

*Teresa Beall Expeditions presents*  
**“Currywurst, Canals, and Coffeehouses:  
... a Spring Romp through Berlin and Amsterdam”**

**April 26 – May 5, 2016 / \$1799 pp (dbl occ)**

(\* Land-only price; flights are not included (but fares on Turkish Air, from SFO to Berlin and back from Amsterdam, are currently \$725 pp).  
Please call us for help securing a flight ticket from your specific gateway (using cash or frequent flyer miles).



Twenty-six years after the fall of the wall that once divided Germany, **BERLIN** remains a city of contrasts: east and west, old and new, efficient and eccentric, glamour and grit. Widely recognized as the cool, creative and cosmopolitan capital of Europe, Berlin now brims with cutting edge architecture, modern galleries, urban parks, a booming food scene, electric nightlife and tangible history. More than 50 years ago, President Kennedy offered American solidarity to the citizens of Germany by proclaiming, “Ich bin ein Berliner.” Join TBE on this spring romp and you can be one, too.

But save enough energy for **AMSTERDAM**; you’ll need it. The Dutch capital is a unique combination of provincial beauty, rich culture, and progressive social views. Cobblestone and canals, red-cheeked children in bicycle baskets, warm stroopwafel, the red light district, “coffee” shops, tulips... there’s something for everyone in Amsterdam. With approximately 175 nationalities, Amsterdam is the most multicultural city in the world, a destination with the appeal of a metropolis and the charm of a village full of little wonders to explore.

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*“Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.” – Miriam Beard*

## Snapshot Overview

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Twenty plus years after its post-Wall rebirth, **BERLIN** is a scene-stealing, head-turning combo of glamour and grit, teeming with top museums and galleries, grand opera and guerrilla clubs, gourmet temples and ethnic snack shacks. Over the past decade, Berlin's become a pillar of the fashion, art, design and music worlds, not just keeping up with but setting new trends. Whether your tastes run to posh or punk, you can sate them in Berlin. And, 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. What draws them is Berlin's legendary climate of tolerance, openness and experimentation infused with an edgy undercurrent that gives this 'eternally unfinished' city its street cred. All this trendiness is a triumph for a town that's long been in the crosshairs 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 wee hours. Sleep? Fuhgeddabout it! When Germans celebrate, they do it with a sense of purposeful and well-earned fun, enhanced by great wines and abundant beers. Plus, there's plenty to see here – from graffiti covered remnants of the wall itself to Hitler's bunker and the new Jewish synagogue center. Berlin is by no means stifled by its extraordinary past – it is hurtling headfirst into the future with hip bars attracting a trendy young crowd in the Mitte and Charlottenburg districts. Excellent luxury hotels and gourmet restaurants ensure its chic European status.

With its Golden Age canals, 17th-century mansions, joint-smoking alien sculptures, world-class museums, and a well-established counterculture, **AMSTERDAM** has an edge – melding history with modern urban flair, intertwining tradition with innovation. While many come for tulips, masterpieces, cheese and windmills, others are drawn by the city's reputation for easy sex, drugs and a phenomenal nightlife. Regardless of what brings you to this charismatic global village, you're sure to be charmed by fairy-tale landscapes and history and a tolerant vibe that harks back to the small, 13th-century fishing village on the Amstel River that would become an international capital.

## Tentative Schedule

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Apr 26 / Tue	Depart the USA
Apr 27 / Wed	Arrive in <b>BERLIN</b> for a 5-night stay
Apr 28 / Thu	TBE Included Activity/Tour/Experience (details forthcoming shortly)
Apr 29 / Fri	TBE Included Activity/Tour/Experience (details forthcoming shortly)
Apr 30 / Sat	Choice of two (2) TBE Included Activities/Tours/Experiences (details forthcoming shortly)
May 1 / Sun	Free Day, at leisure
May 2 / Mon	Scenic Train Adventure to Amsterdam (approx. 8:30 am-3 pm); Arrive in <b>AMSTERDAM</b> for a 3-night stay
May 3 / Tue	Choice of two (2) TBE Included Activities/Tours/Experiences (details forthcoming shortly)
May 4 / Wed	Free Day, at leisure
May 5 / Thu	Depart Amsterdam (*) (* ) For those flying on Turkish Air, there is a forced overnight in Istanbul (Thursday night).
May 6 / Fri	Depart Istanbul (*)

