

Seminar Tour List

56th Berlin Seminar Meeting from March 21 – 25, 2010

As a special feature of the Berlin Seminar we offer a number of optional Berlin city tours on March 21 (Sunday).

This will give you a chance to select topics and sights of interest.

Tours

The tours on March 21 have limited space available and sign-up is required in advance. Requests for slots will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. To sign up for your preferred tour, please send us an email with the number of the tour like the following example:

I request Tour 1, 1 slot – As alternate request: Tour 2, 1 slot and in case you come with your spouse or family please list the number of spaces you request. Please understand that we cannot guarantee a specific event in case of over-registration. Make sure you make necessary travel arrangements to arrive in time of the tour start.

For more information, please see the complete description and instructions for sign up in the Berlin Letter 2.

Tours

Tour 1

Name: Visit to the Reichstag

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21 from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 100

Transportation: By bus, return on your own

Description: During a 45-minute presentation in the plenary hall you will learn about the history of Germany's parliament building, the Bundestag. Afterwards, climb up to the cupola for a fantastic view of the Tiergarten and surrounding area. Please bring your passport!

Tour 2

Name: World famous Berlin Museums: Overview & background information

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: Berlin eats, lives, and breathes art while keeping its finger on the pulse of the times.

You will see and hear about the following institutions:

The world-famous Museum Island in Eastern Berlin with Karl-Friedrich Schinkel's Old Museum, the Bode Museum, the Old National Gallery, the Pergamon Museum, the "Museum of Islamic Art, the Cultural Forum near Potsdamer Platz, the Picture Gallery (Gemäldegalerie) and the Museum of Prints and Drawings (Kupferstichkabinett), the Museum of Applied Arts (Kunstgewerbemuseum Berlin), the New National Gallery Mies van der Rohe - the Cultural Forum's oldest museum and Berlin's Museum for Contemporary Art.

Tour 3

Name: The 'cold war' in Berlin: Concrete cases

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: Under the terms of the Yalta Agreement in February 1945, Germany had been divided among the three victorious Allies, with an area assigned to the French taken from the American Zone of Occupation in western Germany. Similarly, Berlin was divided into four sectors, one for each of the occupying powers. Challenges led to protracted quarrels between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. You will see and hear about the following: The Allied Control Council, the Schoeneberg City Hall, the radio station RIAS (Radio in the American Sector), the Topography of Terror site and "Checkpoint Charlie"

Tour 4

Name: Modern architecture in Berlin after 'German Reunification'

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: Berlin exhibits tremendous architectural diversity in its buildings ranging from famous Prussian masters to architects who shone here following the collapse of the East German state and political unification. Almost immediately after the fall of the "Wall," Berlin had a unique opportunity to completely redesign the city center. The city became the biggest construction site in Europe. You will see and hear about the following: "Multiplex Cinema CUBIX", the newest and second largest shopping mall/leisure center in Berlin (Alexa), Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum, The Schützenstrasse, Potsdamer Platz, The Sony Center, Friedrichstrasse New Government Quarter and The Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Central Railway Station)

Tour 5

Name: Berlin today – Center of political power

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: In 1991, the former "Government Quarter" in the Tiergarten district again became the political hub of Germany. After unification of the two German states, a decision was made by the German parliament in Bonn to move the governmental seat of the Federal Republic of Germany to Berlin. This decision led to a construction boom resulting in the creation of many new federal buildings.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (Federal Band of Buildings) stretching across the Spree River, The Paul-Loebe-Building, Reichstag, The Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzlerinnenamt), The Swiss Embassy, Bellevue Palace (Bundespräsidialamt), The Soviet War Memorial, The Brandenburg Gate.

Tour 6

Name: Parks & central recreational areas in Berlin

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: Berlin enjoys a great national and international reputation as a metropolitan center of European standing, thanks mainly to its considerable wealth of urban green space, helping to provide a high quality of

life. The more than 2,500 public parks, covering a total surface of almost 14,000 acres, provide Berliners and visitors with a wide variety of recreational opportunities. You will see and hear about the following parks: The Marx-Engels-Forum, Monbijou Park, Mauerpark and the Tiergarten

Tour 7

Name: U.S. American 'influences' in Post War Berlin

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: What was the name of the "Candy Bomber" pilot during the Berlin Airlift?

Join us for a tour of the highlights of American contributions to (mostly) post-war Berlin.

You will see and hear about the following: the Museum of German History, Pariser Platz / Brandenburg Gate, where John Quincy Adams wanted to present his credentials to he was turned away by the gate guard on duty, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Peter Eisenman left his mark, the Victory Column where Barack Obama spoke to a crowd of about 200,000, the former West Berlin city hall (Rathaus Schöneberg), where JFK spoke to about 250,000 Berliners, Tempelhof Airport (the Berlin Air Lift) and the Jewish Museum, designed by American architect Daniel Libeskind.

Tour 8

Name: Architecture & churches in Berlin-Mitte

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: Berlin Mitte contains the historical heart of the city and represents the true center of Berlin.

Most of the city's main sights are located within the Mitte district. After the "Wall" collapsed, Berlin had a historically unique opportunity and faced the challenge of reviving the lost and forgotten center while merging the two halves of the city. You will see and hear about the following:

The Nicolai Quarter, the Rotes Rathaus (Red City Hall), the Marienkirche (Church of Our Lady), the New Synagogue, the Berliner Dom, the Zeughaus, the Neue Wache (New Guard House), Staatsoper Unter den Linden (State Opera), St. Hedwig's Cathedral, August-Bebel-Platz (formerly Opera Square) and the Gendarmenmarkt

Tour 9

Name: Mosque Tour

Date & Time: Sunday, March 21 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tour Guide: Hakan Tosuner, Fulbright Project Coordinator

Number of Participants: 50

Transportation: By bus

Description: The new Şehitlik Mosque in Berlin-Neukölln is known as the most beautiful mosque in Germany: the combination of its marble façade, dome and twin towers transform it into a unique example of Islamic architecture. The Şehitlik Mosque is Berlin's largest mosque and has become one of the capitals main sights. After a tour of the mosques' facilities you will be introduced to the basics of Islam. **Please dress modestly!**

Tour 10

ONLY FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

Name: Visit to Zoo/Aquarium

Date & Time: Monday, March 22 at 10.00 am

Transportation: By bus – return on your own

Experience the oldest Zoo in Germany with the world's largest number of species.

<http://www.zoo-berlin.de/en.html>

Tour 11

ONLY FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

Name: Visit to Technical Museum

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 23 at 10.00am

Tour Guide: Professional Guide

Transportation: By bus – return on your own

Description:

The Deutsches Technikmuseum is the place to find out about the history and science behind the appliances and things we use every day.

There are aeroplanes and ships to look at, and real railway locomotives. Watch a suitcase being made, or find out how jewellery is manufactured. Discover just how much else we have to offer.

<http://www.sdtb.de/Home.623.0.html>