



"I'm not sure, but I'm almost positive, that all music came from New Orleans."

Hello Berlin Brats,

It's Reunion time! **The Memories are all yours** but we bring them to life at our All Classes, All Years Reunion. While you rekindle those old memories you will be making some new ones. Reconnect, relax and rejoice with your former classmates over three to four glorious days.

WHEN: June 8th-11th, 2017

**WHERE: Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans, LA**

The City of New Orleans.....the jazz capital....the city of Creole culture and a vibrant history is home to our Reunion this coming summer. No other city has such different cultures, different ethnicities and traditions!

Getting to New Orleans, LA:

Flying? Fly right into **Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport**. (16 miles from hotel).

The Hotel is situated in the French Quarter. Taxis run approximately \$38 one way plus tip, depending on traffic. Airport Shuttle Service, via our private booking page is \$36 round trip/per person. Booking must be done online. Please visit **BerlinBrats.org** for direct link.

Driving? Valet Parking at Hotel \$42 per day. Self Park – one block from Hotel via Premium Parking Online Booking is discounted for us to \$27.00 per day. Visit: **www.PremiumParking.com/P145**, enter code "BERLIN" and dates of stay between June 5th –June 13th. Bring confirmation sheet with you to self park garage.

However, a car is NOT needed on site. Directly out the front door of the Hotel is the streetcar stop.

Accommodations:

Astor Crowne Plaza
739 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Local # 504-962-0500

Our group rate was: \$119 per night. We've sold out our block 3X times; the new rate for limited # of rooms is \$139, subject to another increase once these are booked. Presently, the general public/call-in rate is \$229....so still a good deal. Reserve your room immediately! The private booking page can be found at: [CLICK HERE](#) or cut and paste this link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/15774135/owner/10756/home>

If you cannot book online, then please make sure when calling by phone, that the reservationist knows you are with the "[Berlin Brats Alumni Association 2017 Reunion.](#)"

Check-in time is 4pm. Check-out time is 11am. (Rooms may be available earlier)

Our group rate is effective three (3) days before and three (3) days after the Reunion dates for those wishing to add on vacation time.

WEEKEND ITINERARY:

June 8th (Thursday):

8:00AM: Early Bird Optional Event – Swamp Tour Meet in Hotel Lobby for company bus p/u. Visit Honey Island Swamp and see one of the only remaining preserved wetlands in Louisiana.

8:30AM: Early Bird Optional Event – Plantation tour Meet in Hotel Lobby for company bus p/u. Visit 2 Plantations.

12:30PM: Registration, Membership, Raffle/Auction and the PX tables open. Pick up your Welcome Package, view our Raffle & Auction items and browse our PX for Berlin Brat souvenirs and memorabilia.

12:30PM: After checking in visit the Hospitality Suite. Bring your yearbooks and pictures. This is a place to sit around and talk while snacking on finger food, soft drinks, beer & wine. Suite will be hosted by rotating alumni.

5:00 to 7:00PM: Ice Breaker-Welcome Reception. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Background Music. Cash Bar. Dress is casual.

7:00PM: Hospitality Suite re-opens. Suite will be open all evening to come and go as you like.

June 9th (Friday):

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! ~ Wear Maroon & White! Reunion Polo shirts will be sold all weekend long at the PX table. Previous Reunion polos are good to wear too!!!

8:30AM: Optional Side trip to the World War II Museum. Group visits all the Galleries to include the "Road to Berlin" along with the infamous 48 minute film: Beyond All Boundaries. Lunch on your own at the "American Sector" restaurant in the Museum. Return to Hotel by 2:30pm. Meet in Hotel Lobby for bus departure.

10:00AM: Registration/Membership/Raffle/PX Store and Hospitality Suite opens. Suite will be decorated with Berlin Memorabilia. Please bring your items as well!

Free evening to meet with your friends or your class; take in the French Quarter and the local cuisine.

