THREE GREAT CAPITAL CITIES OF EUROPE

September 18 to 30, 2016
I’m often asked which of the great European capitals is my favorite. To me, this is an impossible question to answer, but perhaps you’ll be able to choose a favorite on this extraordinary journey focused on Paris, London and Berlin. Alongside Travel/Study’s Central Europe expert, Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, learn how, since the 17th century, these great capitals have been at the center of European politics and culture against a dramatic backdrop of war and peace. Join us on this overland adventure, learning how these cities’ interwoven 400-year history now unites the peoples and cultures of a once-divided continent.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

EXPERIENCE the cultural, historical, culinary and commercial riches of three of the great capitals of Europe.

VISIT some of the most architecturally interesting museums in Europe, including the Musée Picasso Paris, Imperial War Museum London and all-new Spy Museum.

VENTURE outside of Paris on a pre-trip extension to the D-Day beaches of Normandy, Monet’s Giverny, the tapestry of Bayeux and the opulent palace of Versailles.
G. ROBERT HAMRDLA, '59, MA '64, has been teaching at Stanford for over 40 years, most recently in the Continuing Studies Program. He is also a former assistant to the president of Stanford and served as secretary to Stanford’s board of trustees. Fluent in German and a specialist on Central Europe and Nazi Germany as well as the former German Democratic Republic, he has introduced thousands of Stanford students and alumni to Central and Eastern European history and has visited these areas virtually every year for the past 55 years. During our program he will discuss such topics as the relationship between France and Germany, the European Union and issues among EU members, problems among those countries using the Euro and the growing crisis of immigration into EU countries.

- Former director of Stanford’s overseas campuses in Beutelsbach, Berlin and Kraków
- Faculty leader for more than 45 Stanford Travel/Study programs, primarily in Central Europe
- BA, mathematics, 1959, and MA, history, 1964, Stanford University

“Traveling with Bob is always a delight. He is a treasure and a fount of information.”

DANIEL ESTES, ’66, PARIS TO PRAGUE, 2014

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Itinerary

SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 & 19
DEPART U.S. / PARIS, FRANCE
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Paris, arriving on Monday. Upon arrival, transfer to our hotel for a welcome lunch. This afternoon, tour the neighborhood surrounding our hotel, situated among Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Montparnasse and the Luxembourg Gardens. End the afternoon with a look at the city from the top of Tour Montparnasse. Enjoy a champagne toast at a welcome reception back at our hotel this evening.
HOTEL LE SIX (9/19:L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
PARIS
Plunge into the history of French power with a tour of the Sun King's great military hospital, L'Hôtel National des Invalides, and the national military museum, Le Musée de l’Armée. Make a stop at Place de la Bastille and visit the Carnavalet Museum dedicated to the history of Paris. Enjoy a guided tour at the Musée Picasso Paris followed by lunch at one of Paris' premier regional restaurants. This afternoon is free for independent exploration.
HOTEL LE SIX (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
PARIS
Explore the Marais neighborhood, boasting 17th-century architectural stunners such as Place des Vosges and Hotel du Sully. Make a stop at Place de la Bastille and visit the Carnavalet Museum dedicated to the history of Paris. Enjoy a guided tour at the Musée Picasso Paris followed by lunch at one of Paris' premier regional restaurants. This afternoon is free for independent exploration.
HOTEL LE SIX (B,L)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
LONDON, ENGLAND
Transfer to London on the Eurostar via the Chunnel. After checking in to our hotel in the Marylebone district, take a short walking tour of the neighborhood. Explore independently this afternoon, then meet up again for a pre-theater dinner at the National Portrait Gallery’s restaurant with stunning views over the rooftops of London.
THE MARYLEBONE HOTEL (B,L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
LONDON
This morning visit the Cabinet War Rooms, Churchill's underground command center during WWII, followed by a break for lunch and independent exploration of the area perhaps stopping at Buckingham Palace, St. James Park and the Mall. This afternoon, meet up again for a coach tour that includes Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, then head to the new galleries of the Imperial War Museum, with particularly moving exhibits devoted to World War I and the Holocaust.
THE MARYLEBONE HOTEL (B)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
LONDON
Enjoy a free day to window-shop, take a boat ride to Greenwich to straddle time zones or to explore the HMS Belfast warship. Those who are interested in venturing further can take an optional day-trip to explore the city of Cambridge and to visit the Duxford Air Museum (an Imperial War Museum) for an additional fee.
THE MARYLEBONE HOTEL (B)
This morning visit the museum at Bletchley Park, dedicated to the extraordinary team of men and women who cracked the German Enigma code. Arrive at Heathrow Airport mid-afternoon for our flight to Berlin. Upon arrival in Berlin, transfer to our centrally located hotel and gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

