AN UP-CLOSE EXPLORATION OF A STORIED EUROPEAN CAPITAL

April 25 to May 4, 2018
DISCOVER Berlin’s wealth of historic monuments and buildings, viewing such iconic structures as the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Neo-Romanesque Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche and the Museum Island complex.

GAIN insights into Berlin’s past and present at morning guest lectures, including one delivered by Peter Unfried, a newspaper journalist for Die Tageszeitung, and another given by local historian, professor and political scientist, Dr. Heinrich Bortfeldt.

ENJOY Berlin’s world-class cultural scene hearing Rossini’s The Barber of Seville at the Staatsopera Unter den Linden, Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 at the Konzerthaus and a Franz Schubert concert at the Pierre-Boulez Saal.

REFLECT on the events of World War II and the Cold War at the Holocaust Memorial, the Nazi-era Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the Topography of Terror Museum, adjacent to a remaining segment of the Berlin Wall.
“Bob Hamrdla truly loves Berlin and considering the sights, sounds and interactions with the local people afforded by this program, now we understand why.”

JIM MEHRING, MA ’81, PHD ’83, FOCUS ON BERLIN, 2015

Faculty leader G. ROBERT HAMRDLA, ’59, MA ’64, who is fluent in German and a specialist on Nazi Germany as well as the former German Democratic Republic (GDR), has introduced hundreds of Stanford students and alumni to Berlin. He taught at Stanford for more than 35 years, most recently in the Continuing Studies program. Bob has been to Berlin nearly every year since 1959, and his long-standing connections in the city open doors to a Berlin not found in any guidebook.

About the German capital, Bob says, “Berlin has it all: music, art, 170 museums of all sorts, high-fashion trendsetters and lowbrow taverns. On this program we’ll investigate not only the coming together of East and West but also the intricate politics of memory of the German past.” Bob’s lectures during our program will cover the history, politics and ever-evolving culture of Berlin.

— Formerly, professor, German studies, and assistant to the president, Stanford University
— Former director, Stanford’s overseas campuses in Beutelsbach, Berlin and Kraków
— Faculty leader for more than 45 Stanford Travel/Study programs in Central Europe
— BA, mathematics, 1959, and MA, history, 1964, Stanford University
Under the Microscope

Stanford Travel/Study’s special Focus programs are designed to provide in-depth insights into a particular city, including staying in one centrally located hotel for a week-long stay, visiting off-the-beat-en-track sites, meeting with locals, enjoying presentations by guest speakers and attending exclusive special events, while allowing plenty of time for individual pursuits.

Most mornings begin with a lecture, after which we set off on foot, to explore a theme that is central to the city’s identity. Lunch is usually eaten together as a group and most afternoons are free for independent exploration.

There is typically one full-day excursion by motor coach to a site located outside the city, otherwise we use a motor coach only when it’s impractical to walk or take public transportation. We provide a transit pass or transit tickets in order to facilitate independent navigation. Although dinners are mostly on our own, we generally attend at least one performance of opera, music, dance or theater as a group.

Itinerary

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, APRIL 25 & 26
U.S. / BERLIN, GERMANY
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights, arriving in Berlin on Thursday and transferring to our hotel, centrally located on the Gendarmenmarkt, an 18th-century town square that’s home to the Konzerthaus, the Huguenot Französischer Dom and the Deutscher Dom. Enjoy an orientation walk in our new neighborhood this afternoon, then gather for a welcome orientation and reception at our hotel this evening.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
THE COLD WAR
After this morning’s guest lecture, depart by coach to view several Iron Curtain and Cold War icons, including the remains of the Berlin Wall and the Berlin Wall Memorial. The afternoon is free for exploring on one’s own.

