

La Table des Amis de Provence Invites you to join us for a
Safari to Potsdam and Berlin - 20-27 May 2026 – ALREADY SOLD OUT



Potsdam, situated just outside Berlin amid the lakes of the Havel, was built in the 17th and 18th centuries when the Prussian rulers chose it as their royal residence. Frederick the Great's vision shaped the city: palaces, parks, and carefully planned urban quarters that today form part of UNESCO's World Heritage. ([Potsdam trailer by Potsdam Tourism](#))

Over the centuries, notable figures such as Albert Einstein and Voltaire lived here. Marlene Dietrich began her career at the Babelsberg Studios, and at the Potsdam Conference Stalin, Truman, and Churchill drew the lines that divided Europe. The Glienicker Bridge served as a site for spy exchanges, the command to drop the atomic bombs on Japan was given from Potsdam, and throughout the Cold War the city functioned as a hub for spy operations through its Allied Military Missions in East Germany (the American mission was on the street where we will be staying).

During our trip, we will delve into the history of both Potsdam and Berlin and explore how a region without a deep culinary tradition has nonetheless become one of Europe's most exciting gastronomic hotspots—combining global influences with an unusually high density of Michelin-starred restaurants.

Our home base will be the former country villa of the Adlon family, owners of the renowned Hotel Adlon at the Brandenburg Gate. This representative residence offers 14 guest rooms (80 EUR/single, 120 EUR/double up to 200 EUR for the owner's suite) and is directly on one of Potsdam's lakes. It also happens to be next door to Table des Amis member Sven Slazenger, who is helping us organize the trip. The rest of the trip is pay as you go plus a 25 EUR signup fee.



our home base on the lake - Landhaus Adlon on Lake Lehnitzsee in Potsdam

During the first days, we will focus on Potsdam and its surroundings. We will arrive at the height of asparagus season, take excursions to Berlin—including a historic boat ride through the city and lunch on the roof terrace of the Reichstag (yes, you really can eat there). We will also leave time for individual museum visits and other self-organized activities.

Preliminary Schedule

- Wed, 20.05.2026
 - Flight recommendation: Ryanair FR3389 16h30-18h35 MRS-BER
 - Arrival at our accommodation with light dinner on the terrace on the lake at Villa Adlon or Sven Slazenger's terrace next door.
- Thu, 21.05.2026
 - Exploring Potsdam: Morning walk through [Neuer Garten](#) park that includes [Cecilienhof Castle](#) where the [Potsdam Conference](#) was held at the end of WW2 to divide Europe. Simple lunch at the place with the best beer in Potsdam: [Meierei im Neuen Garten](#). The walk continues to the [Belvedere](#) with views over Potsdam, the Russian [Alexandrowka](#) quarter.
 - Evening at Holländisches Viertel and dinner at [Laila](#) (Lebanese food and great Lebanese wines – the Lebanese made wine thousands of years before the French)
- Fri, 22.05.2026
 - Potsdam and the iron curtain: visit to [Glienicker Brücke](#) (bridge of spies). Lunch at [Matrosenstation Kongsnaes](#), the boating station of the Prussian emperor.
 - Afternoon walk along the [Mansions on Griebnitzsee](#). We'll see the house where Truman gave the order to drop the atomic bombs and discover where Marlene Dietrich lived. Quick visit to [Studio Babelsberg](#), the oldest film studio in the world, where Metropolis was filmed and stars like Wes Anderson and Steven Spielberg still frequently work.
 - In the evening we'll relax from the walks at a BBQ at Sven Slazenger's terrace by the lake.



- Sat, 23.05.2026
 - Asparagus Season: We will visit a farm where the popular white asparagus is grown and enjoy an asparagus lunch afterwards.
 - Afternoon: Depending on the weather, the [castles of Frederick the Great \(video guide\)](#) and/or visit by boat/car to Sacrow Potsdam with the park and church.
 - Joint cooking session in the evening in the Villa Adlon kitchen.
- Sun, 24.05.2026
 - Free for your own trips to castles or museums in Berlin, Potsdam or the region (e.g. [Albert Einstein's house](#) in Caputh, [Max Liebermann house](#), house of the [Wannsee Conference](#)) or just an afternoon with drinks relaxing in the garden by the lake and taking little trips with [Sven's boat](#).
- Mon, 25.05.2026 (public holiday)
 - Berlin, traces of WW2 and the Cold War - [Café am Neuen See](#) for lunch. During the day visit to Bernauer Straße where a stretch of Berlin Wall still exists today. Then we're going underground to the WW2 bunkers with [Berliner Unterwelten tour](#). If time permits we're looking into getting a tour of the former [Teufelsberg NSA Station](#). If you would like to take individual excursions during the day, feel free to do something separate from the group program.
 - We will be trying the traditional Currywurst on the streets of Berlin during the day and Dinner is planned in the traditional Berlin restaurant [Gerichtslaube](#).
- Tue, 26.05.2026
 - Berlin Mitte – The highlight of the day will be lunch on top of the German Parliament in the [Reichstag Restaurant \(Access\)](#), followed by a boat tour through Berlin on [M/Y Fitzgerald](#).



- Dinner is planned at the [DDR/GDR Restaurant Pila](#) with traditional East German food from Erich Honnecker's days.
- Wed, 27.05.2026
 - Flight recommendation: Ryanair FR3388 13h55-16h04 BER-MRS