



Hallo Alumni and Teachers!

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 Theater, the Victory Column, Brandenburg Gate, the Wannsee, the Grunewald, the Ku'Damm 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"*** and return one day!

Revisit ALL these places while celebrating our Reunion!

JOIN US AT THE BERLIN BRATS (Christkindl Markts) REUNION IN BERLIN

December 2nd-5th, 2024

An "optional" (add-on) Christmas Markt bus tour is being offered:

December 5th-10th, 2024

Our Hotel is new this year from the '06 & '14 BERLIN Reunions:

Dorint Kurfürstendamm Berlin

(right downtown in the heart of all the action)

Follow Booking instructions on the separate Flyer.

REUNION ITINERARY

Monday, December 2nd:

- 12-5pm: Our BBAA Welcome/Registration Desks opens. Pick up Name Badges and your Reunion package.
- 5-7pm: Welcome Reception: Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres to include 3 drink tickets per person (ie: includes beer, wine, soft drinks, and mineral water). Cash bar after tickets are used. Teachers and special guests will be recognized. Recognition of Anniversary classes, ie: '64, '74, '84, & '94. Dress: Casual

Tuesday, December 3rd:

- 8:30am: Depart by chartered bus to BAHS (now known as Wilma Rudolph Oberschule). School will be in session so we will be met by student escorts. School administrators may plan a short program followed by Q & A session. This is **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**, so please wear Maroon & White and/or your Letter Jacket! We'd like to take our "**GROUP PHOTO**" at the front door/front steps, the gym or the grand staircase. So don't miss this! Enroute back to the Hotel the bus will do short photo ops at the American Community Chapel (now known as Friends of All Saints e.v.) TAR, the AYA/DYA, Coles Sport Center and the Outpost Theater (now known as the Allied Museum). We may be able to arrange a TAR visit (for our high school students '54-'65) to the now known as the Quentin Blake Grundschule.

Afternoon/Evening: Free to link up with your long-lost classmates to take in one or several of the 20+ Christmas Markts around Berlin and take in dinner on your own. A handout will be in our welcome/registration package. U-bahn readily available to all sites.

Wednesday, December 4th:

- 9:00am: In honor of the **75th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift** this year we have arranged an "optional add-on" private/guided tour of Tempelhof. Depart by chartered bus. Of major interest will be the bowling alley, paternoster lift (remember the rickety elevator with no door?), the Douglas C-54 (a/k/a one of the chocolate bombers), the air traffic control tower and an underground bunker. Learn about the history, architecture, and events of this legendary airport.
- 11:00am: If not going on the Tempelhof tour above then this is your opportunity to visit other Christkindl Markts around the city. We're sure you have at least 15 more to take in! Again, you will have a hand-out for the various markts around the city.
- 5:00pm: Class Pictures – come dressed for the Cocktail Hour & Banquet.
- 6:00pm: Cocktail Hour – in the Banquet room. 3 drink tickets will be in your welcome/registration pkg. Must bring to the banquet. A cash bar after.

7:00pm: Banquet 3-course dinner and program. Awarding of our Reunion Scholarships, one-maybe-two Guest Speakers. Dress: Casual-elegance. (No blue jeans)

THURSDAY, December 5th:

8:30am: For those registered for the Christkindl Markt bus tour meet in the hotel lobby. Bus departs at 9am.

12:00pm Reunion only attendees have a “No later than 12 noon” Hotel check-out. Some may have reserved a longer stay taking advantage of the 3 day +/- reunion dates.

**THE LOGO APPEARING ON OUR COVER PAGE CREATED BY: Susan (Sams) O’Neill ’85
OUR REUNION PHOTOGRAPHER THIS YEAR IS: Greg Mattson ’77**

**POST REUNION
OPTIONAL-ADD-ON
CHRISTKINDL MARKTS TOUR
via CHARTERED BUS
December 5th-10th, 2024
To: Leipzig, Nürnberg, Olbernhau & Dresden
Led by: Professional Tour Operator Kathie Schmoll**

Name sound familiar? Many of you already know her as she is the wife of Phillip Schmoll – English FAC ’81-’94. She arranged and accompanied many of you on the annual BAHS Russian trips from ’83-’94. The Schmolls reside in Dresden.

We can accept the first 60 people to register for this event. Early interest has been strong. Due to European booking methods if you need to find a roommate to avoid the “single penalty” please email the Berlin Brats at: BerlinBrats@gmail.com or call Jeri (Polansky) Glass at 623-764-1105.

The itinerary for this trip is as follows:

The Berlin Brats
Christmas Market Extravaganza
December 5th – 10th, 2024
brought to you by
Firebird Fine Arts Tours

Dec. 5, THURSDAY Berlin – Leipzig

9:00 Depart Berlin for Leipzig.

Upon arrival in Leipzig join a guided stroll to discover this beautifully historic town, where the 1989 uprising took place that produced the fall of Communist wall(s) in East Germany.

13:00 Lunch on your own, followed by check-in to your hotel.

Afternoon spent at the Weihnachtsmarkt rated #1 this past year.

<https://www.iamexpat.de/lifestyle/expat-events-festivals/leipzig-christmas-markets>

Dinner together in 'Auerbachs Keller'

Dec. 6, FRIDAY Leipzig – Nürnberg

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

Morning free in Leipzig, time to revisit the market and do some last-minute shopping/sightseeing.

