

# Tango in Berlin

We will take you on the ultimate tango tour through Berlin, the European capital of Tango.

Dates and Prices      12 August to 16 August - £499.00

**Unique Features**      Experience the ultimate tango tour through Berlin where you will enjoy six hours of tango classes, escorted visits to milongas (entrance payable locally), sight-seeing options, full hosting and 4 nights' accommodation with breakfast.

                                 Your Tango teacher Thomas Rieser will bring his unique blend of talent and hosting to this all-encompassing tango experience.

                                 Berlin is the unofficial European capital of tango with a lively tango scene and regular milongas, a summer break in Berlin is a wonderful opportunity for any tanguero or tanguera.

                                 This holiday is suitable for all Tango levels.

## Your Holiday

**What's Included**

- | 6 hours' of tango classes with Thomas Rieser
- | 4 milongas (entrance payable locally)
- | Club Dance Holidays tour host
- | 4 nights bed and breakfast accommodation in the stylish and well-located 4 star H+ Hotel Berlin Mitte

## What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday

**Is this holiday for me?**      Yes! Our long weekend of tango in Berlin gives you the perfect opportunity to learn Argentine Tango, or for those who have some experience it will give you the chance to learn or perfect your moves with one of the best teachers in Berlin for Tango Argentino on the scene whilst experiencing the summer in this vibrant city. Suitable for all levels.

**Your Destination, includes sightseeing**      29 years after its post-Wall rebirth, Berlin is a scene-stealing combo of glamour and grit, teeming with top museums and galleries, grand opera and guerrilla clubs, gourmet temples and ethnic snack shacks. Whether your tastes run to posh or punk, you can sate them in Berlin.

                                 When it comes to fashion, art, design and music, the German capital is the city to watch. A global influx of creatives has turned it into a cauldron of cultural cool reminiscent of New York in the '80s.

                                 All this trendiness is a triumph for a town that's long been in the cross-hairs of history: Berlin staged a revolution, was headquartered by fascists, bombed to bits, ripped in half and finally reunited – and that was just in the 20th century! Famous landmarks such as the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and what's left of the Berlin Wall are like a virtual 3-D textbook in a city where you'll find history staring you in the face every time you turn a corner.

                                 Perhaps it's because of its heavy historical burden that Berlin is throwing itself into tomorrow with such contagious energy. At times the entire city seems to be bubbling over into one huge party. Cafes are jammed at all hours, drinking is a religious rite and clubs host their scenes of frenzy and hedonism until the small hours.

                                 Yet despite its often hectic pace, Berlin functions on an exquisitely human scale. Traffic flows freely, public transportation is brilliant, you can walk without fear at night, clubs have no velvet ropes and your restaurant bill would only buy you a starter back home.

**Climate and weather**      The climate in Berlin is continental with warm summers and sharp, crisp winters. Average temperatures as follows:

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| Jan | 2C | Apr | 13C | Jul | 23C | Oct | 13C |
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| Feb | 3C | May | 18C | Aug | 23C | Nov | 7C |
| Mar | 8C | Jun | 22C | Sep | 18C | Dec | 3C |

#### Your Accommodation

H+ Berlin Mitte - Hotel\*\*\*\* (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)

Our 4 star hotel in the centre of Berlin is the ideal starting point for a sightseeing marathon: all the best attractions are only a few minutes away on foot. 145 air-conditioned bedrooms, our attractive hotel restaurant, the bistro bar with Berlin charm and the fitness area with sauna guarantees you a refreshing and relaxing time in the city.

#### Classes and Workshops

You'll enjoy 6 hours' of tuition over the weekend designed for both newcomers in the world of Argentine Tango, and enabling you to stretch the abilities for the more advanced tango dancer.

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#### Daily Itinerary

The provisional itinerary below gives you an idea of what the weekend might look like. Some details may change.

(OP) indicates an optional extra for which a charge will be made in advance.

Day 1 Check-in from 1400

1900 meet for welcome drink and dinner.

2130 Tango Milonga at one of Berlin's top tango venues (entrance payable locally)

Day 2

1030 - 1230 Tango Classes

Afternoon Suggestion: Sightseeing around the Brandenburg Gate, the revamped Reichstag and the Jewish Memorial Monument

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Day 3

1030 - 1230 Tango Classes

1500 Open Air Milonga

2000 Meet for dinner

2200 Tango Milonga at one of Berlin's top Tango venues (entrance payable locally)

Day 4

1030 - 1230 Tango Classes

1700 Tango Milonga at one of Berlin's top Tango venues (entrance payable locally)

## Day 5

Morning suggestion: Visit one of the many Museums and Art Galleries: the Jewish Museum, the Museum Island (Museuminsel), a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose clutch of superb collections includes the Pergamonmuseum, incorporating the Babylonian Gate of Ishtar.

