

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

BERLIN SEMINAR

June 9 to 18, 2021

Designed with passionate scholars in mind, examine Prussian culture, Weimar-era decadence, World War II, the Cold War and reunification in Berlin during an up-close exploration of this storied European capital with history professor Jim Sheehan, '58.

FACULTY LEADER

James Sheehan, '58, is the Dickason Professor in the Humanities and professor emeritus of history at Stanford. His research focuses on 19th- and 20th-century European history, specifically on the relationship between ideas and social and economic conditions in modern Europe. His most recent book, *Where Have All the Soldiers Gone?: The Transformation of Modern Europe*, examines the decline of military institutions in Europe since 1945. He is now writing a book about the rise of European states in the modern era. About this program, Jim writes, "Berlin is one of the world's great cities. In it, we encounter the past at every turn, in memorials and monuments, historic buildings and the ruined reminders of a troubled history. But contemporary Berlin is also full of life, music, art and excitement. Together we will explore Berlin's past and present and the ways they interact and influence one another."

- Dickason Professor in the Humanities, Stanford University
- Professor emeritus, department of history, Stanford University
- Senior fellow, by courtesy, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University, 1993
- Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stanford University, 1993
- Guggenheim Fellow, 2000–2001
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
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Wednesday, June 9

Berlin, Germany

Upon arrival in Berlin, transfer to our hotel, which is centrally located on the Gendarmenmarkt, an 18th-century town square that's home to the Konzerthaus, the Huguenot Französischer Dom and the Deutscher Dom. The rest of the day is at leisure to recover from our long flights. Gather with fellow travelers for a welcome reception and orientation briefing at our hotel this evening. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT

Thursday, June 10

Introduction to Berlin

Meet in a private room at our hotel, our classroom for the week. Following a morning lecture and discussion with Professor Sheehan, begin our exploration of Berlin with a coach tour of many of its major landmarks, stopping for lunch on our own en route. Drive along the Kurfürstendamm and Unter

den Linden, arguably Berlin's most elegant tree-lined boulevards. See the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, or Gedächtniskirche, a 19th-century church whose gutted, WWII bomb-strafed tower is surrounded by a modern blue-glass bell tower; Schloss Bellevue, official residence of Germany's president; and the newly reconstructed Potsdamer Platz, 19th-century Europe's busiest intersection. Visit the iconic neoclassical Brandenburg Gate and Nikolaiviertel, Berlin's reconstructed historic quarter, and observe the Berliner Fernsehturm, or Berlin Television Tower, one-time symbol of Communist power in the German Democratic Republic. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,D)

Friday, June 11

Prussian Potsdam

Following our morning lecture and discussion, 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. En route back to Berlin, drive across the Glienicke Bridge, site of Cold War spy exchanges. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 12

Neoclassical Berlin

After our daily study session, visit the Museum Island complex, a World Heritage site consisting of five museums whose construction lasted 100 years. Beginning with the David Chipperfield-designed James-Simon-Galerie, the new entrance building for Museum Island, take guided tours of the Alte Nationalgalerie, home to 19th-century paintings and sculpture, and the Altes Museum, designed by renowned architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel, which is considered one of the most significant works of German Neoclassical architecture. Explore the remainder of the complex independently—our three-day tickets are good for all five museums, including the Pergamonmuseum, home to the incomparable Ishtar Gate. Dinner is on our own, and this evening we have the option of visiting the Deutsche Oper Berlin, Germany's second-largest opera house, to attend a performance of *Fidelio*, Beethoven's only opera. A reservation form and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

Sunday, June 13

Imperial Berlin

Following a lecture and a discussion of a novel by German writer Theodor Fontane, explore the cultural life of Berlin in the 18th and 19th centuries with visits to the homes, salons and neighborhoods of artists, writers, poets, critics and composers, including Fontane, Rahel Varnhagen, E.T.A. Hoffmann, the Brothers Grimm and Felix Mendelssohn. See the former Royal Library (today Humboldt University's Faculty of Law), where many of these authors worked, wander the small streets around the Parochialkirche, Berlin's only baroque church, and discover Chamissoplatz, a picturesque 19th-century square surrounded by typical Wilhelminian-style houses. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L,D)

Monday, June 14

Weimar Berlin

After our morning lecture, drive to the Deutsche Kinemathek, a German film archive and museum, for a private screening and discussion of *Berlin: Die Sinfonie der Großstadt*, a 1927 silent film depicting the daily life of the city. In the afternoon discover the music, theater and architecture of interwar Berlin and their modern descendants on a guided tour to the Admiralspalast, one of the few German revue theaters to survive World War II; the home of playwright Bertolt Brecht; the Berliner Ensemble, the theater company established by Brecht; the iconic Bauhaus buildings; the reconstructed Hansa Quarter; the modernist Shell-Haus; and the Neue Nationalgalerie. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 15

Nazi Berlin

Following our morning session, 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, which operated from 1933 until 1945, when it was bombed by the Allies. The museum adjoins a remaining segment of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon drive to the leafy suburb of Wannsee to explore the villa, now a museum, where high-ranking Nazi Party and German government officials gathered in 1942 at what became known as the Wannsee Conference to coordinate the implementation of the so-called Final Solution of the Jewish Question. Dinner this evening is on our own. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L)

Wednesday, June 16

Cold War Berlin

After our daily lecture and discussion, depart by coach to view several Iron Curtain and Cold War icons, including Checkpoint Charlie, the best-known crossing point between East and West Berlin, and the East Side Gallery, a section on the eastern side of the Berlin Wall that artists painted immediately after reunification and which was officially inaugurated as an open-air art gallery in September 1990. One of its most famous works is a depiction of Erich Honecker and Leonid Brezhnev locked in a socialist kiss. Continue to the Museum in der Kulturbrauerei for a guided tour of its permanent exhibition, "Everyday Life in the GDR," then proceed to the Berlin Wall Memorial, which extends along a nearly one-mile stretch of the former border. After an early dinner, drive to the Philharmonie Berlin, landmark home of the Berlin Philharmonic orchestra, for a concert, the details of which will be announced at a later date. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 17

Modern Berlin

Following our final study session, visit the sobering Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe (Holocaust Memorial), then take a guided tour of the nearby Reichstag building, which 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 restaurant, then walk up a spiral ramp to the top of the Reichstag's transparent dome. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at

leisure, then celebrate the culmination of our seminar with a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel this evening. HILTON HOTEL GENDARMENMARKT (B,L,D)

Friday, June 18

Berlin

After breakfast and checkout, transfer to the airport for flights home, arriving back in the U.S. the same day. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#). **Size** Limited to 38 participants, with a minimum of 15 participants required to operate the program (single accommodations are limited—please call for availability)

Size

This trip requires a minimum of 15 participants and is limited to 26. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on this and all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited—please call for availability.

Cost*

\$7,995 per person, double occupancy

\$8,695 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person

Included

- 9 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included

- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone 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 both intellectually stimulating and at times physically demanding. We will have a very full schedule, and most days will require early-morning starts. Every day begins with a 2.5-hour study session, consisting of a lecture, followed by a group discussion, with a short break in between. Although we use a motorcoach, most of our daily excursions involve walking 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 and castles. Many sites and buildings do not have elevators, and many do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a walk of several minutes to reach the entrance. Participants must be able to keep up with an active group of travelers. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Deposit and Final Payment

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

Cancellations and Refunds

Deposits and any payments are fully refundable until 90 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, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance 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 nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

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. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

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 include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right 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 passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association nor 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 at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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