

THE JEWISH MUSEUM MEMBER TRAVEL PROGRAM

Berlin, In the Footsteps of History

September 13 – 19, 2017



TRAVEL

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Berlin, a vibrant center of European culture, is at the epicenter of the global art scene. Experience the artistic treasures of the city while walking in the footsteps of history. Learn about Jewish life, past, present and future. Prepare to immerse yourself in the contemporary artistic communities of modern Berlin, as we well as sightsee memorials to the historical events that have shaped the city.

Guided tours, special welcomes, collegial group dinners and meetings with artists, scholars, curators, and Jewish community representatives across the spectrum of age and practice, will enhance your understanding of this unique city through distinctive insights and local knowledge.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
DEPART U.S. FOR BERLIN, GERMANY

Thursday, September 14, 2017
ARRIVAL IN BERLIN.



Mitte Germany, by Bild: © Ajepbah, via Wikimedia Commons.

Explore the *Mitte* (German for center), Berlin's first borough located at the heart of the city and home to **Unter Den Linden**, **Pariser Platz** and **Brandenburg Gate**.

Our day will also include visits to:

- The **Jewish Cemetery of Berlin**, dedicated in 1672 and where prolific 18th-century German-Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn is buried.
- **Missing Apartment House Memorial**, the **Abandoned Room**, and the **Rosenstrasse Protest Memorial**, dedicated to former Jewish residents and constructed by French artist Christian Boltanski after the building was destroyed by aerial bombardment in February 1945.
- **Otto Veidt Broom Factory** in the Hackesche Höfe district.
- The historic **Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue**, consecrated in 1866.
- Photography and visual media venue **C/O Berlin** located in **Amerika Haus**, built by architect Bruno Grimmek.

Friday, September 15, 2017



Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe

A moving day, beginning with Peter Eisenman's **Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe**. Then, visit **Potsdamer Platz**, a public square at the city center and symbol of a post-war Berlin.

Afterwards, an architectural tour of remnants of World War II and the Cold War including the **Berlin Wall** and **Checkpoint Charlie**, followed by a special viewing of the **Daimler Company's private art collection** featuring post-1945 works.

Lunch with **special guest Deidre Berger, Director of the American Jewish Congress** in Germany.

Conclude with a private tour of the *Roberto Burle Marx: Brazilian Modernist* exhibition at the **Deutsche Bank Kunsthalle**, organized by the Jewish Museum, New York.

In the evening, a gathering for Shabbat in a private room of the Regent Berlin with invited guests from the Jewish community.

DAILY ITINERARY

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Enjoy Shabbat at your leisure – take the opportunity to explore the city center or take part in a morning tour (optional) of the **Reichstag**.

After Havdalah, tour exhibitions by contemporary Jewish artists at the **Jewish Gallery** with the opportunity to meet available artists during a private reception.

Sunday, September 17, 2017



Track 17 Memorial

Begin the day with Cantor Avitall Gerstetter to say Kaddish at the **Track 17 Memorial**, a deportation site of Jews to concentration camps during World War II with a moving monument created by Polish artist Karol Broniatowski.

Our day will also include visits to:

- The home of **Max Liebermann**, famous 1920s German painter.
- **Wannsee Conference**, site where Reinhard Heydrich and senior government officials of the Nazi regime met January 20, 1942 with the purpose of implementing of the Final Solution.
- **Glienicker Brücke** in Potsdam, bridge famed for exchanges between spies and political persons including Gary Powers and Rudolf Abel in 1962.
- Before returning to Berlin, visit UNESCO World Heritage Site **Sanssouci Palace and Gardens**, former summer palace of Frederick the Great.

Monday, September 18, 2017



Aerial view of the Jewish Museum Berlin by Studio Daniel Libeskind [CC BY 3.0], via WikimediaCommons.

Begin the day with a street art exhibition, *Places of Remembrance*, by artist Renata Stih and art historian Frieder Schnock, in the **Bavarian Quarter**.

Receive a special welcome and private tour at our sister institution, the **Jewish Museum of Berlin**, home to 54,000 works and artifacts and notably, the largest Jewish museum in Europe. One of the museum's buildings was designed by American architect, Daniel Libeskind.