## Hand Selected Accommodations



### HOTEL CASA CAMPER (Berlin)

4-star Boutique Hotel in the heart of the Mitte District

\*\* 5 nights w/ daily breakfast \*\*

Weinmeisterstrabe 1

10178, Berlin, Germany

Phone +49.30.20003410

[www.casacamper.com](http://www.casacamper.com)

Spanish shoemaker Camper is known for its smart yet simple footwear, and they applied the same functional aesthetic to Casa Camper hotels. With only 51 rooms and suites, Casa Camper Berlin is an intimate home base for our adventures in Berlin. The chic and practical rooms in this high-rise hotel are decorated in a rich and restful red, with dark-stone floors and blond-wood wardrobes. From bedside lights to bathroom fittings, every detail is fit for

purpose, with mod cons kept to a minimum and no superfluous frills or clutter. The communal spaces are sparsely furnished but the hotel still feels cozy, and the penthouse snack lounge (Tentempie) has the intimate élan of a private members' club. Finger sandwiches, fresh fruit bowls, salads of every shade and a cache of juices, soft drinks and mineral waters are replenished throughout the day, 24/7 – and are entirely free! And the lounge itself, where all this gratuitous hospitality happens, is on the penthouse level of the Casa Camper, strewn with fat armchairs and super rooftop views of East Berlin. If you fancy something more substantial, Albert Raurich, former chef de cuisine at Spain's most famous restaurant, El Bulli, produces Asian tapas downstairs in the new Dos Palillos restaurant... prawn dumplings, fresh seaweed sunomono with molluscs, braised eel temaki, dim sum, and Nippon burgers (beef, ginger, cucumber, and shiso on a steamed bun). The hotel also features a wood and slate 24-hour fitness center, including a sauna. With a location right in the middle of Berlin Mitte, the Casa Camper is anything but isolated. Mitte is to East Berlin what the East Village is to New York: a gritty, once rundown area that scrubbed up well and attracted more than its share of designer boutiques, coffeehouses and new, increasingly unaffordable luxury apartments. Call it a renaissance if you like, but as location goes, the Casa Camper is at the heart of most of Berlin's most popular shopping and some great restaurants – and, for those wanting to venture farther afield, we're just around the corner from the Weinmeisterstraße subway station. Complimentary WiFi in rooms and throughout the hotel. Bicycles are also available for rent at 15€ per day. (\*) **Rooms and suites will be assigned in typical TBE key draw fashion – we have two suites in the mix along with the rooms.**

### DOUBLETREE CENTRAAL (Amsterdam)

4-star upscale waterfront retreat

\*\* 3 nights w/ daily breakfast \*\*

Oosterdoksstraat 4, Amsterdam

1011 DK, Netherlands

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[www.amsterdam.doubletree.com](http://www.amsterdam.doubletree.com)

The Doubletree is a glassy minimalist retreat overlooking the old city and the IJ River, Amsterdam's waterfront. Not a typical "big box" hotel, this Doubletree property was formally a branch of Mint Hotels, a small British chain, and boasts many distinguishing features – from the dramatic angular architectural style to floor-to-ceiling windows in every guest room with a view of the city, river, or courtyard.



