

**GARDEN GEMS OF GERMANY:  
LONG LEGACY OF CREATING NATIONAL GARDEN PARKS IN GERMANY**

**September 26-October 7, 2023**

**Deposits needed asap (trip limited to 40 people)**

**Submitted by Sharon Richardson, Uwchlan Garden Club, District 1, GCFP**

I'm excited to share that our next GCFP will be held next fall in Germany! Germany has a long legacy of creating beautiful gardens all over their country for over 300 years.

In the last decade I have visited many of those gardens when I attended a biennial international horticultural event held every 2 years in Germany. Very few Americans are aware of The Bundesgartenschau Think of it as a World's Fair of Horticulture!

BUGA is the popularized name for this festival that began in 1951 to restore war-torn areas. It evolved into a biennial event assigned to a different city each time. The locations are planned well in advance to give each city approximately 7 to 9 growing seasons to create this large multifaceted horticultural event. Each 'host' city selects an under-utilized or dilapidated area and turns it into an amazing garden park where the festival lasts for 180 days! When the festival ends, the exhibitors, pop-up restaurants, vendors and entertainers go away and a beautiful new park is born.

I was fortunate enough to attend the BUGA three times in the last decade: Hamburg (2013), Havel River Villages (2015) and Heilbronn (2019). Each time I attended the BUGA, I visited famous gardens in the region the BUGA was held.

I'm excited to share this experience with members of GCFP for our next international tour to Germany when BUGA '23 will be held in Mannheim.

Please visit <https://www.buga23.de/englisch/> to learn more about this year's BUGA

The tentative itinerary is provided in the attached brochure along with **the registration form that must be submitted with a deposit ASAP**. German hotels will not hold blocks of rooms without payment and neither will airlines. ( Travel post co-vid is more challenging with new restrictions in place) The sooner we get deposits in, the sooner our itinerary can be confirmed and our hotels, meals and flights can be reserved. If you are interested, please make your decision as soon as possible.

This trip has been custom designed for GCFP to specifically visit garden gems throughout Germany. Please feel free to contact me with any questions:

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## TRAVEL WITH SHARON RICHARDSON GARDEN GEMS OF GERMANY

September 26-  
October 7,  
2023

### Itinerary

#### Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Depart from USA for flight to Berlin

#### Wednesday, September 27, 2023: (D) - Arrive Berlin

- ▶ Meet/greet at Berlin airport and group transfer to hotel
- ▶ "Berlin by Night" panoramic tour
- ▶ Evening get together and "Welcome Dinner" at hotel or a local restaurant

#### Thursday, September 28, 2023: Explore Berlin (B, L)

- ▶ Breakfast at hotel
- ▶ Full day eastern and western section of Berlin sightseeing with emphasis on **Tiergarten** and gardens in the German capital
- ▶ Lunch in a local restaurant
- ▶ Free evening

#### Friday, September 29, 2023: From Berlin to Potsdam and Desden (B)

- ▶ Breakfast at hotel and check-out
- ▶ Morning drive to Potsdam
- ▶ See the 'Russian village' or **Cecilienhof**
- ▶ Audio-guide visit the **Sansouci Palace and its terraced garden**
- ▶ Guided group visit to Charlottenhof and its park
- ▶ Arrive Dresden and hotel check-in
- ▶ OPTIONAL: evening cultural event, depending on cultural calendar: TBA

#### Saturday, September 30, 2023: Discover delightful Dresden (B, L)

- ▶ Breakfast at hotel
- ▶ Morning guided walking (2hrs) tour of Dresden
- ▶ Drive to **Castle Albrechtsberg** for visit and light lunch
- ▶ Afternoon visit to **Pillnitz Palace and gardens**
- ▶ Free evening in Dresden

#### Sunday, October 1, 2023: Onward to Erfurt and Mannheim (B, D)

- ▶ Breakfast and hotel check-out
- ▶ Drive to Erfurt Garden visit: Garden TBA
- ▶ OPTIONAL: lunch in Erfurt: TBA
- ▶ Continue to Mannheim and hotel check-in
- ▶ Dinner and overnight in our hotel

#### Monday, October 2, 2023: BUGA Exhibition (B)

- ▶ Breakfast at our hotel
- ▶ All day at the **BUGA Show**
- ▶ Overnight in Mannheim at your hotel

#### Tuesday, October 3, 2023: To Rothenburg o.d. Tauber & Munich (B, L, D)

- ▶ Breakfast and hotel check-out
- ▶ Drive to Rothenburg O.d. Tauber and walking tour on arrival
- ▶ Lunch at a local place
- ▶ Continue along Romantic Road to Augsburg and walking city tour
- ▶ Arrive Munich and hotel check-in
- ▶ Accommodation in our hotel for 4 nights
- ▶ Dinner at hotel and overnight

#### Wednesday, October 4, 2023: Munich (B)

- ▶ Breakfast at our hotel
- ▶ Morning visit to **Nymphenburg Palace and Gardens**
- ▶ Lunch in a local place (or beer garden)
- ▶ Walking tour Old Munich
- ▶ Free balance of the afternoon

