Berlin
BEHIND THE SCENES
OF A WORLD CAPITAL
April 6 to 15, 2011

a program of the stanford alumni association
Berlin is unquestionably one of the great cities of the world. Since the wall came down more than 20 years ago, the city has become unified and undergone an architectural, cultural and artistic renaissance. Berlin is an emblem of national renewal, exemplifying the challenges and possibilities Germany faces as it stands at the nexus of Eastern and Western Europe. There is no one better to show us Berlin’s famous sites, as well as its hidden gems, than Travel/Study favorite, Bob Hamrdla. Bob has been to Berlin nearly every year since 1959, and his long-standing connections in the city open doors to a Berlin you won’t find in any guidebook, or soon forget. Join us!

**Highlights**

**Observe** firsthand the dramatic impacts of reunification, from Berlin’s restored East to its new centers of government.

**Explore** Potsdam’s palaces of Sans Souci and Cecilienhof, site of the Potsdam Conference after World War II.

**Converse** with local political leaders and take a behind-the-scenes look at the newly reconstructed Reichstag building.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

DEPART U.S.

Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Berlin.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**

BERLIN, GERMANY

Arrive in the afternoon and transfer to the deluxe Berlin Ritz-Carlton Hotel, located on the beautiful Potsdamer Platz. After an optional introductory walk to nearby sights with faculty leader Bob Hamrdla, gather for our welcome reception at the hotel.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

BERLIN

This morning, visit some of the major landmarks of Berlin, including the trademark Brandenburg Gate and the adjacent Pariser Platz, now almost restored to its prewar elegance. We also stop near the ultramodern Federal Chancellery, part of the new complex of government buildings built alongside Berlin’s 630-acre Tiergarten, its largest park, and view the Reichstag, Germany’s seat of government.

The Reichstag as a home to parliament dates back to its opening in 1894. It ceased to be an authentic parliament only from the Nazi era until its renovation and reopening in 1999. Also visit the Soviet War Memorial at Treptow Park, a massive and spectacular sight in an obscure location. The afternoon is free to enjoy the city on our own. Dine tonight at a popular local restaurant.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

BERLIN

Set out on the second half of our tour of Berlin’s major sites, including the Schloss Bellevue, official residence of Germany’s president; the Neo-Romanesque Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, its gutted, WWII-bombed tower surrounded by a modern blue-glass bell tower, octagonal church and memorial hall; Tempelhof Airport, the largest remaining structure from the Nazi era; and the newly created Memorial to the Berlin Wall in the Bernauer Strasse. The rest of the day is free for exploring other Berlin landmarks – or to join Bob Hamrdla for an optional walk through the Wilhelmsstrasse, Berlin’s pre-WWII diplomatic quarter. This evening attend a musical performance at the Konzerthaus Berlin.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

BERLIN

Visit the world-famous Pergamon Museum, housing the Ottoman Empire’s Pergamon Altar (180 BC), an elaborate altar dedicated to Zeus, festooned with friezes and one of the world’s largest architectural structures housed in a museum. The afternoon is at leisure to visit other museums on Berlin’s storied Museum Island; stroll the historic boulevard, Unter den Linden, with its 18th-century buildings; or explore other sights. This evening attend an opera performance in one of Berlin’s famed opera houses.
MONDAY, APRIL 11

BERLIN

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this fascinating city on one’s own. For those who are interested, an optional excursion to the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen is available at an additional cost (see details to the right). This evening attend a musical performance at the Philharmonie Berlin.

BERLIN RITZ-CARLTON (B)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

BERLIN

This morning, receive a private briefing given by diplomats at the U.S. Embassy. Then transfer to the Reichstag where we enjoy a guided tour of the inside of the building by a special contact of Bob Hamrdla’s, followed by lunch at the roof-garden restaurant. The remainder of the day is free for individual exploration.

BERLIN RITZ-CARLTON (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

POTSDAM

Enjoy an all-day visit to the historic city of Potsdam. Visit the famous 18th-century baroque palace of Sans Souci, the summer residence of Frederick the Great of Prussia. Following lunch at the Hotel Cecilienhof, stroll through the historic Schloss Cecilienhof, built in the early 1900s in the style of an English country manor and, more notably, where the Potsdam Agreement was signed in 1945, setting the status of Germany at the end of World War II. In the late afternoon we return to Berlin for a reception and dinner with current Stanford undergraduates studying at Stanford’s Center in Berlin.

BERLIN RITZ-CARLTON (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

BERLIN

Following a morning lecture, the day is completely free for last-minute independent pursuits. Enjoy farewell festivities at a reception this evening.

BERLIN RITZ-CARLTON (B)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

BERLIN / U.S.

Transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S.

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Optional Excursion

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Take an optional tour to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp led by faculty leader Bob Hamrdla. Established in 1936, Sachsenhausen was originally used to house political prisoners and was also an officers’ training center for the SS. During World War II, Sachsenhausen housed a very large counterfeiting operation and served as a concentration camp. In the 1960s, the camp was reopened by the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) as a museum and renovated in the 1990s after German reunification. More information and a reservation form will be sent to confirmed participants. Cost: $100 per person, including lunch.
Information

DATES
April 6 to 15, 2011 (10 days)

SIZE
This Seminar is limited to 45 participants.

COST*
$4,995 per person, double occupancy
$5,995 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

INCLUDED
8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Bottled water on all coach excursions • Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all group activities • All tours as described in the itinerary • Transfers 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 email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program. Full days of touring are balanced with plenty of free time to explore by way of Berlin’s extensive public transportation system. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking on city streets. In some instances, elevators are unavailable. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for Insider’s Berlin. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully 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. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

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. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Stanford alumni may become Annual ($75) or Life ($495) Members. Stanford parents, faculty, staff, interns, residents and fellows may become Installment Members ($90 down, $115/year for four years) or Life Members ($495). Nonalumni may become Life Affiliates (one-time fee, $650). Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/member or call (650) 725-0692.

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Faculty Leader

G. ROBERT HAMRDLA, ’60, MA ’64, fluent in German and a specialist on Nazi Germany as well as the former German Democratic Republic, has introduced hundreds of Stanford students and alumni to Berlin. He has been teaching at Stanford for over 35 years, most recently in the Continuing Studies program. Bob’s lectures during our Seminar will cover the history, politics and culture of Germany. About Berlin, Bob says, “Berlin has it all: music, art, 170 museums of all sorts, high fashion and lowbrow taverns. Berlin’s face still changes daily with all the new construction. But there are growing pains, too. 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.”

- Former director of Stanford’s study centers in Beutelsbach, Berlin and Krakow
- Faculty leader for over 30 Stanford Travel/Study programs in Central Europe
- BA in mathematics, 1960, and MA in history, 1964, Stanford

“Bob Hamrda is an absolute jewel!”

PAUL AND MONICA BANCROFT, INSIDERS’ BERLIN, 2009

Reservation Form

Insider’s Berlin

April 6 to 15, 2011

MR. / MRS. / MS. MISS / DR. / PROF. NAME

AGE STANFORD CLASS

MR. / MRS. / MS. MISS / DR. / PROF. NAME

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.

SIGNATURE

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.

☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

☐ OR ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR

☐ Charge my deposit to my:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

CARD #

EXPIRATION DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?berlin2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.

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