Afternoon Make your own way to the airport

### Nightlife

The Tango scene in Berlin is sizeable and diverse with Milongas every night of the week and with frequent visits from Buenos Aires, the dance level of the local tangueros is high. We'll visit different Tango venues to ensure you enjoy a wide variety of Tango atmospheres. Entrance to the clubs usually costs between 5-10 euros. There are a lot of Tango dancers in Berlin and thus many potential dance partners for you! They're local to Berlin and may speak English. Give us a call for more details - 0207 099 4816

### Your Teachers

#### Thomas Rieser

Thomas' first encounter with the beautiful world of Argentine Tango was during his training as a movement teacher and therapist in Stuttgart from 1998-2000. Subsequently in Berlin, in 2000, he had the good fortune of taking his first dance course with Udo Hartmann. The joy and intensity, with which Udo taught and danced, have become ideals for Thomas' own dance and instruction. There have been many lessons, collaborations, and friendships along the way, with many tango dancers, teachers and organizers, both at home and abroad – all of which have influenced Thomas' understanding of tango, his dance and his teaching style. Incorporating the individual development of each student into the demands of a group has emerged over the years as one of the particular interests and tasks in the classroom, as well as in the organization of the school. Each dancer stands in their individuality at the center, and yet a simultaneous active effort is required for the social culture of the dance – which is in Thomas' view, the central element, and tension, of tango.

In 2004 Thomas founded the school Nou Tango Berlin. He understands the management of the school as having the primary task of giving positive impulses for the tango in Berlin, and beyond. The culture of this dance lives through every dancer, and only through us can it survive and develop. Tango is a contemporary phenomenon, with a long tradition, which Thomas feels committed to.

### Food and Meals

Berlin is home to a variety of both international and traditional cuisine from all over the world such as the modern Catalan, traditional Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Lebanese, Moroccan, Argentinian, Colombian and much more.

Berlin's typical dishes are often served in cosy atmospheres and its known dishes are the "Boulette" (fried meatballs) and the "Currywurst" (a spicy sausage with curry flavoured tomato sauce) which can be happily accompanied by a good German beer.

### Optional Extras

#### Single Room Supplements, Upgrades and Budget Options

##### Option 1 - Included

H+ Berlin Mitte - Hotel\*\*\*\* Bed & Breakfast - (12/08/2021 to 16/08/2021 - 4 nights)

Twin Room (Per Room)

Included

Twin Room for Single Occupancy (Per Room)

140.00 GBP

##### Extra Nights

Twin Room (Per Room)

110 GBP per night

Twin Room for Single Occupancy (Per Room)

78 GBP per night

### Flights and Transfers

Flights : This holiday, and the rest of our short haul programme, is quoted flight exclusive which allows you to fly from the airport of your choice, at the time which best suits you. It also allows you to take advantage of any offers for early bookers made to you by the airline. There are many flights from UK to Berlin.

NB Please make sure we've confirmed your holiday before you book your flight.

Transfers: Please make your own way to the hotel. If you wish to share a taxi please let us know and we will put you in contact with other clients.

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**Making your own way to the hotel for ground only package**

**Making Your Own Way to Your Hotel in Berlin:**

- 1) From Berlin Tegel (TXL) Airport by taxi: A taxi ride to the hotel will cost about 25 euros.
  - 2) From Berlin Schönefeld (SXF) Airport by taxi: A taxi ride to the hotel will cost about 45 euros.
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**What to Expect in terms of Organisation**

**On Arrival:** You will receive a detailed itinerary.

**Independence:** We believe our guests do not like to be over-organised so we give you details of organised social and dancing activities and it's up to you to decide if and when you want to turn up. You're fully independent on these holidays so you can dip in and out as you please.

**Club Dance Holidays Host:** Your holiday tour host is there to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts are a cut above your typical Holiday Rep with a lightness of touch that enables you to get the best out of your holiday. Your host for this holiday is Anja who lives in Berlin. Through her local knowledge and her knowledge of dance, she offers much more of herself than you would expect! During the daytime the level of participation and presence of Club Dance Holidays tour hosts varies according to the nature of each holiday and its destination.

**Getting around:** You'll be responsible for making your own way to the dance classes and meeting points on the itinerary. On arrival you will be provided with the addresses of all the venues. Taxis are plentiful and allow you to visit the best of the city with the minimum of fuss. Berlin's integrated transport system is also excellent (buses, trams and trains).

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**Before Your Go**

**Books on Berlin:** If you'd like to do some reading on your destination before your trip, we recommend Time Out Guide to Berlin– the best local guide and Berlin Then & Now by Nick Gay.

**Health and Fitness:** There are no particular health requirements for a dance holiday. However you should be able to dance for at least two hours a day in order to be able to enjoy the dance classes. If you have any concerns feel free to give us a call - 0207 099 4816.

**Insurance, Visa and Passport Requirements:** Insurance is a condition of booking. You must check with your local embassy regarding Visa and passport requirements.

**Travel Documents:** You'll receive these via email approximately 10 days prior to departure and once you have paid in full. We also confirm the address and phone number of the hotel and any emergency contact numbers.

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**Essential equipment and clothing to bring**

**What to wear for Tango dancing:** We recommend that you bring comfortable and supportive shoes with a leather sole for the dance classes and the evenings. Lightweight cotton socks are advised to avoid sweaty and blistered feet along with comfortable and loose clothing for the classes. The Berlin Tango clubs are quite casual. There are some shops with Tango Fashion and dancing shoes in Berlin. Anja is more than happy to help you finding those.

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**At Your Destination**

**Banks and Money:** The easiest way to obtain euros is by using a credit card at one of the numerous cash points. You can get hold of small amounts, as often as you like, at any time and without queuing. You will need to know your P.I.N. Cash points are very easy to use. Bank opening hours are normally 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Banks will change cash, travellers cheques and will sell you currency on your credit card providing the lines are open. You will always need to show your passport at a bank.

**Tipping** is common in Berlin but this is entirely at your discretion.

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