While there are many places in Amsterdam in which you can get high, the city center's lack of tall buildings means there are very few in which you can get – *literally* – high. Our hotel's SkyLounge (recently voted Best Hotel Bar of Amsterdam) sits on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and offers spectacular panoramic views of the city and the Oosterdok canals. The cocktails aren't cheap, but the views are unsurpassed. As a home base for exploring Amsterdam, the Doubletree (just paces from the Amsterdam Centraal train station) is ideal. The hotel is located on the edge of the Eastern Docklands, a neighborhood known for the interesting mix of innovative, internationally renowned modern architecture and stylish historical buildings related to the maritime history of the area. We're within walking distance of some of Amsterdam's brightest attractions. The Church of Saint Nicholas and the Sexmuseum are only five minutes away by foot. Choose your path carefully! You can explore the city in typical Dutch fashion by renting a bike for 15€ through the hotel's in-house rental service or utilize the Hop On Hop Off buses and boats. The first stop is the neighboring train station. Our pet friendly hotel includes a high tech gym and business center and that signature chocolate chip cookie upon check-in. All rooms are stylish and contemporary in design with walk-in showers and ergonomic chairs/work desks. Amenities include iMac computers that double as TVs, a laptop safe, mini fridge and complimentary WiFi. In addition to the hip and happening SkyLounge, the hotel features a lobby bar that doubles as the only Dutch library that's open 24 hours a day, a Starbucks, and Eastwood, a bar and grill where you can sip Monkey Shoulder scotch, nibble on *bitterballen* (a savory Dutch meat snack), or enjoy a five-course meal from 5:00 to 11:00 pm. (\*) **Rooms will be assigned by the hotel, as all are identical.**



### **MARRIOTT COURTYARD** (Istanbul)

*Basic 3-star Airport hotel (for those flying Turkish Airlines)*

**\*\* 1 short night w/ breakfast \*\***

Fatih Caddesi, Dereboyu Sokak No 2, Halkali

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[www.courtyardistanbulairport.com](http://www.courtyardistanbulairport.com)

The Courtyard by Marriott Istanbul International Airport is situated close to the Istanbul airport and yet a short 20-minute drive away from Sultanahmet (the "old" part of Istanbul where you can find Hagia Sophia, Tokapi Palace, Hippodrome, Cagaloglu Hamami, the Spice Market, and the Grand Bazaar). For the super-shoppers, the hotel is also close to ArmoniPark Outlet Center and the Mall of Istanbul (6 minutes by taxi). The property offers complimentary airport shuttles (departing the hotel on the hour, from 5:00 am to 1:00 am... and picking up at the International Terminal B on the half hour, from 5:30 am to 1:30 am). The 264 guestrooms have a contemporary atmosphere with a private bathroom and soundproofed windows. Amenities include plasma television with satellite channels and pay movies, phone, desk, coffee maker, in-room safe, iron and board. The property includes a contemporary Mediterranean bistro named after legendary chef and traveler Leo Mezzatopoli who was nicknamed "Oleo Pazzo" (wacky olive) due to his fondness for everything about olives and his rather eccentric temperament. Oleo Pazzo serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room or by room service. There is also a lounge serving cocktails and pub snacks, a gift shop and newsstand, and an indoor swimming pool and a fitness center with sauna. Dry cleaning and laundry services are also available. (\*)

**Rooms will be assigned by the hotel, as all are identical.**

**NOTE: Travelers flying Turkish Airlines will also need to procure a Turkish VISA (\$20 pp) to exit the airport and stay one night in Istanbul. This can be done eight prior to departure or upon arrival at the airport. TBE will help you with this!**

# Exclusions, Inclusions, and Fine Print

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## INCLUSIONS

- 9 days (8 nights' accommodations), as indicated in the itinerary (5 nights in Berlin / 3 nights in Amsterdam)
- First-Class Scenic Train Adventure (between Berlin and Amsterdam)
- Daily breakfasts throughout
- Some snacks/beverages/lunches during tours (as indicated)
- Ground transportation throughout (airport arrival/departure transfers, and transfers between hotels/train stations)
- TBE tours to iconic sites, local markets, historic places, and unique areas (details forthcoming)
- TBE cocktails and spontaneous surprises
- All taxes and service fees

