

How To Register:

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference **Program #22983, “IGA Berlin 2017 — Behind the Scenes of the International Garden Festival,”** starting on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Program Price:

Double Occupancy: \$2,995
Single Occupancy: \$3,425

Payment/Cancellation Schedule:

Payment Schedule	
Deposit Payment (due upon enrollment)	\$250
Final payment due	June 2, 2017
Cancellation Policy	Fee per person
Cancel up to 67 Days Prior to Program Start Date <i>(applies from date of enrollment until June 13, 2017)</i>	\$250
Cancel 66 to 30 Days Prior to Program Start Date <i>(applies from June 14, 2017 until July 20, 2017)</i>	50% of order total
Cancel Less Than 30 Days Prior to Program Start Date <i>(applies after July 20, 2017)</i>	100% of order total

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IGA Berlin 2017 —
Behind the Scenes of the
International Garden Festival

An Exclusive Learning Adventure for
Gardeners and Garden Lovers

AUGUST 18-27, 2017



Berlin, Germany
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At a Glance:

IGA Berlin 2017 — *Internationale Garten Ausstellung* — is the largest garden festival in Germany. With the motto “an OCEAN of colours,” it features intercultural theme gardens, breathtaking landscapes, traditional garden art, innovative garden architecture and inspiring “green” lifestyle exhibitions. Road Scholar, the not-for-profit leader in educational travel programs designed for Baby Boomers and beyond, has chartered a special learning adventure featuring privileged, behind-the-scenes access during this extraordinary week.

Best of all, you’ll ...

- Ride on the IGA cable car built for this occasion for a panoramic overview of the nearly 260 acres of gardens and exhibits, plus two full-day passes to the festival.
- Experience Charlottenburg Palace — the largest palace in Berlin — and its gardens, followed by dinner and a concert.
- Enjoy a field trip to the gardens of fabulous Sanssouci Palace and Park in Potsdam, once the summer palace of King Frederick the Great.

Lodging:

Maritim proArteHotel 6 nights Berlin	Four-star hotel in the heart of Germany’s capital.
Steigenberger Hotel Sanssouci 2 nights Potsdam	Four-star hotel with a luxurious atmosphere

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **MODERATELY CHALLENGING**

For hardy explorers who enjoy a good physical challenge, spending most of their days on the go.

What's Included:

- 8 nights accommodations
- 16 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- 3 Expert-led lectures
- 13 Field trips
- 1 Performance
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Travel Protection Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies



Daily Itinerary:

DAY 1 Friday, August 18
In Transit to Program

Overnight flights from the U.S.

DAY 2 Saturday, Aug. 19
Arrival Berlin, Check-in, Orientation, Welcome Dinner

Program orientation at the hotel begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner.

DAY 3 Sunday, Aug. 20
IGA Field Trip

Following breakfast, take public transportation to the IGA Berlin 2017 for an introductory field trip. An IGA — *Internationale Garten Ausstellung* — is held every 10 years and this year’s theme is “an OCEAN of colours” and is dedicated to the future of urban green spaces. Begin by riding with an expert on the aerial railway across the gardens to get a good overview and see the highlights of the 250-plus acres of grounds. After lunch, enjoy time to explore on your own. The exhibition is open until sundown. Dinner is on your own this evening.

DAY 4 Monday, Aug. 21
Bundestag, River Cruise, Botanical Garden & Museum

We will head out on foot and stroll through the Tiergarten — one of the largest urban parks in Germany — to reach one of the city’s most famous landmarks, the former Reichstag building that is now the seat of the Deutscher Bundestag, the German Federal Parliament. Ascend to the glass cupola with spectacular views of the parliamentary and government district and Berlin’s sights. Next, board a Spree River cruise boat and glide through the historic center city with expert commentary as we admire the magnificent buildings of Museum Island, the Reichstag parliament, and the Nikolaiviertel — the birthplace of the city. After lunch, enjoy an expert-led field trip to the Berlin-Dahlem Botanical Garden and Botanical Museum, one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, designed by German botanist Adolf Engler. Learn about Engler’s dream to represent the world in one garden, where there are now about 20,000 species represented, from a German copper beech forest to the Alps and through tropical forests. Dinner is on your own to explore local cuisine.

