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Reichstag

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

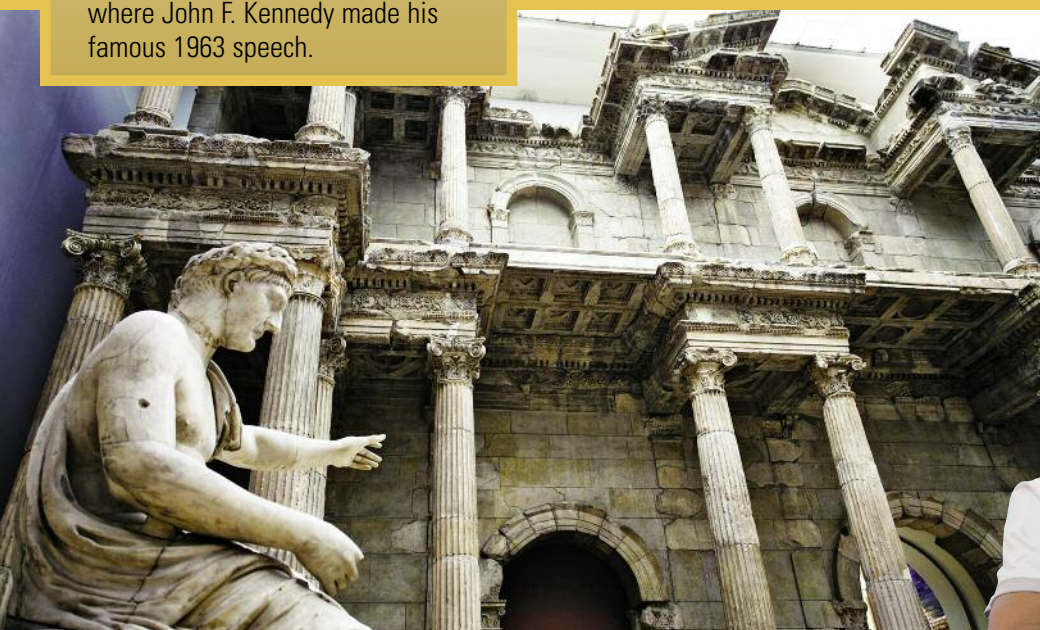
- Experience an insider's perspective on Berlin's most historic sites, including **Brandenburg Gate**, **Pariser Platz** and the **Reichstag Building**.
- Marvel at the many archaeological wonders at the **Pergamon Museum**.
- Visit a local home and enjoy the German tradition of **kaffee and kuchen**, or coffee and cake.
- Tour **Cecilienhof Palace**, where Allied leaders met for the 1945 Potsdam Conference, and stay for a lunch of traditional German specialties.
- Peek behind the scenes at Berlin's **Philharmonie**, an outstanding concert hall and one of the city's most recognized landmarks.
- Visit **Schoeneberg Town Hall**, where John F. Kennedy made his famous 1963 speech.



*vibrant and dynamic, Berlin has a unique history and personality that sets it apart from other great capitals. Having been a capital since only the early 18th century, Berlin is the young upstart among its European counterparts. The city, almost completely destroyed during World War II, has been rebuilt, and the differences between the East and West sectors are fascinating. Despite those dark decades of the Cold War in the last century, Berlin is celebrating more than two decades of unity and continues to look to the future.*

### UNESCO

**Berlin's Museuminsel** and the **Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin** are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program. These sites have been distinguished due to universal scenic, historic, artistic or scientific value.



Pergamon Museum



**Above: Charming Gendarmenmarkt**

## Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Join like-minded travelers on an intriguing visit to Berlin, Germany's captivating capital city — a bustling metropolis steeped in history, culture, science, media, music and the arts. Berlin's monumental role in history, including World Wars I & II, the Cold War and the tearing down of the Berlin Wall make it a fascinating destination for lovers of both history and culture. But Berlin is a vibrant city that is always evolving. From its galleries showcasing current artists to stylish architecture to eco-friendly green parks and gardens, it is among the most modern cities in the world.

Local expert guides offer an insider's view on Berlin's many wonders, from historical buildings to extravagant museums to magnificent palaces. Engage in insider historical discussions and go behind the scenes at the Reichstag and the Philharmonie, the concert hall of the Berlin Philharmonic. There will also be plenty of time to explore this culturally rich city on your own.

