

IU Travels

Music & Art in Berlin and Dresden



Berlin and the Spree River



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime tickets to two major classical concerts in Berlin and a performance at the lovely Semper Opera in Dresden
- Two piano jazz performances by IU's Dr. Monika Herzig, including a celebration of Cole Porter
- Optional tickets to a concert by the great Berlin Philharmonic and Puccini's *La Boheme* in Berlin
- Music commentary throughout the tour by IU's Dr. Monika Herzig
- Tours of major sites in both cities with expert private guides, including museums and art galleries, Dresden's Green Vault, Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam and the Meissen Porcelain Factory
- Ferry ride on the Elbe River from Dresden, and private boat on the Spree in Berlin
- Five-star deluxe accommodations in both cities
- Breakfast daily; 5 lunches, 3 dinners and 2-3 receptions, including wine
- Free time for additional sight-seeing, shopping or just relaxing!

LIMITED TO
25 PARTICIPANTS



Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Indiana University on a Bicentennial Grand Expedition

to the grand cities of Berlin and Dresden in June 2020. We are honored to have join us the esteemed jazz pianist and Senior Lecturer at IU's O'Neill School of Environmental Affairs, Monika Herzig.

Dresden is a city risen from the ashes of the Allied bombing of 1945, while Berlin is one of the most exciting cities in Europe, Germany's dynamic and flourishing political as well as artistic capital. Both are among the music capitals of Europe and we will attend several exciting performances: a production of Verdi's *Rigoletto* in Dresden; and in Berlin, the famed violinist Christian Tetzlaff in recital and the Staatskapelle Berlin performing music of Mozart and Bruckner. As a special treat, Monika Herzig herself will perform an all-Cole Porter program on the Indiana native's birthday in Dresden and for a Jazz Brunch at a top club in Berlin.

Expert guides take us to principal museums which reveal some of the great masterworks of Western art, and a custom gallery walk in Berlin gives a glimpse of the vibrant contemporary art scene there. A ferry ride on the Elbe River includes lunch and a private boat on the Spree introduces us to Berlin. We'll make visits to the great porcelain factory of Meissen, as well as Frederick the Great's summer palace, Sanssouci.

A climax of the trip will be the special Bicentennial reception in Berlin to honor IU Alumni, students and other dignitaries.

June 7-16, 2020*

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*Tour begins June 8 in Dresden



Daily Itinerary

Semper Oper, Dresden

Sunday, June 7 Flights from the US

Monday, June 8 **Willkommen!**

Arrival in Dresden and check-in at the lovely Hotel Bülow Palais, a Relais & Chateaux property in the Baroque Neustadt district, little damaged from the war. Our **welcome dinner** is in the hotel's elegant, Michelin-starred, Caroussel Restaurant.

Tuesday, June 9 **Dresden—and Cole Porter!**

Breakfast daily at both hotels. This morning, we tour the beautiful city of Dresden lying on the River Elbe. Shattered by the Allied bombing of February 1945, many of its historic monuments have been completely rebuilt virtually as they were. We'll visit the remarkable, domed Frauenkirche, and hear a private organ recital in the Hofkirche. A highlight will be a tour of Dresden's Old Masters Gallery, with its many masterpieces. **Lunch** is at a fine restaurant nearby. In the

evening, after an exclusive private tour of the New Green Vault of iconic treasures in Dresden Castle, Monika Herzig celebrates Indiana's own Cole Porter by performing his music at Jazzclub Tonne (optional). Dinner on your own and rest of evening free.

Wednesday, June 10

Saxon Switzerland and the Semper

Resting on the Elbe upstream from Dresden, the lush gardens of the 18th century Pillnitz Castle illustrate a nearly complete history of landscape gardening. Our coach takes us up into the sandstone mountains called Saxon Switzerland, and the fabulous views from Bastei. Returning downstream, we board the local ferry and float down the Elbe enjoying a buffet **lunch**. Tonight, the Semper Oper, one of the most beautiful opera houses in Europe where many important works were premiered, presents Verdi's popular tragic melodrama, *Rigoletto*.

Thursday, June 11

Meissen and the Spree

Hotel check-out and transfer to Berlin. Meissen is a name synonymous with fine, delicate porcelain, the most famous in the world. On the way to the capital, we tour the factory where it is still fabricated in the traditional handmade process. Upon arrival in Berlin, we check in to the luxurious Hotel Regent, a five-star hotel close to the pretty square, the Gendarmenmarkt, then enjoy an introduction to the city on a private boat along the Spree River, with our guide Tim Schmutzler.

