

WAGNER'S RING CYCLE BERLIN – 2026

Berlin – 10 days

Departure: May 24, 2026

Return: June 1, 2026

Berlin's Epic Ring Tetralogy: A Farewell to Sir Donald Runnicles

*Prepare to embark on a mesmerizing journey into the heart of German opera as the **Deutsche Oper Berlin** presents **Richard Wagner's** monumental Ring Tetralogie. This extraordinary operatic event is set to be an unforgettable experience, marking the farewell of Music Director **Sir Donald Runnicles**. Conducting **Stefan Herheim's** visionary production, **Runnicles** will lead a world-class cast and orchestra in bringing Wagner's legendary work to life.*

*Under his masterful baton, this Ring cycle promises a bittersweet thrill as audiences witness the final performances of a conductor whose legacy has shaped Berlin's operatic landscape. The exceptional cast brings together some of today's most distinguished Wagnerian voices: **Iain Paterson** and **Thomas J. Mayer** share the role of **Wotan**, while **Annika Schlicht** embodies the powerful **Fricka**. **Matthew Newlin** portrays the heroic **Siegmond**, with **Elisabeth Teige** as both **Sieglinde** and **Brünnhilde**.*

***Trine Møller** and **Catherine Foster** also take on the role of **Brünnhilde**, ensuring commanding performances across the cycle. **Clay Hilley** brings his formidable tenor to the role of **Siegfried**, while **Albert Pesendorfer** delivers an imposing presence as both **Hagen** and **Fasolt**. **Michael Samuel** brings depth to the tormented **Alberich**, and **Ya-Chung Huang** masterfully portrays the cunning **Mime**. With such an exceptional ensemble, this Ring promises to be a deeply immersive and emotionally charged experience.*

*To complement this tour, we will stay at the **5-star luxury Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin**, a luxurious haven just steps from the Deutsche Oper. Our stay will be enriched by private tours of Berlin's most significant historical sites, world-renowned museums, and galleries. A day trip to Potsdam will add another layer of cultural exploration, allowing us to enter the world of Prussian kings and baroque splendor. As always, our curated gourmet meals, complemented by exquisite*



wines, will be second to none, ensuring an experience as indulgent as it is artistically profound.

*Join us for an unparalleled operatic adventure, a fitting tribute to **Sir Donald Runnicles'** final Ring in Berlin, and a celebration of Wagner's immortal music in one of the world's great opera capitals.*

Opera Performances

In Berlin:

May 26 - Das Rheingold

May 27 - Die Walküre

May 29 - Siegfried

May 31 - Götterdämmerung

CAST:

Wotan – Iain Paterson / Thomas J. Mayer

Fricka – Annika Schlicht

Siegmond – Matthew Newlin

Sieglinde / Brünnhilde – Elisabeth Teige

Brünnhilde – Trine Møller / Catherine Foster

Siegfried – Clay Hilley

Hagen / Fasolt – Albert Pesendorfer

Alberich – Michael Sumuel

Mime – Ya-Chung Huang

Sunday, May 24. (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.



Monday, May 25. (B,D). BERLIN

Upon arrival at Berlin International airport take a taxi to the luxury Hotel Adlon Kempinski where you will stay 8 nights. Briefing, cocktails and Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, May 26. (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 Potsdamer 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 the Deutsche Oper Berlin.

Berlin became the capital of a newly founded Germany in 1871 and expanded rapidly during the Industrial Revolution. It lost its 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.

Wednesday, May 27. (B,D). 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 Deutsche Oper Berlin.

Thursday, May 28. (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.

Friday, May 29. (B,L,D). BERLIN

Morning visit of the Reichstag, the German Parliament, reopened in 1999, after set on fire by the Nazis in 1933 and restored after the reunification of East and West Germany, having gone



through a reconstruction led by architect Norman Foster. This evening we will see the opera **SIEGFRIED** at the Deutsche Oper Berlin.

Saturday, May 30. (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. Evening is at leisure.

Sunday, May 31. (B,D). 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 Prenzlauer 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 **GÖTERDAMMERUNG** at the Deutsche Oper Berlin.

Monday, June 1. (B,D). 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**.

Tuesday, June 2. (B). 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: FEBRUARY. 22, 2026

TOUR INCLUDES

- 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters
- Four operas
- 8 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
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