This exciting trip is limited to 36 travelers. Reserve your space now to avoid disappointment!

Sincerely,

*Marguerite I. Jones*

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88  
Travel Program Director  
Office of Alumni Relations  
The Johns Hopkins University

*"The Berlin Wall wasn't the only barrier to fall after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. Traditional barriers to the flow of money, trade, people and ideas also fell."*

~ Fareed Zakaria,  
U.S. journalist  
and author,  
b. 1964

*Take the world as it is,  
not as it ought to be.*

~ German proverb

*"I wanted no part of politics. And I wasn't in Berlin to compete against any one athlete. The purpose of the Olympics, anyway, was to do your best. ... [T]he only victory that counts is the one over yourself."*

~ Jesse Owens,  
four-time U.S.  
gold medalist,  
1936 Berlin Olympics,  
1913-1980

# Berlin

## AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE ON A FASCINATING CITY



Promenade along the Spree River

### DAY ONE

Depart for Berlin, Germany, aboard scheduled jet service.†

### DAY TWO

#### BERLIN

Upon arrival at Berlin Airport, transfer to the Hilton Berlin. In the evening, enjoy a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

### DAY THREE

#### BERLIN

**Educational Focus:** *East Meets West.*

Once a divided city, Berlin was reunited when the infamous wall was torn down. Although it's now unified, Berlin's past still is a topic of curiosity.

**Excursion:** *A Tour of Berlin.* Expert guides offer an insiders' perspective on Berlin's many historical sites, including the Brandenburg Gate, Pariser Platz, Federal Chancellery, Unter den Linden and the Reichstag. Enjoy a drive along Kurfürstendamm — the Ku'damm, Berlin's famed shopping boulevard — and a cruise along Spree River in a canal boat that winds through the heart of the city ending at Tiergarten Park.

**Local Flavor:** Stop in a restaurant for a lunch of savory German fare.

### DAY FOUR

#### BERLIN

**Educational Focus:** *Berlin During World War II and the Cold War.* For a true insider's view into

Germany's history, enjoy a riveting lecture from locals who lived during those tense times.

**Excursion:** *Reichstag and Pergamon*

**Museum.** For a glimpse into Berlin's past and present, tour the monumental Reichstag, seat of the German parliament and one of Berlin's most historical landmarks. The Pergamon Museum is dedicated to preserving treasures of the ancient cultures of Asia Minor. Marvel at the countless antiquities and archaeological wonders. Pergamon Altar, a monumental structure built in the second century B.C. in what is today Turkey, is one of the museum's greatest exhibits.

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**Independent Exploration:** The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. A museum pass allows you to spend the afternoon strolling through the rest of the Pergamon Museum and the four other museums that are part of Berlin's *Museuminsel*, Museum Island.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a dinner of local delicacies served at a restaurant in the city.

### DAY FIVE

#### POTSDAM

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**Excursion:** *Potsdam, Sanssouci & Neues Palais.* Potsdam is known for its beautiful landscape of palaces and gardens. Discover the renowned Sanssouci, the former summer residence of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia. This vacation retreat features rococo architecture, extravagant furnishings and perfectly manicured gardens. See the Neues Palais, a magnificent baroque Prussian castle complex. Then visit Cecilienhof Palace, a Tudor-style palace that was built in the early





20th century for Crown Prince Wilhelm. This historic country house was where Truman, Churchill and Stalin met to discuss the future of post-war Europe.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy a lunch of German specialties at Cecilienhof Palace.

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is yours to enjoy in Potsdam. Stroll along Brandenburger Strasse, the popular pedestrian shopping street, or through Alte Markt, the historic old town. Behind the Peter and Paul Church, visit the Dutch Quarter built in the early 1700s for craftsmen from the Netherlands.

**DAY SIX**

**BERLIN**

*B/D*

**Educational Focus:** *From Bach to Beethoven — Music*



*Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church*

**That Stirs the Heart.** Some of the world’s best and most famous classical musicians hail from Germany. In this engaging lecture, discover Germany’s contribution to music.

**Independent Exploration:** The morning is at your leisure.

**Excursion: *Inside the Philharmonie.*** The Philharmonie, home of the renowned Berlin Philharmonic, is a Berlin landmark and an excellent venue to see a musical performance.



