

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME

### Leipzig Tour, including visit Asisi Panometer "EVEREST"

Friday, 4 May 2012, approx. 12:30 to 17:00

**12:30** Departure by coach from the Gewandhaus in Leipzig

**13:00** Guided Tour Asisi Panometer "EVEREST"

In 2002, Yadegar Asisi visited the Himalaya region in order to find the ideal observation point for his picture, and also of course to experience the magical atmosphere of the place for himself. From sketches, drawings and digital photographs of the mountain landscape, and with the help of 3-D models made on the computer providing precise measurements of the mountain formations, the photorealistic panorama "8848Everest360°" was pieced together using a unique technique, a combination of painting and digital image processing. A "not to miss experience if you are in the area" according to Trip Advisor!

**14:00** Driving through the lively southern suburban area we reach one of the most important sights of Leipzig – the *Monument of the Battle of the Nations*. The Tour leads to nearly 500 architectural treasures, built in the late 19th century in a period of rapid industrial expansion. We pass the *Red-Bull-Arena* stadium and go to a former industrial suburb – *Plagwitz*, which has been in a state of flux and today there are canals, studios, lofts and galleries. We continue on through the *music quarter of Leipzig* with its imposing villas, and pass the spectacular former *Imperial Court (Reichsgericht)* where Germany's Supreme Court has been seated since 2002. We drive to noble *Gohlis*, where two main cultural sites await you: architectural high-lights – the *Gohliser Castle* and the *Schiller House*.

**15:15** Walking Tour of the city centre of Leipzig, including Coffee break

A walking tour through the city centre is the best way to discover the most famous sights of the city of Leipzig. We will begin with:

- The *Old Town Hall*, one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings in Germany
- *St. Thomas Church*: J.S. Bach was choir director at St. Thomas Church from 1723 until his death in 1750
- Leipzig's most famous arcade – "*Mädlerpassage*"
- *Coffee break\** in the Café Kandler near the St. Nicholas Church
- *St. Nicholas Church*, where the Peaceful Revolution began against the German Democratic Republic (GDR) regime of East Germany in the autumn of 1989
- The modern passage *Speck's Court (Speck's Hof)* – the numerous old trade courts and passages are a unique trademark of Leipzig's city centre.

**All inclusive price per participant: 49,50 Euro**

includes guided tour, entrance fees. \*Coffee break at own expense.



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### Excursion to Berlin, including visit to the German Parliament (Bundestag) Walking tour and boat tour on the river Spree

Friday, 4 May 2012, approx. 12:00 to 20:00 in Berlin  
(or 22:00 if you wish to return to Leipzig)

**12:00**      **Bus shuttle from the Gewandhaus in Leipzig to Berlin**

**14:30**      **Boat tour along the river Spree**

Seeing Berlin by river offers a unique and 'seamless' perspective of the city, away from all the crowds and traffic. You will see Berlin's most beautiful and important sights, like the *Berlin Television tower*, the *Berlin Cathedral* ("*Berliner Dom*") or the *Museum Island*. This island, placed in the middle of the river Spree, is one of the most impressive museum areas in Europe and is a *Unesco* cultural heritage site. Including the *Old Museum*, the *New Museum*, the *Old National Gallery*, *Bode Museum* and *Pergamon Museum*, this trip will take you on a journey between old and modern architecture. Ancient buildings like the "*Reichstag*" and the *Swiss Embassy* are mixed with the new architecture of the *German Chancellery* or the *Berlin Central Station*. Further sights on the tour include: *Tears Palace*, *Moltke Bridge*, *House of World Cultures*, and the *Federal Press Office*.

**16:00**      **Sightseeing tour on foot**

One can definitely tell that Berlin has changed a lot over the last years. But nowhere is it more obvious than at the point where the city was separated into east and west. Discover the hidden stories of the Berlin Wall. During the walking tour you will visit the "*Pariser Platz*" and Berlin's most famous landmark, the *Brandenburg Gate*. With a history of over 200 years, it used to be a symbol of the separation of Berlin and Germany until 1989, but since the reunification of Germany it has become the symbol of unity.

The tour leads us towards the "*Reichstag*" situated in the government district. We will visit the "*Reichstag*", with its beautiful glass dome, which has been the domicile of the German Parliament since 1990 and has attracted about 15 million visitors in recent years. We will continue along past the *Presidential Palace*, the *House of Parliament* and the *German Chancellery*. The final sight on our tour will be *Berlin Central Station*, which is one of the most spectacular architectural projects of the capital. Following eleven years of reconstruction, the station formerly known as the "*Lehrter Stadtbahnhof*" was reopened on 28 May 2006 as the largest and most modern connecting station in Europe.



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### 18:00 **Guided tour of the German Parliament (Bundestag)**

Since 1949, there have been a total of 17 elections to the German Bundestag. On 2 December 1990, the 12th German Bundestag became the first all-German parliament to be elected following reunification. The following year, the German Bundestag decided that the seat of Parliament and the Federal Government should no longer be in Bonn, but in Berlin. In 1999, the German Bundestag moved into the rebuilt Reichstag Building. By 2004, three more buildings had been completed, providing office accommodation for Members and staff. The “Reichstag” cupola, designed by the British architect Lord Norman Foster, has become the latest Berlin attraction, helping to make the German Bundestag the most visited parliament in the world.

*Please be advised that for security reasons we require the Name, Surname and Date of Birth of all guests of the German Parliament (Bundestag). This will be forwarded to the police and security service. Furthermore, a valid ID (identity card) is necessary for admittance.*

**Please note: This tour will finish at 20:00**

20:00 **Shuttle back to Leipzig (or stay in Berlin)\***

22:00 **Arrival in Leipzig at your hotel**

**All inclusive price per participant: 149,50 Euro**

*includes train, guided tour, entrance fees. Dinner not included*

If you are interested in accommodation in Berlin, do not hesitate to ask  
Nicole Sobotta via email [n.sobotta@leipziger-messe.de](mailto:n.sobotta@leipziger-messe.de)

*\*For participants who wish to stay in Berlin, please bring your luggage with you on the tour. It can remain in the bus until the end of the tour. For those returning to Leipzig, you can either leave your luggage in Leipzig in your hotel room (if you are staying in the hotel that night), or else leave it with the hotel reception.*

