification in 1990, Berlin once again become the capital of the whole of Germany.



Monday, October 6. (B). BERLIN

Morning visit of the Reichstag, the German Parliament, reopened in 1999 having gone through a reconstruction, led by architect Norman Foster. Lunch will be served at the famous Käfer restaurant while enjoying a beautiful view of the city. Afternoon is at leisure.

Tuesday, October 7. (B). BERLIN

In the morning we will take you on a guided tour to the so called "Museum Island" where the Old National Gallery, the Bode Museum, The Egyptian Museum or the Pergamum Museum are located. This afternoon, we will see the opera **DIE WALKÜRE** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden.

Wednesday, October 8. (B,L). POTSDAM - BERLIN

Today, We will take an excursion to Potsdam to visit Cecilienhof Palace, where President Harry Truman, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin of Soviet Union met in July 1945 to decide on the future of Germany and postwar Europe. Lunch in the charming city of Potsdam. Afternoon return to Berlin.

Thursday, October 9. (B). BERLIN

As it is impossible to visit all the museums on the Museum Island in one day you are free to return. You will be given a 3-Day Museum Pass - which will give you free entrance to 56 museums in Berlin. We will be providing you with a list of all the museums where the 3-Day Museum Pass can be used.

Friday, October 10. (B). BERLIN

Today is a free day to take advantage of your 3-Day Museum Pass and spend time at the amazing museums. This evening we will see the opera **SIEGFRIED** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden.

Saturday, October 11. (B). BERLIN

Today is a free day to take advantage of your 3-Day Museum Pass and spend time at the amazing museums. This evening we will have our Gala Farewell dinner at a **Gourmet Restaurant**.



Sunday, October 12. (B). BERLIN

Today we discover the beaten track of Jewish life in Berlin and it's neighborhood. We will visit, by bus, the Jewish Quarter. Jews have lived everywhere in Berlin and sometimes Jewish life outside city centre was fascinating. We will go to places like Pankow, Weissensee and Prenzlauere Berg. We will also see the only synagogue that opened in former Communist East Berlin, as well as Europe's largest Jewish cemetery. Starting mid-afternoon we will see the opera **GÕTTERDAMMERUNG** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden

Monday, October 13. (B,D). BERLIN – BACK HOME

We will assist you in arranging transfer from the hotel to the airport in Berlin for departure aboard your flight back home arriving the same afternoon. Auf wiedersehn. See you on another HAT TOUR.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



LAND COST

Double: \$12,900 Per Person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,950 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$3,000 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: JULY 03, 2025

TOUR INCLUDES

• 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters

- Four operas
- 9 nights at a Super Deluxe centrally located hotel
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Two dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants, 3 dinners with drinks at the opera house and 2 lunches with drinks
- Welcome reception with cocktails
- Private sightseeing
- Experienced English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Transportation to and from the opera house
- Guide, driver and bellboys gratuities
- Complete package with details of all operas listed

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