Berlin

Thriving Art & Culture in the New Germany

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Dear Yale Traveler

In the nearly three decades since the fall of the Wall, no other European city has undergone a greater transformation than Berlin. Bold designs by some of the world’s most renowned architects including Frank Gehry, Daniel Libeskind, and Norman Foster have sparked the city’s renaissance, while thought-provoking monuments have redefined its urban space. Immerse yourself in Berlin’s remarkable history and landscape during a perfect week in this vibrant capital. In addition, your accommodations are at the luxurious Hotel Regent Berlin, steps from the central Mitte district.

Please join me to experience Berlin’s landmarks, old and new, and discover why the city has been and continues to be such a beloved destination for artists, intellectuals, political figures, and travellers from around the world. Highlights include the outstanding collections on Museum Island, a musical performance at one of the city’s fine venues (pending schedules), and a visit to Sammlung Boros, an extraordinary private art collection housed in an above-ground former WWII-era bunker. Spend a day in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Potsdam to see the Rococo palace of Sans Souci, built by King Frederick the Great as a summer residence, and the Neues Palais, the preferred residence of William II.

Together, we will peel back the layers of history that have shaped the contemporary topography of this political, cultural, and economic powerhouse in Europe. Our lectures and discussions will explore the rich legacies of the seven different political systems Berlin has witnessed in the past century-and-a-half. We will survey its dramatic experiences, which range from catastrophe, trauma, and violence to triumph and elation. But we will also be sure to get acquainted with some of the city’s most fascinating nooks and crannies. These local histories tell us a less well-known but equally incredible story about the city’s astonishing resilience and creativity.

Space on this exceptional program is limited. Please visit yaleedtravel.org/berlin18 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

With best wishes from Yale,

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Highlights

Enhance your appreciation of the history of Berlin with lectures and informal talks by Professor Jennifer Allen, a historian of modern Germany

See the outstanding collections of Museum Island and view iconic treasures, from the bust of Queen Nefertiti to the Pergamon Altar to the Brandenburg Gate

Discover striking architectural landmarks and world-class museums designed by Frank Gehry, Daniel Libeskind, Norman Foster, I.M. Pei, and others

Jewish Museum, photo by Mariano Mantel

Neues Palais, photo by cityscouter
Jennifer Allen, Assistant Professor, Department of History

Jennifer Allen is a historian of modern Germany with a particular interest in late twentieth-century cultural practices. She is currently working on a book titled *In Pursuit of Sustainable Utopia: Art, Political Culture, and Historical Practice in Germany, 1980-2000*, which charts the history of Germany’s grassroots efforts to revitalize the concept of utopia for the postwar era. In a related research project, Allen traces how Germany’s grassroots commemorative practices have become a model for international communities as diverse as Moscow and Buenos Aires over the past thirty years. Allen received her B.A. in political and social thought from the University of Virginia and her M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Berkeley. At Yale, Allen teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on modern German history, the theories and practices of memory modern Europe, and the history of the Holocaust.

**Upcoming Trips**

- **The Enchanting Douro River: Round-trip Porto**
  - Aboard AmaVida
  - 4/16 – 4/24/18
  - K. David Jackson
    - Professor of Portuguese

- **Belgium & Holland by Barge**
  - Aboard Magnifique II
  - 4/22 – 4/30/18
  - Gene Moore ’69
    - Emeritus Professor,
      - University of Amsterdam

- **Sailing the Baltic’s Amber Coast: St. Petersburg to Copenhagen**
  - Aboard Sea Cloud II
  - 7/19/18 – 7/30/18
  - Alan Plattus ’76
    - Professor of Architecture and Urbanism

**Book Corner**

**Berlin, Portrait of a City Through the Centuries**
*by* Rory MacLean

This beautifully observed portrait of Berlin explores how centuries of constant flux have shaped the city and its inhabitants. Infusing past with present, MacLean relates the city’s volatile history over five centuries through a series of intimate portraits of two dozen key residents.

**The Berlin Diaries**
*by* Marie Vassiltchikov

The compulsively readable wartime diary of an emigré Russian princess who was secretary to Adam Von Trott, mastermind of the failed 20th of July Plot to assassinate Hitler. The book is both an absorbing portrait of 1940s Berlin and a gripping account of political conspiracy.

**The Ghosts of Berlin: Confronting German History in the Urban Landscape**
*by* Brian Ladd

In this compelling work, Brian Ladd examines the ongoing conflicts radiating from the remarkable fusion of architecture, history, and national identity in Berlin.