After dining independently, walk with our group to Berlin’s Konzerthaus to hear Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9, performed by the Konzerthausorchester and Rudolf von Lehmann. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)
SUNDAY, APRIL 29
**MUSEUM ISLAND**
Begin the day with a guest lecture, then take a guided tour of the Alte Nationalgalerie, part of the Museum Island complex, to view many of Germany’s art treasures. At the Neues Museum take a tour that includes the bust of Nefertiti and at the Pergamon Museum view the incomparable Ishtar Gate. Enjoy free time to visit some of the other museums—our tickets are good for all five museums on Museum Island. Dinner is on our own this evening.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

MONDAY, APRIL 30
**POTSDAM**
Travel by coach to the historic city of Potsdam to tour the 18th-century baroque palace and gardens of Sans Souci, summer residence of Frederick the Great of Prussia. Later stroll through the Schloss Cecilienhof, the site where the Potsdam Agreement was signed in 1945, settling the status of Germany after World War II. Enjoy lunch at the nearby Movenpick Restaurant, then drive across the Glienicke Bridge, site of Cold War spy exchanges as depicted in the film, *Bridge of Spies*. Return to Berlin for a reception at Stanford’s Center in Berlin.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

TUESDAY, MAY 1
**POLITICAL BERLIN**
Visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe (Holocaust Memorial) and the site of Hitler’s bunker at Pariser Platz. Take a guided tour of the nearby Reichstag building that dates back to 1894. Home to the German Parliament until the Nazi era, it regained that status when it was renovated and reopened in 1999. Enjoy dazzling views of Berlin during lunch at its rooftop- garden restaurant, then walk up a spiral ramp to the top of the Reichstag’s transparent dome.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
**SACHSENHAUSEN**
Depart by coach to visit the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen in Oranienburg, north of Berlin. Originally a training center for SS officers, Sachsenhausen was then the site of Operation Bernhard, a currency counterfeiting operation. After the fall of the Third Reich, it became the largest concentration camp in the Soviet Occupation Zone. In the 1950s the GDR turned it into a memorial to political prisoners, but after Reunification it became the more inclusive Saalmuseum. Return to Berlin for an early dinner on our own before attending a concert of Franz Schubert music at the Pierre-Boulez Saal.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

THURSDAY, MAY 3
**MODERN BERLIN**
This morning, tour the “young scene”—street art, galleries and start-ups—in the Berlin-Mitte district, then take some free time for exploring. This afternoon, tour the Topography of Terror Museum, which opened in 2010 and is located on the site of the Nazi regime’s SS and Gestapo headquarters that operated from 1933 until 1945 when it was bombed by the Allies. The museum adjoins a remaining segment of the Berlin Wall. Enjoy a farewell reception and buffet dinner at our hotel this evening.

HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 4
**BERLIN / U.S.**
After breakfast and checkout, transfer to the Tegel Airport for flights home, arriving back in the U.S. the same day.
Trip Information

**DATES**
April 25 to May 4, 2018 (10 days)

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

**COST**
$6,695 per person, double occupancy
$7,595 per person, single occupancy
*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

**INCLUDED**
- 8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Group transfer and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- 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**
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
We consider this program to be a moderately active one that is at times physically demanding. All participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Although we use a motor coach on occasion, most of our daily excursions will be via the Berlin U-Bahn (subway) and on foot, and will involve walking from two to three miles. Participants must be able to stand outside with limited shelter and no available seating for up to three hours, rain or shine. Significant walking and climbing of stairs, sometimes without handrails, will also be required at historic buildings, museums, castles and U-Bahn stations. Many afternoons are free for individual pursuits; to facilitate exploration we will provide each traveler with a seven-day transit pass that allows unlimited access to Berlin's comprehensive public transportation network including the U-Bahn, bus and tram, as well as information about, directions to and discounts for some of Berlin's most commonly visited sites. 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. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/berlin2018 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 Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. 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, motor coach, 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 Stanford 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 2017 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
"Intellectually stimulating and thought-provoking, this trip provided an invaluable background for understanding American-German relations, past and present."

NANCY SAMUELS, FOCUS ON BERLIN, 2015