14:00 After lunch, continue to Nürnberg, arriving late afternoon, check into the hotel.

Dinner together, and afterwards you will have a chance to stroll over and enjoy the night-lights of the Christkindlesmarkt. <https://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en/>

Dec. 7, SATURDAY Nürnberg

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

During a guided stroll of Nürnberg, discover the history and charm of Bavaria's second largest city. Enjoy the special ambience of this Bavarian city and its legendary Christmas market, the Christkindl Markt. Dinner and overnight in Nürnberg (same hotel as Dec 6th).

Dec. 8, SUNDAY Nürnberg - Olbernhau – Dresden

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

8:30 Depart the hotel and travel 3+ hours from Nürnberg to **Olbernhau**, a charming small town in the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains).

<https://www.olbernhau.de/en/olbernhauer-weihnachtsmarkt>

You most likely won't have heard of this town before, but if you own or have seen wooden Christmas carvings, in particular the Christmas pyramids from Germany, they are most likely from here. Besides visiting the market here, we would like to arrange an opportunity to visit a workshop and/or special exhibition for people to get acquainted with this very traditional folk art. Spend the afternoon here.

17:00 Depart for Dresden, an hour and a half away, to check into our hotel and have dinner.

Dec. 9, MONDAY Dresden

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

9:00 Enjoy a guided stroll to discover why "Dresden" evokes such a range of impressions. Our hotel in the epicenter of the old city is the perfect starting point.

11:00. Return to the hotel. A five-minute walk away is Dresden's famous Striezelmarkt on the

Neumarkt Square. <https://www.christmasmarketsgermany.com/dresden.php>

This is a great final act to a five-day procession of handmade goods and goodies, a plethora of cookies and cakes, roasted chestnuts, sausages, tasty cheeses, Glühwein and Saxon champagne. Naturally there are sounds of the Germans' favorite brass music to enhance the Christmas atmosphere! We enjoy a festive dinner to celebrate our time together, your discoveries and purchases! (same hotel as Dec 8th)

Dec. 10, TUESDAY Dresden - BER Airport

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

10:30 Depart the hotel for BER Airport. After a stop here, the bus will then continue to the Hotel Dorint Kurfürstendamm Berlin.

SUMMARY:

Price: **\$1297 per person (double occupancy)**

Cost Includes:

- 6 days/5 nights' hotel stay in double room with breakfast buffet in Leipzig, Nürnberg & Dresden
- 5 Three-course Dinners
- Bus transportation throughout the journey
- Guided strolls per itinerary in Leipzig, Nürnberg and Dresden
- Accompanied by Firebird Fine Arts Professional (ie: Kathie Schmoll) throughout

Cost does not include:

- Single supplement – €150 (€30 per night) for the 5 nights
- Luncheons (which can be had at the various Christkindl markts)
- Travel Insurance
- Drinks with meals, however water is always provided

Registration Fee

Your registration fee for the Reunion includes your Name Badges, Welcome package, Reception w/hors d', 3-course Banquet dinner, 6 drink tickets (3 for reception night and 3 for banquet night), transportation to/from BAHS, reception & banquet room rentals, AV equipment and associated printing costs.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of your Reunion registration, with full refund of all fees, will be accepted until September 23rd.

Cancellation of the Christmas Markt tour, with full refund, will be accepted until September 23rd. NO refunds after this date.

SUMMARY:

Log onto the Dorint Hotel booking link provided in our separate instructions and reserve your room as soon as possible. Complete attached Registration Form and send in with your FULL payment no later than September 23rd, 2024.

Call a Berlin classmate and make sure they are attending as well!

REGISTRATION FORM
Berlin Brats 2024 Reunion December 2-5, 2024

Name: _____
(First) (Maiden) (Last)

Class Year: _____ or Teacher of: _____

Years in Berlin (i.e. 1970-1974): _____

Full Name(s) of spouse or guest(s) attending: _____

Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

Registration

Alumni/Teacher/ Spouse/Guest(s) _____ x \$198 = \$ _____
(# of people) increases to \$238 after Sept 23, 2024

Scholarship Contribution

The Berlin Brats have awarded Scholarships in an effort to encourage further educational pursuits for its Alumni and their dependents since 2009. We depend on Alumni for monetary donations to fund this program. The Scholarships will be awarded at our Wednesday banquet. The Application package will be posted on our website in June/July.

(whatever you can give - \$5, \$25, \$100+) \$ _____

Optional – Tempelhof Tour

_____ x \$36 = \$ _____
(# of people)

Optional – Christkindl Markt Tour December 5-10, 2024

We can only accept the first 60 people that register for this event. Early interest has been strong. Conversely, if there is not enough participation this tour will be cancelled, and deposits refunded. Due to European booking methods if you need to find a roommate to avoid the single penalty, please email the Berlin Brats at BerlinBrats@gmail.com or call Jeri (Polansky) Glass at 623-764-1105.

Register to pay for the reunion, and the Tempelhof tour (if interested) at full cost. The Christkindl Markt may be paid 1/2 per person now with balance due by September, 23, 2024.

Again, the remaining 1/2 Markt tour pricing per person is due by September 23, 2024.

Double occupancy (2 people per room) _____ x \$1297 per person \$ _____
(# of people)

Or Single occupancy (1 person per room) _____ x \$1450 \$ _____
(# of people)

Grand Total Due: \$ _____

Full Payment due by September 23rd, 2024

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