8:00PM: Optional event: Ghost Tour of New Orleans. Guide meets you in Hotel Lobby. Walking tour. Groups of 28 each. One hour 45 minutes. Tour ends at Jackson Square.

June 10th (Saturday):

10:00AM: Registration/Membership/Raffle/PX Store and Hospitality Suite opens. Come chat and snack on finger food, soft drinks, beer & wine. Suite will be hosted by rotating alumni.

Visit and/or be interviewed by the authors of "Cold War Memories" – our Book – which features the stories of 6 generations of Berlin Brats – as they begin their next book. If your story didn't make this 1st book make sure you're included in this next one!

10:30AM: Optional side trip: Mardi Gras World. Tour the 300,000 sq ft working warehouse where the Mardi Gras floats are made. Guided tour includes 15 minute video and Cajun Jambalaya luncheon. Meet bus in Hotel Lobby.

12:00 (Noon): Movie Time (2-6 different possible features/not determined yet):

"1960 Berlin Little League All Stars" – a short documentary about a group of Berlin Brat baseball players ages 11 and 12 who went on to win the European Championship and then played in the Little League World Series. *(several team members will be present at the Reunion).*

“The Ed Sullivan Show” filmed in Berlin. After the Berlin Wall went up Ed Sullivan showcased to America what it was like for the American soldier and his family living in Berlin. The Oct 8th & 15th, 1961 TV shows showcase The Outpost Theatre, TAR (which was both the elementary and high school at the time) and our teen dances at the AYA/DYA.

The Forgetting Game: In '63, 2 years after the construction of the Berlin Wall, a 5 yr old became the first person to be legally transferred from East to West Germany. The story involves a Berlin Brat family.

The Brown Babies: the Mischlingskinder Story: True story of the children born in post-war Germany to black American soldiers and white German women, and the African-American socialite (Brat Mom stationed in Karlsruhe) who took it upon herself to rescue hundreds of the children when armies and nations did nothing.

BRATS: Our Journey Home: The 1st non-fiction film to explore our subculture of “growing up Brat” ...includes General Norman Schwarzkopf and Kris Kristofferson - both Brats.

Special feature: “Berlin Brats purchase a Section of the Berlin Wall in 2005 then truck it across America.” View this powerpoint presentation. 20 minutes.

5:15PM: Class Photos & Group Panoramic

6:00PM: Cocktail Hour ~ cash bar

7:00PM: Banquet, Program & Dance with presentation of U.S. and BAHS school flag. Raffle and Silent Auction, Scholarship Presentations, and a Special Guest Speaker. Dress: Casual-elegance (no jeans). For those of you who do not burn the midnight oil on the dance floor our hospitality suite will reopen at 9:30pm.

June 11th (Sunday):

Departure day!unless you're staying on for a few more days to take in the local sites.

REGISTRATION FEE: Your registration fee for the Reunion includes the Welcome Reception, Saturday's banquet, snacks and drinks in the hospitality suite all weekend long, the DJ for Saturday's dinner dance, memorabilia item(s) with your registration package, decorations, name tag, printing, mailings and production costs.

Cost per person is \$165.00 if received by April 1st, 2017.

Registration fee received after April 1st will be \$195 (includes a \$30.00 late fee).

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation of your Reunion registration fee, with full refund of all fees, will be accepted until May 1st, 2017. After May 1st, 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.

SUMMARY:

1. Use our LIVE Booking Page [CLICK HERE](#) ASAP to book a Hotel Room. Please note: most of you heeded our advice and have already booked, hence selling out our room block 3 times at our special rate of \$119. New rooms have been added to our block, but limited in number, and now at the \$139 per night rate. Don't delay. Rooms will be subject to another price increase in this 1st Tier City in the French Quarter.
2. Fill out the Reunion Registration Form ([all 2 pages](#)) and send it in with your payment by April 1st. **PayPal is an option on our website (this option includes the PayPal service fees).....but please make sure you provide ALL the information required on this Registration Form in the footnote area!!!!**
3. Call a Berlin classmate and/or educator and make sure they are coming too!