HOTEL HILTON BERLIN (B,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
BERLIN
This morning, after a bus tour of central Berlin, visit the German Historical Museum (Unter den Linden) for a guided tour. Spend the afternoon among the remnants of the Cold War, such as Checkpoint Charlie and a prison run by Stasi, East Germany’s notorious secret police. End the day at the exclusive Soho House Berlin, a private club, where we enjoy drinks, dinner and a private screening of one of the most stirring films about East Germany, The Lives of Others. HOTEL HILTON BERLIN (B,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
BERLIN
This morning go on a walking tour of central Berlin that includes a visit to the memorial site dedicated to what remains of the Gestapo’s headquarters. This evening, wrap up the day with an uplifting visit to one of Berlin’s great musical jewels, either the Berlin Philharmonic, the Konzerthaus or the Opera (programs permitting). HOTEL HILTON BERLIN (B)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
BERLIN
This morning go on a walking tour of central Berlin that includes a visit to the memorial site dedicated to what remains of the Gestapo’s headquarters. This evening, wrap up the day with an uplifting visit to one of Berlin’s great musical jewels, either the Berlin Philharmonic, the Konzerthaus or the Opera (programs permitting). HOTEL HILTON BERLIN (B,L)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
BERLIN / POTSDAM
Venture outside Berlin for an all-day excursion to Potsdam, locale of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site of Sans-souci, the beautiful summer palace of Frederick the Great. This afternoon, visit Cecilienhof, the pleasure palace of the last Prussian king, Kaiser Wilhelm II. Back in Berlin, we end our trip in style with a farewell reception and dinner. HOTEL HILTON BERLIN (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
BERLIN / U.S.
After breakfast, make your way to the Berlin airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
LONDON / BERLIN, GERMANY
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Versailles, Giverny and Normandy
Optional Extension
SEPTEMBER 13 TO 19
Kick off the journey with a seven-day extension to see the opulent palace of Versailles, Monet’s iconic Giverny and Normandy, site of some of the most decisive and fiercely contested battles of World War II. Faculty leader Bob Hamrdla provides a full educational program of lectures during this extension. A detailed itinerary and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
Trip Information

DATES
September 18 to 30, 2016 (13 days)

SIZE
30 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

COST*
$10,995 per person, double occupancy
$11,995 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

INCLUDED
11 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations ■ 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell receptions ■ Standard premium-class Chunnel passage from Paris to London on 9/22 ■ Economy flight from London to Berlin on 9/25 ■ 2-day Paris museum pass, Paris metro tickets as needed; 2-day London museum and travel pass; and 3-day Berlin museum and travel pass ■ Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities ■ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance ■ Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book and travel information ■ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare ■ Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days ■ Passport and visa fees ■ Immunization costs ■ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included ■ Independent and private transfers ■ Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ■ Excess-baggage charges ■ Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on British Airways from San Francisco to Paris, France, and return from Berlin, Germany, is approximately $1,200 as of October 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Daily activities may involve one to two miles of walking, mainly in museums, palaces and churches. In many instances, guided tours require climbing up and down several flights of stairs where steps may be steep, uneven and/or without handrails, and elevators may be limited or unavailable. During this program, we use a mix of public and private transportation. Some sites do not allow motorcoaches to pull directly in front, thus requiring a short walk to reach the entrance. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the optional pre-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?paris2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and trip companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in October 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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PHYLLIS MCCAIN RIDEOUT, '60, VENICE TO PARIS, 2015

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