Visit to the **Topography of Terror Museum**, headquarters of the Gestapo and SS from 1933 – 1945.

Lunch at **Café Shamus** in the **Jewish Museum** with members of the **Jewish Youth Club, Studentim**.

Farewell dinner.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The Regent Hotel Berlin

Charlottenstraße 49, 10117 Berlin, Germany



One of the most luxurious and elegant hotels in the world, Regent Berlin is the epitome of timeless refinement and impeccable service, set in the heart of Berlin's historic Mitte district, overlooking beautiful Gendarmenmarkt Square.

PARTICIPANTS

Deidre Berger, Director, American Jewish Congress, Germany. As Director of the AJC Berlin Office and Lee Ramer Institute for German-Jewish Relations since 2000, she advocates for a strong transatlantic partnership, deepened understanding of Mideast affairs, dialogue among ethnic and religious groups, the endurance of Holocaust remembrance and other issues of pertinence to American-German-Jewish life. Ms. Berger is a frequent lecturer in Germany and the U.S. on European security affairs, German-Jewish relations, issues of extremism and the promotion of democracy.

Cantor Avital Gerstetter is the first female cantor appointed to serve in Germany. After graduation she studied in a yeshiva in Jerusalem, then studied voice at the College of Art in Berlin, under Professor R. Riemer. In addition to learning piano, clarinet and dance, she studied English at the Technical University of Berlin. Avital Gerstetter has given concerts internationally and in December 2001, she completed her cantorial training in New York. She serves as cantor in the historic Oranienburger Straße Synagogue and Hüttenweg Synagogue in Berlin.

Marcia Miller, Jewish Museum representative, has co-led travel programs for the museum both internationally and in the U.S. for the last 13 years.

Miriam Osman, Program Director has a Master of Arts in Classical and Modern History and Education from Tel Aviv University, specializing in the history of Jewish Heritage in Central Europe. She taught high school history in Israel for seven years and has worked in the travel industry for over 30 years organizing trips for major Jewish organizations to destinations in Europe and Asia. She is fluent in English, Hebrew and Polish.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Participation

This program is open to members of the Jewish Museum. Non-members may join the Museum to participate. Designed for people of all ages, Travel Programs entail walking moderate distances and may include uneven or slightly hilly terrain and/or stairs. Participants need to be in active, good health, able to keep up with the group, ready to travel as part of a group, and experience cultural differences with grace.

Land and Program Cost

\$4,476 per person, plus Jewish Museum membership fee of \$75 for non-members; (Single supplement \$870 per person). Based on a minimum enrollment of 15 participants.

Program Cost Includes

- A trip manager, guide, and a Jewish Museum representative to attend to your comfort
- Five nights at the Regent Hotel, Berlin
- Meals: breakfast daily, four lunches, two dinners, gallery reception.
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person
- Five days of sightseeing via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees to all sights on itinerary
- Services of an English speaking guide
- Tips for all group meals are included
- Tips to the guides, driver, and chambermaid
- Bottled water on the motorcoach

Not Included in Price

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned in itinerary. Guests for meals are not included and will be billed at the end of the trip.
- Alcoholic beverages are not included and will be billed per consumption.
- Optional tour on September 15-16 (during Sabbath); this event will be an additional cost.
- All personal expenses including souvenirs, laundry services, valet service, phone calls, etc.
- Private car airport transfers for participants may be arranged at the rate of \$100 per couple.

To Register

To reserve your place, complete a reservation form and return with non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person by April 1, 2017 to:

The Jewish Museum Travel Program at GIL Travel
25 Broadway, 17th floor New York, NY 10004

Balance due 60 days prior to departure: July 13, 2017.

Please call 212.284.6666 with any questions.

Changes

All rights are reserved by the program directors to make faculty substitutions and/or to modify the itinerary (including hotels) as needed.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please complete this form and include the deposit. Registrations are accepted by telephone, email, or fax.

Are you a Jewish Museum member?

- Yes
 No, (\$75 per person is added to deposit)

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