We look forward to seeing you in NOLA! Don't miss this one, as the next one is 3 years off!!!



Additional/Optional Tour Information

Swamp Tour of Honey Island Swamp: Using small, 22 passenger boats you get close to wildlife, smell the swamp, touch the flora and see an authentic Cajun village. Feel safe being guided by generations of New Orleanians who have lived off the water. Company bus p/u at Hotel. Return by 12:45 to 1pm. First: 47 people.

Plantation Tour: Travel back in time with this tour. Not 1 but 2 historic sites: Oak Alley and Laura: A Creole Plantation. Louisiana's most famous plantations. Oak Alley Plantation with its tunnel of 28 oak trees that frame the plantation as you approach built in 1839 and faces the Mississippi. Laura is a 200+ year old sugarcane/Creole plantation with a rich history of the four women that ran it. Tour includes a box lunch. Company bus p/u at Hotel. Return by approximately 3:30pm. First 47 people.

World War II Museum:

The #4 Museum in the country and #11 in the world.....the National WWII Museum (formerly the D-Day Museum) tells the story of the American Experience in the war that changed the world, why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means. Visit all the Galleries to include Louisiana Memorial, Campaigns of Courage, U.S. Freedom Pavilions and "the Road to Berlin" exhibit hall. Take in the acclaimed 48 minute film Beyond All Boundaries in the Victory Theatre. Lunch on your own at the award winning "American Sector" restaurant or the Soda Shop. Meet bus in Hotel lobby, return to hotel by 2:30pm.

Ghost Tour: French Quarter Phantom's Walking Tour. Guides p/u in Hotel Lobby. Night time tour. Must be comfortable walking with uneven sidewalks in the quarter. One hour and 45 minutes with tour ending at "Jackson Square" – one of the most visited stops in the Big Easy - 52 ft from St. Louis Cathedral and ½ mile from Hotel. Visit the "iron fence" with all the artists works on display or grab one of New Orleans famous "hurricane drinks" after the Walk and before working your way back to the Hotel.

Mardi Gras World: Want a sneak peak of Mardi Gras? Visit this 300,000 sq ft working studio that gives you a behind-the-scenes look at float building. You'll never get closer to the some 500 floats built for Mardi Gras. Guided tour of the floats, 15 minute video, taste a slice of the famous "King Cake" and enjoy a Cajun Jambalaya buffet lunch included.

REGISTRATION FORM
For the Berlin Brats 2017 Reunion
June 8-11th, 2017

Name: _____
 (first) (maiden) (last/married)

Class Year: _____ or Teacher of: _____

Years in Berlin: _____ (ie: 1970-1974)

FULL Name of spouse or guest(s) attending, please indicate which:

Address: (street, city, state, zip)

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

I /We plan to arrive on (check one): Wed Thurs Fri Sat

Registration (Before April 1st, 2017):

	# of people		Fee	Total
Alumni/Teacher	_____	@	\$165.00	_____
Spouse/Guest(s)	_____	@	\$165.00	_____

Optional Add-Ons:

Swamp Tour:	_____	@	\$51.00	_____
Plantation Tour	_____	@	\$91.00	_____
WWII Museum	_____	@	\$46.00	_____

Ghost Tour _____ @ \$12.00 _____

Mardi Gras World _____ @ \$50.00 _____

I would like to support the Alumni Assn's Scholarship Fund by donating the following amount: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$250 _____ Other Amount _____
(Awards to be presented: Saturday Night at the Banquet) _____

Total Due: \$ _____

AFTER APRIL 1st, 2017 ADD \$30.00 LATE FEE PER PERSON _____

New Total Due w/Late Fee: \$ _____

Payment due by April 1st, 2017

Make Check Payable to: The Berlin Brats

Mail these last two form pages (pgs 7&8) with your check to:

Berlin Brats
41910 N. Crooked Stick Road
Anthem, AZ 85086

Registration is not complete until your check is received!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Berlin Brats at:
623-764-1105