## EXCLUSIONS

- International R/T flights: USA to Berlin / Amsterdam to USA (currently Turkish Air has rates from SFO @ \$724 pp)
- TBE optional tours and experiences (details/prices forthcoming)
- Optional TBE Grab Bag (TBA)
- Any meals or beverages of any kind, unless otherwise stated
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel concierge
- Luggage portorage (if you need help at each hotel, please ask and tip accordingly at a buck a bag)
- Personal expenditures (laundry, telephone bills, room charges, in-room movies, souvenirs, etcetera)
- Optional Travel Insurance (RECOMMENDED – see below for premiums). Group Lite Plan includes (trip cancellation/interruption/delay, lost baggage, emergency accident/medical coverage (\$10,000), evacuation/repatriation (\$20,000), and 24-hour travel assistance services. Premiums determined by coverage amount.

## THE FINE PRINT

- PRICE – \$1799 pp (dbl occ), based on 24 min/28 max. Price is guaranteed, but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (e.g. supplier cost increases, dramatic euro/dollar exchange rate) we'll adjust price accordingly. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. If headcount is less than 24, price will be adjusted or tour canceled.
- **DEPOSIT/PAYMENT POLICY – \$1000 pp deposit due at time of confirmation. Final Payment due Feb 1, 2016. Checks or cash only; no credit cards please!**
- CANCELLATION & REFUNDS – For cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of \$750 pp tour cost will apply. For cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure, a 100% cancellation fee of the tour cost will apply. No refunds paid for unused services such as transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- LAND ARRANGEMENTS – We reserve the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Teresa Beall Expeditions will do their best to maintain tour content. We reserve the right to change the hotel listed for another of similar quality.
- RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY – Whereas Teresa Beall Expeditions operates the program only as an agent of the aircraft, hotel, bus operators, local sight-seeing contractors and others who provide actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the tours and/or passenger. Teresa Beall Expeditions reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that the purchaser fails to pay any fees due for services, including cancellation fees as listed in "Cancellations & Refunds." The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

# Confirmation and Registration Form – "Currywurst, Canals & Coffeehouses"

**PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY** – Passenger has read the above exclusions, inclusions, and fine print (terms and conditions) and agrees to each of them, and hereby warrants that he/she fully understands each of them. Specifically the passenger understands that should he/she cancel the trip for any reason, he/she will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the "Cancellations & Refunds" section in the Fine Print details above.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION** – Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months with at least 2 empty pages.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY** – This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Teresa Beall Expeditions and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** – Travel insurance is not included in the tour price, but is highly recommended for your own protection. It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his/her local health insurance provides coverage while out of the USA – please contact your insurance carrier for details. Teresa Beall Expeditions highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance through Travel Insured, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation (see choice of coverage premiums below). A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

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**PASSPORT SPELLING (Pax #1):** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSPORT SPELLING (Pax #2):** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Traveling with \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**BED STYLE REQUEST (requested, but not guaranteed)**    \_\_\_ One Bed (Queen/King)    \_\_\_ Two Beds (Two Twins/Doubles)

**PRE-DEPARTURE PARK & FLY HOTEL PACKAGE**    \_\_\_ SFO El Rancho Inn / [www.elranchoinn.com](http://www.elranchoinn.com)    \_\_\_ LAX \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-TRIP NIGHT IN ISTANBUL @ MARRIOTT COURTYARD (for those flying Turkish Air) @ \$120/room inc. tax and bkfst**    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:**    \_\_\_ \$159 pp (up to \$1999 coverage)    \_\_\_ \$179 pp (up to \$2499 coverage)  
   \_\_\_ \$199 pp (up to \$2999 coverage)    \_\_\_ \$219 pp (up to \$3499 coverage)

*(\* If insurance is declined, you're fully responsible for associated fees due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc. This is a nonrefundable package.*

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I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT – To confirm, please sign this form and return it with a check deposit for \$1000 pp, made payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.**

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO: TERESA BEALL EXPEDITIONS @ 2724 Pillsbury Road, Chico, California 95973**