Friday, June 12 **"I am a Berliner!"**

Today we tour the great city by private motor coach, passing the remains of the Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Potsdamer Platz, Kurfurstendam and some of Berlin's notable post-war architecture.



Dresden

We end up for **lunch** at Käfer's in Norman Foster's stunning rooftop addition to the historic Reichstag building. Tonight a lucky group of passengers will hear the exciting Venezuelan maestro Gustavo Dudamel lead the Berlin Philharmonic, arguably the finest orchestra in the world, in Mahler's 2nd Symphony, the *Resurrection*. Others have the option of Puccini's ever-popular *La Bohème*, at the Komische Oper, directed by Barrie Kosky, one of Europe's hottest directors.

Saturday, June 13 Potsdam and Art in Berlin

Frederick the Great of Prussia built the grand Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam in 1748 as a summer retreat and the continued growth of its buildings and grounds mirrored the growth of the Prussian state as an important player in European politics. Returning to Berlin, we enjoy a **lunch** with IU students attending a three-week program in northern Germany before embarking on a stroll through the Kreuzberg neighborhood and its vibrant art scene. Tonight one of the world's finest violinists, Christian Tetzlaff performs works by Bach and Bartok in the new Pierre Boulez Saal designed by Frank Gehry.



Nefertiti, Egyptian
Museum of Berlin

Sunday, June 14 Museum Island

Berlin is home to amazing museums and we'll visit several of them this morning on the Museuminsel (Museum Island) close to the Regent.

We'll pay particular attention to an exhibition at The

Pergamon Museum where the reconstructed Market Gate of Miletus, one of antiquity's most stunning monuments, is under restoration, and the iconic Nefertiti found at the nearby Egyptian Museum. You will have a pass to enter all five museums at your leisure. Then on to the Yorckschlösschen, one of Berlin's top jazz clubs, for a **Jazz brunch**, featuring our own Monika Herzig.

Later in the afternoon, you will attend a celebration of IU's 200th anniversary at a special reception at IU's European Gateway Alumni Center.

Reichstag Dome



Raphael's *Sistine Madonna*, Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister
middle: Brandenburg Gate
below: Pillnitz Castle and Gardens



Monday, June 15

The Bode and Staatskapelle Orchestra

Today is a free day in Berlin, but some of you may want to tour the Bode Museum, one of Berlin's most interesting collections, with Curator and IU Alumnus Dr. Julian Chapuis. Our gala **Farewell Dinner** precedes a concert by the Staatskapelle Berlin under the baton of nonagenarian Herbert Blomstedt, one-time music director of the San Francisco Symphony, in music by Mozart and Bruckner's mighty 7th Symphony.

Tuesday, June 16 **Auf Wiedersehen!**

The tour ends after breakfast and flights back to the U.S.

Itinerary is subject to change.

Meals in **bold** are included in the price of the tour.

Christian Tetzlaff



Tour Registration

YOUR HOST, MONIKA HERZIG



Since arriving in the U.S. from Germany in 1988, prominent jazz pianist Monika Herzig completed her Doctorate in Music Education with a minor Jazz Studies at Indiana University, and is now a Senior Lecturer at IU's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Her book *"David Baker—A Legacy in Music"* was released November 2011 on IU Press, and *Experiencing Chick Corea: A Listener's Companion* on Rowman and Littlefield, 2017. She is also the head of the research committee for the Jazz Education Network and editor of *JAZZ* (Jazz Education in Research and Practice, IU Press).

Monika has released more than a dozen CDs under her leadership on her own ACME Records as well as Owl Studios and Whaling City Sounds. Her many awards include a 1994 Down Beat Magazine Award for Best Original Song, a Jazz Journalist Association Hero 2015 award, as well as grants from the NEA, the Indiana Arts Commission, MEIEA, among others. Her newest project "SHEROES" (Whaling City Sound) was recently featured on NPR's Here and Now as well as cited as one of the best releases of 2018 in DownBeat Magazine.

As a touring jazz artist, she has performed at many prestigious jazz clubs and festivals, and groups under her leadership have toured throughout Germany and Europe. Monika is a CASIO Artist.

Tour Cost: \$4,850 per person, ground only, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$925.

Deposit: \$1000 per person first come, first served.

Balance deadline is Friday, April 10, 2020.

After that date, call for availability.

Group limited to 25 participants or as hotel space allows.

Contact The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check for the deposit amount made payable to The Grand Tour, and mail to: IU Travels Berlin Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials can be downloaded from <https://alumni.iu.edu/travel>

Questions? Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 or info@thegrandtour.com, or IU Travels, 812-856-5165 or kconrad@iu.edu

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*above: Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin
below: Pierre Boulez Saal*

