

'lest we forget' raitour

departs **friday 20 june 2008**

for 10 days

It is over 60 years since the end of the Second World War. This tour visits locations that featured in that war — the concentration camps, the dividing of Berlin, the destruction of Dresden, but it also shows the re-birth to beautiful cities and world heritage sites.

Friday 20 June:

Morning departure from London St. Pancras International by Eurostar to Brussels, connecting onwards by "Thalys" to Koln, then ICE across Germany to an evening arrival into Berlin. Stay two nights in Berlin

Saturday 21 June:

Enjoy a one hour unique tour of Berlin in a special panoramic S-bahn train with the rest of the day at leisure or for freelance exploration — "Checkpoint Charlie", the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden and much more. This evening there is an included boat cruise past many of the famous sights.

Sunday 22 June:

Depart after breakfast on the direct Euro-City train "Wawel" to Krakow in Poland arriving early evening at the magnificently restored station. Stay three nights in a 3-star hotel in the attractive old town area — now a world heritage site.

Monday 23 June:

Half day sightseeing (included), including the historic Old Town Square — the largest in Europe at the foot of Wawel Castle and St. Mary's Basilica. The rest of the day is at leisure relaxing over a coffee or taking in some of the more unusual sights such as Oscar Schindler's factory where he saved many Jews from death during the war.

Tuesday 24 June:

This morning there is a visit to Auschwitz Concentration Camp where the fortified walls, barbed wire, platforms, barracks, gallows, gas chambers and cremation ovens remain as a symbol of human cruelty — it is estimated 1.5 million died here. Afternoon tour to the Salt Mines — the largest in Europe where you can take a walk into the vast caverns. Optional evening tram riding in the city.

Wednesday 25 June:

By rail to Katowice changing to a through Euro-City train to Prague arriving mid-afternoon. Stay two nights in a centrally situated 3-star hotel in Prague

Thursday 26 June:

Morning sightseeing tour of the city, another World Heritage Site, featuring Wenceslas Square, Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge. The rest of the day is at leisure or freelance sightseeing.

Friday 27 June:

Mid morning train to Dresden, a two-hour scenic route running along the banks of the River Elbe. Stay two nights in a hotel near the main station. Afternoon walking tour of the city centre — destroyed by allied bombing during the Second World War, now beautifully restored.



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Saturday 28 June:

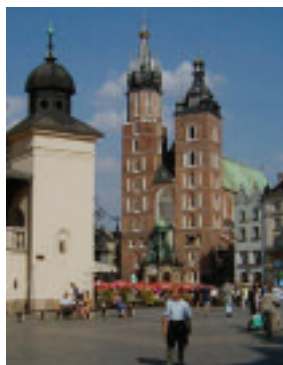
Morning excursion by local train to Radebuel for a ride behind steam to the Baroque Moritzburg Castle, returning by steam train and tram. Afternoon at leisure before enjoying an evening Dixieland Jazz Cruise on a vintage paddle-steamer along the Elbe.

Sunday 29 June:

Morning departure by rail from Dresden using ICE trains via Frankfurt and Brussels then Eurostar to London St. Pancras arriving early evening.

The Tour Cost Includes:

- All rail travel in standard class including seat reservations
- Nine nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily
- S-bahn city tour in Berlin
- Evening cruise in Berlin
- Krakow City tour
- Auschwitz and Salt Mines excursions
- Prague City tour
- Dresden walking tour
- Steam excursion and entrance to Moritzburg Castle
- Evening Jazz cruise
- Transfers
- Services of a Raitours tour manager throughout



<i>TOUR COST:</i>	£1495.00
<i>Single room supplement:</i>	£295.00
<i>Insurance:</i>	£25.00
<i>Deposit:</i>	£250.00 per person

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