



Berlin - Don Quixote, Swan Lake, Romeo & Juliet and a contemporary triple bill

17 – 21 June 2018

***£995 per person sharing a twin or double room
£1145 for sole use of a double room***

Includes: Return flights from the UK (Manchester, London and other cities on request), 4 nights bed & breakfast, 2 dinners with wines, 1 lunch, 1st category stalls tickets for three performances (plus one optional); late night soup & drinks after Romeo & Juliet and a full programme of sightseeing.

Something new for 2018 and our usual visit to Berlin but this year for four new productions by the highly acclaimed Staatsballett Berlin including one in the newly reopened **Staatsoper Unter den Linden**.

Unfortunately extensive flooding in Berlin has caused the cancellation of one planned performance and an adjustment to the schedule so we are now offering a **four night stay in Berlin with three classical ballets included** and an optional contemporary triple bill at the Komische Oper.

In February a party of Maestro clients attended the premiere of the new production of **Don Quixote** (in conjunction with Vasily Petrenko's debut at the Berlin Phil). All agreed that Victor Ullate has created an outstanding production melding the classical story and score of Minkus with some wonderful contemporary elements. You can see the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/swHE8Vw0F0g>

On the 19th renowned French choreographer Patrice Bart has created a new production of **Swan Lake**. You can get an insight to the production here: <https://youtu.be/Twpkn4I2Vfc>

Our classical ballet finale is new production of Prokofiev's gloriously scored **Romeo & Juliet** by Nacho Duato - the Artistic Director of the Staatsballet Berlin. This takes place at the completely restored Staatsoper unter den Linden (which has reopened this year after almost 9 years under reconstruction). The opening night is 29th April so we don't yet have any video footage to share with you.

You can add an evening of contemporary ballet (and see another of Berlin's three opera houses) with a **Triple Bill at the Komische Oper** (additional cost £50 for centre stalls tickets inc transfers).

CREATION Dance piece by Gentian Doda
PIERROT LUNAIRE Choreography by Marco Goecke, Music by Arnold Schönberg
POR VOS MUERO Ballet by Nacho Duato, Music of the Spanish 15th and 16th centuries

Three current perspectives will be shown on this evening: Gentian Doda is inspired by Albanian culture, in which asymmetric and complex shapes are favored over pure beauty. Based on a composition by Arnold Schönberg the body virtuoso Marco Goecke shows his distinctive style with "Pierrot Lunaire". Nacho Duato completes the evening, revealing new facets of his artistic practice to the public with the Berlin premiere of his masterpiece "Por vos muero".

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday 17th June - Don Quixote at the Deutsche Oper

Monday 18th June - Triple Bill of works by Doda, Goecke, Duato at the Komische Oper (optional performance)

Tuesday 19th June - Swan Lake at the Deutsche Oper

Wednesday 20th June - Romeo & Juliet at the Staatsoper unter de Linden

We stay four nights at the conveniently located **Hotel Leonardo Berlin** (full buffet breakfast included each morning) just five minutes walk from the Deutsche Oper. The hotel is in the heart of the Charlottenburg neighbourhood and has excellent connections to the rest of the city by both bus and U'Bahn.

Our sightseeing includes a Berlin 'East & West' tour by private coach on Monday and a visit to Potsdam crossing the *Bridge of Spies* and visiting Sansoucci Palace (lunch included) on Tuesday. Wednesday is free for you to continue your exploration at your own pace - perhaps to visit Museum Island or Charlottenburg Palace.

Flights from Manchester with Ryanair including reserved seats and 20kg baggage allowance.

Sunday 17th June Manchester Terminal 3 - Berlin Schönefeld 1100 - 1355

Thursday 21st June Berlin Schönefeld - Manchester Terminal 3 1355 - 1450

From Heathrow

Sunday 17th June Heathrow Terminal 5 - Berlin Tegel 1050 - 1340

Thursday 21st June Berlin Tegel - Heathrow Terminal 5 1435 - 1535

Other departure airports on request