

# Hamburg & Berlin with Lise Davidsen and Cecilia Bartoli – 2027

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## *Hamburg, Berlin – 11 days*

Departure: May 28, 2027

Return: June 7, 2027

***Some opera seasons are memorable. Occasionally, they become part of operatic history.***

*Our 2027 journey to Hamburg and Berlin brings together six exceptional performances in two of Germany's great musical capitals, highlighted by **Lise Davidsen's** highly anticipated *Leonora in La Forza del Destino* under the baton of **Phillip Jordon** and **Cecilia Bartoli's 40th anniversary celebration** on the operatic stage.*

*Hamburg welcomes us with two unforgettable evenings at the spectacular **Elbphilharmonie**, where **Riccardo Chailly** leads the **Filarmonica della Scala** with pianist **Kirill Gerstein**, followed by **Omer Meir Wellber** and the **Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra** with **violinist Midori**. These performances bring together some of today's most celebrated artists in one of the world's finest concert halls **Elbphilharmonie** in Hamburg.*

*Berlin provides the operatic centerpiece of the journey. Across four evenings at the **Staatsoper Unter den Linden** and **Deutsche Oper Berlin**, we experience **La Forza del Destino**, **Don Carlos**, **Cecilia Bartoli's** special anniversary performance of **Il Barbiere di Siviglia**, and **La Traviata**. Together, these performances create a remarkable celebration of Italian opera, brought to life by some of the most distinguished artists of our time.*

### ***Distinguished Accommodations***

*Exceptional music deserves exceptional surroundings. In Hamburg, we stay at the iconic **Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten**, the city's legendary grand hotel overlooking **Alster Lake** and a symbol of Hanseatic elegance for more than a century. In Berlin, the celebrated **Hotel Adlon Kempinski** places us at one of Europe's most storied addresses, overlooking the **Brandenburg Gate** and at the center of the city's cultural life.*

### ***Cultural Exploration***

*Beyond the concert hall and opera house, we discover two of Germany's most captivating cities. Hamburg enchants with the historic **Speicherstadt**, elegant lakeside promenades, and the renowned **Kunsthalle**. In Berlin, we explore the treasures of **Museum Island**, stroll beneath the **Brandenburg Gate**, and enjoy a full-day excursion to **Potsdam**, where the magnificent palaces and gardens of **Frederick the Great** offer a glimpse into Prussia's golden age.*

*For lovers of great singing, great cities, and the rare privilege of being present when operatic history is made, this promises to be an unforgettable journey.*



## *Opera Performances*

In Hamburg:

May 30 – **Filarmonica della Scala** under **Riccardo Chailly**, featuring pianist **Kirill Gerstein** at **Elbphilharmonie**

May 31– **Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra**, led by **Omer Meir Wellber** with violinist **Midori**

In Berlin:

June 2 – **La Forza del Destino** by **Verdi** with **Lise Davidsen** under the baton of **Philippe Jordan**

June 3 – **Don Carlos** by **Verdi** at the **Deutsche Oper**

June 4 – **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert Cecilia Bartoli's** at the **Staatsoper Unter den Linden** with **Les Musiciens du Prince** under **Gianluca Capuano**

June 5 – **La Traviata** by **Verdi** at the **Deutsche Oper**

### **Friday, May 28. (D)\*. DEPART FOR HAMBURG**

Depart this evening, aboard any airline of your choice to Hamburg, Germany. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

### **Saturday May 29. (B,D). HAMBURG**

Independent arrival at Hamburg International Airport. Take a taxi to the luxury **Fairmont Four Seasons Hotel on Alster Lake** where we stay for three nights. This evening we will have our Briefing with cocktails followed by Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

### **Sunday, May 30. (B). HAMBURG**

This morning we take an orientation sightseeing tour of the city by bus, to see the Elbphilharmonie, the Port of Hamburg, the Warehouse district, Nikolai Memorial, Reeperbahn, the nightlife district of St. Pauli and other sights. Afternoon is free to visit any of the fine arts museums nearby; the Art Gallery, Gallery of Contemporary Arts, the Bucherius Kunst Forum, Museum of Art and Industry, as well as the Brahm's Museum amongst others. This evening, we enjoy a performance by the celebrated **Filarmonica della Scala** under **Riccardo Chailly**, featuring pianist **Kirill Gerstein** at the Elbphilharmonie.



