
CMATH Scholars

May 13 – 19, 2018

Berlin, Germany

Day 1 ~ Sunday, May 13, 2018

USA/En Route

Independent departures from the United States, traveling overnight to **Berlin**.

Day 2 ~ Monday, May 14, 2018

Berlin

Independent arrivals to **Berlin**. Check-in to hotel.

Berlin is an exciting European capital with significant Jewish history and a present-day Jewish community. Berlin was the home of the Hascala, the Jewish Enlightenment under the leadership of 18th century philosopher Moses Mendelssohn. It was an early home to Reform Judaism and, in 1866, with the opening of the beautiful golden-domed New Synagogue, boasted the largest synagogue in Europe. Jewish culture and the arts thrived here during the Weimar Republic but during WWII Berlin was the capital of Hitler's Nazi regime. After the war the Berlin Wall broke the city in two and now, since the fall of the wall, the city has had to weave itself back together. A number of effective memorials to the terrors of the Holocaust are found throughout the city. Today's Berlin is seen by many as a safer and cheaper New York, with thriving culture and art scenes and a growing Jewish community.

Afternoon visit to the **Karl-Bonhoeffer Hospital, German Nursing Association**. The exhibition "Totgeschwiegen" illuminates a dark chapter of the former Karl-Bonhoeffer-psychiatric clinic and the roll of the German psychiatry at the time of National Socialism. It documents the story of the former Wittenauer Heilstätten from the foundation as a "Dalldorfer "asylum" in 1880 until the post-war time and to the new designation after the psychiatrist Karl Bonhoeffer in 1957. The focus lies on the practice of the health politics, the public health system as an instrument of race politics of the Nazi regime and the medicine crimes of National Socialism.

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Day 3 ~ Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Berlin

Following breakfast, day tour to **Bernburg**. The **Nazi Euthanasia Centre at Bernburg** operated from November 21, 1940 to July 30, 1943 in a separate wing of the **State Sanatorium and Mental Hospital in Bernburg**. It was one of several euthanasia centers run by the Nazis under their official "Euthanasia Programme", referred to after the war as Action T4. A total of 9,384 sick and handicapped people from 33 welfare institutions and nursing homes as well as approximately 5,000 prisoners from six concentration camps were killed here in a gas chamber using carbon monoxide gas. In 1982 a portion of the basement was converted into a small memorial, though not open to the public. In 1989 the **Bernburg Memorial** was inaugurated. It displays the remains of the former center, as well as an exhibition about the Nazi euthanasia project.

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Day 4 ~ Wednesday, May 16, 2018**Berlin**

Full day excursion to **Wannsee**, visiting the site of the infamous **Wannsee Conference**, and where the Nazis planned the Final Solution and **Sachsenhausen**, a Concentration Camp was built by the Nazis in 1936 as a 'model' camp for what was to become a European wide system of forced labor, torture and mass killing.

Originally used for (mostly non-Jewish) political prisoners, following mass arrests on Crystal Night (Nov. 9, 1938) thousands of Berlin Jews were incarcerated at **Sachsenhausen**, too. From 1942 onwards, many Jewish prisoners were deported onward to Auschwitz. Not an extermination camp per se, Sachsenhausen was responsible for the deaths of about 200,000 people due to the harsh conditions, executions, medical experiments and murder. Anti-fascists, communists, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, and many other victims of the Nazi regime were imprisoned here, and Sachsenhausen was turned into one of the major sites of persecution of German Jews. The history of the site became even more complex, as the Soviet Secret Service used the camp to imprison supposed Nazis in the years 1945-50, causing the death of thousands.

The diverse multi-media exhibitions at different places on the memorial site work with film and audio clips, artifacts donated by ex-prisoners and artwork.

- 'Tower A' and the entrance gate with the infamous and cynical inscription reading:
 - Arbeit macht frei - Work sets you free.
- Barrack 39 - An exhibition about the prisoners' 'everyday life'.
- Barrack 38 - The 'Jewish Barracks' - an exhibition on the fate of Jewish prisoners; here one learns about the anti-Semitic policies of the Nazis as well as the biographies and fate of individual Jewish prisoners. A neo-Nazi firebomb attack on this barrack in 1992 is not glossed over. Remains of the fire are part of the exhibit and the reality of right-wing extremism in Germany today.
- 'Station Z' - The main execution site, including the remains of a shooting trench, an experimental gas chamber and crematory.

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Day 5 ~ Thursday, May 17, 2018**Berlin**

Full day hotel meeting space for lectures and discussion.

Tonight, **dinner** at a local authentic restaurant.

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Day 6 ~ Friday, May 18, 2018**Berlin**

Morning visit to the **Memorial to Murdered Jews of Europe**, a sweeping field of large concrete blocks, resembling different-sized gravestones, is a memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe. The 2,711 sarcophagi-like blocks are arranged in a grid-like pattern on the sloping ground. Built on land that formed part of the security perimeter around the Wall, the project has been a matter of vociferous political debate in Germany. The design, by architect Peter Eisenmann, allows visitors to enter from numerous vantage points and use the space for contemplation.

Half day hotel meeting space for debriefing, group therapy, and plans for American lecture and manuscripts.

Shabbat dinner with the local Jewish community this evening.

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Day 7 ~ Saturday, May 19, 2018**Berlin/En Route**

Independent transfers to **Berlin Airport** for departure to home city.

FROSCH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

**LAND ONLY TOUR PRICE: \$3,050.00 per person, single occupancy
\$2,525.00 per person, double occupancy**

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DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT \$500.00 per person to reserve space at time of reservation. FINAL PAYMENT due on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 5 nights' accommodation at four star hotel in Berlin with private facilities
- 5 breakfasts/breakfast boxes, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- All sightseeing as outlined on the itinerary by private motorcoach with driver and English speaking guides according to program
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing venues outlined on itinerary
- Guided program in Wannsee with local guide
- Conference rooms: Full day meeting at hotel with lunch May 17, Half day meeting at hotel May 18
- Roundtrip group airport shuttle transfers May 14 + 19 (pending flight schedules)
- Gratuities to drivers, guides and wait staff

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◆ **PERSONAL TIPS** to your guides, drivers, and tour managers.

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◆ **TOUR MANAGER** is provided by government-licensed, English-speaking manager who will accompany the tour throughout the program and will provide assistance with all formalities.

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