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OCTOBER 18-25, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, October 4 (Tentative)
Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Jennifer Allen, at 4:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

DEPARTURE
Thursday, October 18
Depart on an overnight flight to Berlin.

BERLIN, GERMANY
Friday, October 19
Arrive this morning and transfer to the well-located Regent Berlin. In the afternoon, depart on a tour of the major landmarks of former East Berlin. See the Brandenburg Gate, now-iconic buildings by architects Frank Gehry and I.M. Pei, Potsdamer Platz (divided by the Berlin Wall until 1989), and the East Side Gallery, where international artists painted a remaining section of the Berlin Wall in 1990. Throughout your stay, discover the “Stolpersteine” or “Stumbling Blocks” memorials for victims of Nazi Germany. Gather this evening for introductory remarks by faculty leader Jennifer Allen, followed by dinner. (D)

BERLIN
Saturday, October 20
Today explore Museum Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the Pergamon Museum, view the impressive Ishtar Gate and magnificent Altar of Zeus. Then admire the stunning bust of Nefertiti and other treasures of the Neues Museum. In ruins since World War II, the museum reopened in 2009, restored and redesigned by award-winning British architect David Chipperfield. Following lunch in the rooftop restaurant of the historic Reichstag, continue on a tour of the German Parliament, restored by British architect Norman Foster. See the striking Holocaust Memorial designed by Peter Eisenman before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B/L)

BERLIN
Sunday, October 21
Following a morning lecture, visit the Kulturforum with its Gemäldegalerie, an impressive collection of Old Master paintings from the 13th to 18th centuries, and the renovated Decorative Arts Museum. This afternoon walk along the Berlin Wall Memorial. Here 720 feet of the Wall remain intact to give an impression of how the border fortifications looked from both sides during the city’s 28-year division. Gather for drinks in the hotel bar before attending a musical performance at one of the city’s fine venues (pending schedules). (B/R)

POTSDAM
Monday, October 22
Just a short drive from Berlin, the attractive city of Potsdam first became a royal seat in the 17th century. Tour the Rococo palace of Sans Souci, built by King Frederick the Great as a summer residence, and his splendid Picture Gallery. Stroll through the lovely gardens to the Neues Palais, preferred residence of William II, the last German emperor. After lunch, stop at the Marble Palace, a neoclassical jewel, and Cecilienhof, a Tudor-style country house and site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference. Return to Berlin for dinner at leisure. (B/L)

BERLIN
Tuesday, October 23
Meet with a representative from the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation to discuss the restoration of the Stadtschloss (City Palace) and other projects (pending confirmation). Then continue to

Visit Sammlung Boros, an extraordinary private art collection housed in a former WWII-era bunker

East Side Gallery, Berlin Wall
the Sammlung Boros. Built in 1942 to protect passengers at nearby Friedrichstraße Station from aerial bombardment, the concrete bunker was converted into a gallery space by modern art collector Christian Boros in 2003. Following lunch, drive to the Berlinische Galerie, focusing on art dating from 1870 to the present. See the “Places of Remembrance” close by and learn about the memorial and the decrees set by the Nazis against Jews. You may also wish to visit the Jewish Museum, designed by Daniel Libeskind and acclaimed for its evocative modern architecture. The evening is at leisure. (B/L)

BERLIN  
Wednesday, October 24
This morning tour the Hamburger Bahnhof, a museum of contemporary art in a former train station. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure, perhaps to explore the famous KaDeWe department store or stroll through the former Jewish quarter, now a trendy gallery district. Tonight attend a festive “Auf Wiedersehen” dinner. (B/D)

BERLIN / RETURN  
Thursday, October 25
Depart this morning for the airport and return flights home.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS
HOTEL REGENT BERLIN
The luxurious Regent Berlin, with its sumptuous accommodations, Michelin-starred cuisine, and impeccable service, is located in the heart of the city’s historic Mitte district. Just a short stroll from sites including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and the Opera House, the Regent is considered by Condé Nast Traveller to be one of the “best places to stay in the world.”

What is Included:
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Yale Professor Jennifer Allen.
• Six nights’ hotel accommodations at the Regent Berlin.
• Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, wine/beer at dinners.
• Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights.
• Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits.
• Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
• Taxes, service charges, porterage.
• Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance

What is Not Included:
• International airfare.
• Passport fees.
• Meals not specified.
• Baggage in excess of one suitcase.
• Alcoholic beverages other than wine/beer at dinners.
• Personal items and expenses.
• Airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights.
• Trip insurance.
• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions in this program involve a significant amount of walking.
Program Cost

$5,699
(based on double occupancy)

$6,399
Single Rate (limited availability)

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