## ***Hamburg - Germany's Second-Largest City and Historic Port Hub***

*Discover the allure of Hamburg, the dynamic Free and Hanseatic City, standing as Germany's second-largest urban hub. Hamburg boasts a rich maritime legacy positioned along the majestic Elbe River, serving as a pivotal port city for centuries. Unveil its financial prowess, hosting Germany's oldest stock exchange and the esteemed Berenberg Bank. The city resonates with cultural vibrancy, offering diverse theaters and captivating music spectacles. A legendary chapter in music history unfurled as the Beatles ignited their iconic journey from 1960 to 1962, igniting stages across local music clubs. Hamburg beckons, a fusion of history, finance, culture, and musical enchantment.*

### **Monday, May 31. (B). HAMBURG**

This morning we take a walking tour, of the second largest city in Germany. Among the sights are; the City Hall, churches of Saint Michaels and Saint Jacob, Counting House buildings, and the Old Town. Afternoon at leisure. This evening, we enjoy a performance by the **Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra**, led by **Omer Meir Wellber** and featuring the internationally acclaimed violinist **Midori** at the Elbphilharmonie.

### **Tuesday, June 1. (B,D). HAMBURG – BERLIN**

This morning we drive southeast to Berlin, where we stay six nights at the luxury, centrally located **Adlon Kempinski**. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will have dinner the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

*Berlin became the capital of a newly founded Germany in 1871 and expanded rapidly during the Industrial Revolution. It lost its position as a capital to Weimar, at the end of the First World War in 1918, until it was moved back in 1933. In 1945, at the Potsdam meeting, it was divided into two cities. The East, under the control of communists, The West, a de facto West German enclave surrounded by the Berlin Wall. Following German unification in 1990, Berlin once again becomes the capital of the whole of Germany.*

### **Wednesday June 2. (B). BERLIN**

Morning sightseeing tour by bus to include Alexanderplatz, the Town Hall, the Palace of the Republic and the Humboldt University. We drive through the Brandenburg Gate for a tour of former West Berlin to see Potsdamer Platz, the newly restored parliament, the Reichstag, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Charlottenburg Palace, the shop-lined Kurfürstendamm and Emperor William Memorial Church. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we see the opera **Don Carlos** by **Verdi** at the **Deutsche Oper**.



### **Thursday June 3. (B). BERLIN**

Today we will travel by bus to Museum Island, where you will be introduced to its world-famous museums. As it is impossible to visit them all in one day, you will receive a 3-Day Museum Pass, valid for admission to 56 museums across Berlin, allowing you to return and explore at your leisure. A list of participating museums will be provided. This evening we see the opera **Don Carlos** by **Verdi** at the **Deutsche Oper**.

### **Friday June 4. (B). BERLIN**

Today we discover the beaten track of Jewish life in Berlin and it's neighborhood. We will visit, by bus, the Jewish Quarter. Jews have lived everywhere in Berlin and sometimes Jewish life outside city center was fascinating. We will drive through the only synagogue that opened in former Communist East Berlin. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon exploring a museum of your choice on Berlin's renowned Museum Island. This evening we see **the Anniversary concert with Cecilia Bartoli's** at the **Staatsoper Unter den Linden**.

### **Saturday June 5. (B,L). BERLIN**

Morning visit of the Reichstag, the German Parliament, reopened in 1999, after set on fire by the Nazis in 1933 and restored after the reunification of East and West Germany, having gone through a reconstruction led by architect Norman Foster. We will have a light lunch. Afternoon is at leisure to visit any museum of your choice. This evening we see the opera **La Traviata** by **Verdi** at the **Deutsche Oper**.

### **Sunday June 6. (B,L). BERLIN - POTSDAM**

This morning we drive northwest to Potsdam, to see Sansouci, an elegant baroque palace, where Federich the Great is buried along with his dog. We continue our visit with Cecilienhof, where Truman, Stalin, and Churchill, signed the Potsdam Agreement to divide Germany, after the Second World War. We will have lunch in Potsdam. This evening is at leisure.

### **Monday June 7. (B). BERLIN - BACK HOME**

Depart from the hotel to the Berlin Airport for departure aboard your airline back home arriving the same afternoon. See you on another HAT Tour.

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\* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



## LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$13,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,950 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$3,000 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: FEBRUARY 28, 2027

## TOUR INCLUDES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters
- Three operas and Three Concerts
- 9 nights at centrally located luxury hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily, 2 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants, 2 lunches
- Welcome reception with drink
- Private sightseeing in each city
- Trip to Potsdam
- Luxury transport in-between the cities
- English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Transport to and from theaters
- Baggage handling
- Guide, driver and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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