DAY 5 Tuesday, Aug. 22
Berliner Philharmonie, Charlottenburg Palace Concert

This morning, we’ll take an expert-led field trip to the Berliner Philharmonie, the Berlin Philharmonic Concert Hall. Wildly controversial at first, its distinctive architecture and superb acoustics have become a model for many other concert halls



FUN FACT The **Bode Museum** is one of the group of museums on the Museum Island in Berlin, Germany. It was designed by architect Ernst von Ihne and completed in 1904. Originally called the Kaiser-Friedrich-Museum after Emperor Frederick III, the museum was renamed in honour of its first curator, Wilhelm von Bode, in 1956.

around the world. We’ll then visit the Museum of Music Instruments with its collection of more than 3,500 musical instruments dating to the 16th century. After lunch, we’ll be joined by a local expert for a presentation on Berlin as a capital of music. With the Berlin Philharmonic, the excellent Symphonic Orchestra, the Staatskapelle and State Opera, the Kammer and Rundfunksymphonie orchestras, Germany’s capital ranks among highest in the world for classical music and opera. We will then go to Schloss Charlottenburg, the Charlottburg Palace, with some time for independent exploration before dinner. After dinner, we will attend a performance by the Berlin Residence Orchestra of music from the Baroque and Viennese Classical periods.

DAY 6 Wednesday, Aug. 23
IGA Berlin, Free Time

This morning, return to IGA Berlin 2017 and explore in greater depth with an expert led walk through the International Gardens, concluding at the AQUA water gardens with ponds and waterfalls. We will also pass by an exhibition of grave design and the memorial cemetery gardens, a peculiarity of German garden festivals. After lunch, continue exploring the gardens and exhibits with a full-day pass, venture into the city center, or return to the hotel independently.

DAY 7 Thursday, Aug. 24
Museum Island

This morning, a knowledgeable local resident will join us to present the history of Berlin’s famous Museum Island. We will then take the subway to Museum Island, where we will learn from our local expert about the magnificent buildings that host different but equally famous exhibitions. After lunch, enjoy free time at Museum Island.

DAY 8 Friday, Aug. 25
Peacock Island, Babelsberg Palace and Park, Potsdam

This morning, depart for Potsdam. En route, take the ferry to Pfaueninsel — Peacock Island — and stroll in the park designed by Peter Joseph Lenné, gardening director of Prussia. Some of the outstanding features are many rare plants, massive trees and Berlin’s oldest rose garden. Next, ride on to Babelsberg Palace and Park, commissioned in 1833 by Prince (and later Kaiser) Wilhelm I, the eldest grandson of Queen Victoria. That relationship perhaps explains the English Tudor style of the palace and English-styled landscape gardens. Explore the special exhibition “Pückler. Babelsberg — The Park-Enthusiast Prince,” which focuses on the landscape architect and garden designer Prince Pückler: Hermann Ludwig Heinrich von Pückler-Muskau. After lunch, cross the famous Glienecke Bridge to Potsdam and check in to the hotel. After some time to relax, we will venture out to the old city center of Potsdam on a short walking field trip led by a local expert for an overview of the area.

DAY 9 Saturday, Aug. 26
Karl-Foerster Garden, Sanssouci Garden, Farewell Dinner

On today’s first field trip, experience the Karl Foerster Garden with a local expert and learn about his famous perennial plants. After lunch, end the adventure at the gardens of Berlin and Potsdam with the special highlight of visiting the Sanssouci Gardens. After the expert-led visit, enjoy time to explore on your own. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 10 Sunday, Aug. 27
Program Concludes after Breakfast