**Berlin Wall**

*The Berlin Wall*

*I was born in Hamburg and grew up in West Germany in the '50s. Travel between West Germany and East Germany was possible, in particular in Berlin, where train and bus lines connected the four Allied sectors. I remember driving with my family in our little black Volkswagen Beetle through the Brandenburg Gate to visit my grandparents in West Berlin.*

*Very suddenly one Sunday in 1961, the East German government started closing the border to the Western Allied sectors by putting up barbed wire and building a wall. Too many people were fleeing to the West. Tense weeks followed. American and Soviet tanks faced each other at Checkpoint Charlie, but Kennedy and Khrushchev did not want to risk a hot war. Still, many people paid with their lives when trying to overcome the fortification. Today you can see a small cemetery near the Brandenburg Gate.*

*By the fall of 1989, following the freedom movement in Poland and the opening of the Hungarian and Austrian border, many people in East Germany demonstrated for freedom. I witnessed the last hours of the East German state while I was visiting East Germany. I was in Leipzig on November 9 when I heard that the wall had been opened, and thousands and thousands of East German citizens walked and drove across the border. Many felt disbelief, astonishment and surprise as no one had expected such a drastic change and decision by the East German regime.*

*A party atmosphere was felt all over Germany before some realization of the enormity of this development set in. Over the following year, the Allied forces and German Chancellor Kohl reunified the German state, and it has remained as we know it today, some 20 years later.*

**Michael Helmcke**

*Senior Vice President, Air Transportation, AHI Travel*



**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Cultural Event: *An Evening of Music.*** Enjoy an evening of live music performed at one of Berlin's many excellent concert halls.

## DAY SEVEN

### BERLIN

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**Excursion: *Schoeneberg Town Hall.*** At Schoeneberg Town Hall, which was built in 1911, see the famous balcony where, in 1963, John F. Kennedy declared, *Ich bin ein Berliner* — "I am a Berliner." On the building, see a plaque commemorating Kennedy's speech. The Town Hall has another link to the United States. Its bell, a copy of Philadelphia's Liberty Bell, was a gift from the U.S. in 1950.

**Educational Focus: *Berlin's History.*** In a nearby home that overlooks Schoeneberg Town Hall, learn more about Berlin's unique history and see some intriguing artifacts and antiques relating to Berlin's past. Enjoy *kaffee und kuchen*, the traditional German snack of coffee and cake.

**Independent Exploration:** The final afternoon is at leisure to pursue your own interests.

This evening join fellow travelers during a *Farewell Reception*.

## DAY EIGHT

### BERLIN

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This morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. †

*Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some events on this program involve an element of walking.*

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

† Provided for Air Program participants.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- Six nights at the deluxe **Hilton Berlin**, ideally located on the historic *Gendarmenmarkt*.

### Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including six breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception**.

### Your Exciting Travel Program

*(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)*

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- **The following excursions:**
  - See the highlights of Berlin followed by a **cruise** on the Spree River.
  - Walk through the halls of the **Reichstag** and visit the rooftop terrace.
  - Take a step back in time at the **Pergamon Museum** during a guided tour. You will receive a full-day pass so you can enjoy the rest of the museums on **Museuminsel**.
  - Explore the palaces of **Potsdam**.
  - Go behind the scenes at the Berlin **Philharmonie**.
  - Attend an evening concert at a performance hall.
  - Explore Berlin's Cold War history during a tour of **Schoeneberg Town Hall**.

### Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a friendly, professional **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

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*The extravagant gardens and fountains of Sanssouci, Potsdam*



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- Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.
- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$595 (limited availability).
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## Land and Air Program

- I /we reserve the Land Program and request the roundtrip Air Program to Berlin, Germany, to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Departure City

- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with **no obligation up to 75 days before departure.***

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by May 21, 2012 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to AHI International.

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August 5-11, 2012

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August 4-11, 2012

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**Top to bottom:**  
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*Alte Nationalgalerie, Museum Island*  
*Schiller Monument, Gendarmenmarkt*  
*Cafe near Berliner Dom*  
**Cover photos:**  
*Brandenburg Gate*  
*Floral market stall*

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