

Berlin Brats 2014



The Fall of the Wall
25th Anniversary Celebration

Hello Alumni, Teachers and Administrators!

Do you remember your first day in Berlin? The first time you set foot inside the school? Do you remember the Reichstag, Tiergarten, Checkpoint Charlie, the Europa Center, Funkturm, the Harnack House, KaDeWe, the RTO, the Outpost Theatre, the Victory Column, Brandenburg Gate, the Wannsee, the Grunewald, the KuDamm and Oskar-Helene-Heim? **Sure you do!** And if you're like the rest of us, you made a promise to yourself to never forget your

“Berlin Experience”

Revisit ALL these places while celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Wall

“Due to the power of the Anniversary and in continuation of the 20th Anniversary of the Wall in 2009 and the remembrance of the 50th Anniversary of the Wall’s construction in 2011, numerous partners and multi-agency events and projects are planned” - Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit.

We do know: the high point of the 25th Anniversary will be the symbolic Wall installation in the form of a light border. Thousands of white illuminated helium-filled balloons covering 12 kilometers through downtown Berlin will convey the enormous scale of the once divided city

JOIN US AT THE BERLIN BRATS REUNION IN BERLIN November 8-11, 2014

MORE INFORMATION

www.BerlinBrats.org/main.htm

Links on the main page will answer most (if not all) of your questions.

www.BerlinBrats.org/14FAQ.htm

Hotel Reservations & Frequently Asked Questions

Best Western Plus Steglitz International Hotel Tele: 011 - 49 - 30 - 79 00 50

Please pay close attention to deadline and cancellation dates.

www.BerlinBrats.org/14RSVPs.htm

List of RSVPs

www.BerlinBrats.org/14TTD.htm

List of Things To Do in Berlin

You may notice there is no mention of “hospitality suites”. This is intentional as a Reunion in Berlin takes on a different characteristic. Here your emphasis will be on reacquainting yourself with the City versus “hanging at the hotel” with classmates. However, we still encourage you to bring memorabilia and yearbooks for reminiscing in the Hotel’s Lounge or Bar area.

On this same note, we have left a lot more “open time” in the itinerary for exactly the same reason. Your Welcome Package will have a handout for things to do in and around Berlin. For pre-planning, visit our website.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Saturday November 8th

- 7:45AM** Optional - Underground Tour: 90 minutes. Meet in Hotel Lobby for group U-Bahn departure.
- 8:30AM** Optional - Segway Tour of Berlin: 3 hours. Meet in Hotel Lobby for group U-Bahn departure.
- 10-4:00PM** Welcome/Registration Table and PX (Brat store) opens.
- 12:30PM** Private showing of a new documentary. "*The Forgetting Game*" centers around the family of Berlin Brats from the 1960s. Check out this trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvSyPds8j2U>
- 5-7:00PM** Welcome Reception. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres to include two drink tickets per person. Cash Bar after. Faculty, administrators and special guests will be recognized. Dress: Casual.

Sunday November 9th

- 7:45AM** Optional - Underground Tour: 90 minutes. Meet in Hotel Lobby for group U-Bahn departure.
- 9-11:00AM** Welcome/Registration Table and PX (Brat store) opens.
- OPEN** Today is the actual 25th Anniversary day of the Fall of the Wall. The City has yet to release all the day's and evening's activities; especially those going on in and around Brandenburg Gate. Hence, we are leaving this day wide open for you to take advantage of the offerings.

Monday November 10th

- 9:00AM** Visit BAHS (Berlin American High School). Experience a tour of this now functioning German High School. Meet the students and teachers and participate in a Q & A session. Our Group Panoramic photo will be taken here as well. **School Spirit Day**: so please wear Maroon and White! (*perhaps by purchasing a hoodie or polo shirt at our PX earlier in the weekend!*) Enroute back to the Hotel we will make a short stop at the former American Community Chapel for "Kaffee & Kuchen" visit & tour.
- 2:00PM** Movies: "*Brats-Our Journey Home*" 90 mins. A documentary of Brats sharing intimate memories about their unique childhoods-growing up on military bases around the world. Followed by: "*Brats Raw*"- a series of uncut interviews from the original: "*Brats-Our Journey Home*." Features Kris Kristofferson and General Norman Schwarzkopf, who are both Brats.
- 5:00PM** Individual Class Pictures – come dressed for the Cocktail Hour and Banquet
- 6:00PM** Cocktail Hour ~ cash bar
- 7:00PM** Banquet Dinner, Program and Dance. DJ and Cash Bar. Dinner includes one drink ticket per person. A few surprises are in store for you this evening. Dress: Casual-elegance. See the FAQ -Frequently Asked Questions page on our website for further clarification.

