



Berlin,  
Potsdam  
& Dresden  
Monday – Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

As I have done for the past 22 years, I am organising another PAFRA Summer tour. By popular request, we are going in the SECOND week of July. This year to:

**Berlin, Potsdam & Dresden.**

As before, the trip is arranged in easy stages so pilots/planes can join us for whatever period they like: There is no obligation to do the whole trip. Likewise, although an outline programme is proposed, everyone is entirely free to use their time as they wish.

**The trip, as always, is not restricted to pilots/planes from Rochester/Lydd; but is open to all.**

Help & assistance is offered for those unfamiliar with 'Going foreign'.

**Accommodation:**

The two hotels I suggest we use belong to the **Accor Group**. They operate a policy of allowing **cancellation up to 19.00 on the day of arrival** - a very useful practicality for pilots.

**Berlin:** (Monday night - Friday morning 10-14 July)

**greet Berlin Alexanderplatz\*\*\***

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**PILOTS MUST MAKE THEIR  
OWN DIRECT BOOKINGS FOR  
ACCOMMODATION**

## OUR THREE VENUES



The Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



The Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam



Semper Opera House, Dresden

## Berlin City

Many consider Berlin as the most dynamic city of Europe. This will be our venue for the first three days/four nights, allowing us plenty of time to relax, explore and dine together. There is so much to see & do in Berlin! [See suggestions overleaf.]

During our time in Berlin there is a *possible day out*: Although **Potsdam** is a relatively small city it has numerous architectural gems that are worth discovering e.g. *The Sanssouci Palace* (frequently compared to *The Palace of Versailles*). The S-Bahn from Berlin takes approximately 40 minutes.

**Dresden:** With its pleasant location on the Elbe, its Baroque-style architecture and numerous world-renowned museums and art collections, it has been called "*Elbflorenz*" ('Florence on the Elbe').

# Suggested Programme

## Monday 10 July

Leave Rochester/Lydd 09.30L to *Muenster* EDDG either DCT or via KONAN, KOK. 2½ flight

Lunch at *Muenster* Airport (13.00L)

14.30L Fly to Berlin *Strausberg* EDAY (considered the best GA airfield for Berlin) 2½ flight



The nearby *Strausberg-Nord* S-Bahn station can be reached on foot in a few minutes. From there it is a direct connection (20 mins) to our hotel in *Alexanderplatz*

19.00 Group Meal in hotel

## Tuesday - Friday: 11 - 14 July

### SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO!

The following suggestions will involve about ½ day each:

*The Brandenburg Gate* - a postcard moment

Take coffee *Unter den Linden*

*The Reichstag Building* with *Norman Foster's* development

*Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe*

*The Topography of Terror*

*The Tiergarten* (+ Sandwich lunch?)

Window shopping & lunch in The Food Hall in *KaDeWe*

*Department store* (simply amazing)

*The Berliner Dom*

*Berlin Zoo* (the best in the world)

*Checkpoint Charlie* Museum

1.30pm Wednesday/Thursday: *English* Tour of *Tempelhof Flughafen*

[Because finding a restaurant that will take a large group all together is difficult, on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday we will dine with friends on the tour]

During our time in Berlin we can organise, if there is a demand, a Day Trip to **Potsdam** travelling via the S-Bahn to visit Frederick the Great *Sans Souci Palace*

## Friday 14 July

A.M.: Last chance to see Berlin

Early afternoon: return to Berlin *Strausberg* and fly to **Dresden** EDDC (50 mins).



At Dresden airport, the railway is located in the basement. The S2 suburban line goes direct to *Dresden Hauptbahnhof*. The journey takes 21 minutes. It is then a 4 min walk to our hotel. We will eat in the evening nearby (t.b.a.).

## Saturday 15 July

All Day to explore/enjoy Dresden:

*Frauenkirche Dresden*

*The Dresden Zwinger*

*Green Vault*

*Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister*

*Semper Opera House (Semperoper)*

7.00pm Group Meal in/near our hotel (t.b.a.)

## Sunday 16 July

Leave Dresden at 10.30L to fly to

**Moenchengladbach** EDLN (2 hrs) for lunch at airport

Early afternoon: Fly to Rochester EGTO/Lydd (1½ hrs)

Do contact me if you need further information or are interested in coming – I can then add you to the WhatsApp Group link for the trip which will keep you updated.

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