#### Thursday, October 5, 2023: Munich(B)

- ▶ Breakfast at our hotel
- ▶ Full day Neuschwanstein Castle excursion
- ▶ OPTIONAL: evening concert in Munich, subject to cultural events: TBA

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### Itinerary (CONTINUED)

#### Friday, October 6, 2023: Munich: (B, FD)

- ▶ Breakfast at our hotel
- ▶ Excursion to Herrenchiemsee including boat, horse carriage ride
- ▶ Return to Munich and balance of the day at leisure
- ▶ Farewell dinner at a local place in Munich

#### Saturday, October 7, 2023: Farewell to our Germany Adventure

- ▶ Group transfer hotel – Munich airport
- ▶ \*\*Flight Schedule (TBA)

### Tour Inclusions

#### PER ATTACHED ITINERARY:

- 10-night accommodation at **4-Star hotels** as per above program outline and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 4 lunches in a local establishment (2-course menu or buffet with tap water)
- 4 dinners in hotels or restaurants as noted (3-course menu or buffet with tap water)
- Applicable city taxes
- Audio system for city tours
- All on tour transportation and transfers by large motorcoach with professional driver and all applicable tolls, parking fees and city entrances per itinerary
- Professional English-Speaking tour guide
- Sightseeing/visits/tours as per above program outline including all applicable fees
- Airport group arrival transfer and airport group departure transfer
- Luggage handling in/out at hotels
- VAT tax

#### NOT INCLUDED OR CAN BE ADDED LATER:

- **Roundtrip air from Newark to Berlin and return from Munich: Will be added once group has been confirmed with the required passenger: Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation from PHL to Newark Airport with minimum passengers will be an available option.**
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than those specified
- Beverages with meals
- Items of personal nature
- Tips/gratuities to driver(s), guides, and restaurant staff at group's discretion
- Any optional activity or cultural event noted as optional: subject to schedule of events
- Any government tax not known at the time of this proposal
- Any passport or visa related fees (if required)

#### NOTES:

- Valid passport for 6 months after completion of the trip is required for travel to Germany: passport must be valid through April 7, 2024 to be a valid passport for travel.
- **\*\*Allianz Travel Protection:** contact Regina Z. Sullivan for quoted cost & inclusion **\*\* Complete name as it appears on your passport: home address, home /cell phone, email, birth date for Allianz Insurance quote.**

#### Penalties apply for tours cancelled after Deposit has been received

#### CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- More than 65 days prior to departure: loss of deposit(s)
- Between 64 - 36 days prior to departure: 75% of total tour cost
- Between 35 days and September 26, 2023: 100% Non-Refundable

*Itinerary inclusions & order of events are subject to change*

### Cost Per Person

**\$1,800 deposit due at time of booking, on or before March 13, 2023. Final Payment due on or before June 5, 2023.**

Double Occupancy **\$5,399** | Single Occupancy **\$6,429**

**\*\* Triple & Quads NOT available on this Tour Program**



- 1 Jensen
- 2 Botanische Universität
- 3 Rosarium
- 4 Rhododendron
- 5 Botanische Universität
- 6 Pflanzen
- 7 Schloß
- 8 Herren
- 9 Bergg
- 10 Botanische
- 11 Botanische Arboretum Arndt-
- 12 Schloß
- 13 Schloß
- 14 Schloß
- 15 Botanische
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## Registration Form: Yes, I am ready to Confirm! Travel with Sharon Richardson- Garden Gems of Germany

A signed form is required from all passengers. This information is essential for completion of your reservation and final documents. One form must be completed for each passenger with a different name and address. All travelers must be over 21 years old.

Tour Name/Destination: Garden Gems of Germany – BUGA SHOW	Departure Date: September 26-October 7, 2023
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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print first and last name exactly as appears on passport

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Accommodations With: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Round-trip Airline Ticket with group flying out of Newark: YES or NO  
 Interested in Round-trip Motorcoach from PHL area to EWR Airport: YES or NO  
 Interested in Horizon booking flight from a different airport: YES or NO  
 I plan to make my own flight arrangements: YES or NO

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:**

Name:	Relationship:
Address:	Day Phone:
City/State/Zip:	Evening Phone:

**PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS:** Please keep in mind that airport connections can involve long walking distances. If you need assistance, a wheelchair can be requested.

To the best of my knowledge, I am in good state of health and suffering from no physical condition which might be detrimental of my safety, comfort, and convenience and that of the other participants during the tour. IF ANY PARTICIPANT NAMED ON THIS APPLICATION HAS A SPECIFIC PHYSICAL CONDITION, DISABILITY, ALLERGY OR DIETARY REQUIREMENT THAT MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION OR TREATMENT, SUCH DETAILS MUST BE REPORTED ON THIS APPLICATION.

I have read, understand, and agree to the conditions set forth in the descriptive brochure or flyer of the trip noted above, especially those paragraphs relating to payments, cancellations, refunds, and responsibilities of Horizon Club Tours.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_