We look forward to seeing you in BERLIN! Don't miss this special event!

Zurück nach BERLIN! Back to BERLIN!

Optional - Segway Tour of Berlin: 3 hours. Guided. Must weigh over 90lbs, max 250lbs. Helmets and rain ponchos provided. Must bring driver's license. No pregnancies. Meet in Hotel Lobby for group departure by U-Bahn. Wear comfortable/warm clothing & shoes. U-Bahn ticketing not included in pricing/directions will be handed out in Hotel Lobby morning of departure. Min of 30 ppl needed.

Optional - Underground Tour: 90 minutes. Experience the history of Berlin from an unconventional perspective! Enter a subterranean labyrinth (one of the few remaining bunkers), as it was left after the war. Learn about the life of the average Berlin citizen during the air-raids that destroyed up to 80% of the city's center. Additionally, learn the 160 year old underground history of Berlin. Wear warm clothing and comfortable shoes. Meet in Hotel Lobby for group departure via U-Bahn. U-Bahn ticketing not included in pricing/directions will be handed out. Min of 30 ppl needed.

Optional – Wrocław, Kraków, Wieliczka & Oświęcim (Auschwitz), Poland November 11-14th Tuesday November 11th

Depart Hotel by deluxe motor coach approx. 8am to Wrocław. Sightseeing tour to include the historical market square, Cathedral, Gothic city hall, Centennial Hall and other cultural highlights. Check into hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant, with leisure time in the evening.

Wednesday November 12th

After breakfast drive on to Kraków. After lunch and check-in at the hotel we have a sightseeing tour of Krakow, the University, Wawel Cathedral, St. Mary's Church, market square and medieval streets. Some leisure time before/after our cultural dinner.

Thursday November 13th

Drive outside Kraków to tour the legendary Wieliczka Salt Mine-an astounding subterranean Salt Cathedral. This Mine is on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List with its fabulous statues, monuments and altarpieces.

<http://www.kuriositas.com/2011/08/wieliczka-salt-mine-astounding.html>

Sightseeing tour includes the Chapel of the Blessed Kinga, descend a 380-step staircase (through not strenuous please take under consideration when booking this tour). A lift carries you back to the surface. 3-course lunch at the Miner's Tavern. Return to Kraków for dinner.

Friday November 14th

After breakfast and an **early** check out depart Kraków for the largest/most notorious concentration camp Oświęcim (Auschwitz I & II) and a guided tour. Arrive Berlin/Hotel Steglitz **late** night.

Poland Trip includes: Transportation by deluxe motor coach. English speaking tour director. Accommodations: 1 night in Wrocław, 2 nights in Kraków. Daily breakfasts at hotels. Dinner on Nov 11, 12, 13th (drinks not included). Guided city walk/tour in Wrocław and Kraków. Entry to Wrocław/Centennial Hall. Entry to Kraków/Royal Cathedral/St. Mary's Church. Salt Mine: guided tour, photo fee & 3-course lunch. Guided tour of Auschwitz I & II.

Registration Fee

Your registration fee for the Reunion includes the private showing of movies, the Welcome Reception with 2 drink tickets, Bus transportation to/from BAHS, Kaffee/Kuchen at the Chapel, Monday's Banquet, program, and dance with 1 drink ticket, DJ, two memorabilia items with your registration package, decorations, name tag, printing, mailings and production costs.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of your Reunion registration, with full refund of all fees, will be accepted until September 13th. From that date the Berlin Brats will be required to finalize all payments to the various different vendors. Consequently, no refunds can be made for cancellations received after this date.

Child Care

While our Reunion caters to adults we realize some of you may be bringing younger children to enjoy the whole European experience. If you need some assistance in acquiring child care please contact in advance the Berlin Brats at: BerlinBrats@gmail.com or call Jeri (Polansky) Glass at (623)764-1105.

Summary

1. Log onto the Best Western Plus Steglitz International Hotel website via our site, then per our special instructions book your room as soon as possible. Remember we sold out the hotel in 2006!
2. Fill out the Reunion Registration form and send it in with your payment by August 31st.
3. View the RSVP List on our site for those who already indicated they are coming.
4. Call a Berlin classmate and/or educator and make sure they are coming too!!

