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In Search of Those Who Save Us

An author's poignant journey that led to a *New York Times* bestselling novel



Join Author Jenna Blum to Retrace the Journey that Led Her to *Those Who Save Us*

"When an author writes a book, she starts with a blank canvas which she strives to fill with details that paint a specific world—a world so real that a reader can walk into the book and walk out again with actual memories." With these words, acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author Jenna Blum provides a glimpse behind the veiled art that is the author's craft and illuminates the genesis of her momentous work of historical fiction *Those Who Save Us*.

The conveyance of a novel's environment is especially important in historical fiction, and one amazing aspect of being a historical novelist is that the writer is able to visit the real settings where the novel occurs. And although the writer is crafting a fictional narrative, visiting the actual settings where her characters would have lived, touching what they would have touched, inhaling the same air they would have breathed, viewing the same vistas they would have seen: that is a magical journey that makes them real.

Imagine that you could walk side by side with the author, treading the fertile ground where the historical and literary seeds—the settings, characters, and themes—were lovingly sown. This very special tour allows you to travel with *New York Times* and international bestselling author Jenna Blum as she recreates the epic journey she took in the early 1990s—the one which provided the inspiration for her haunting multi-generational novel *Those Who Save Us*.

Join Jenna as she retraces her footsteps on this poignant expedition across southern Germany. Along the way, she will share her inspirations and behind-the-scenes stories. Together, you revisit her novel while encountering the sites that inspired it, examine passages in the actual settings where they take place, discuss the complex, dark history that gave rise to the narrative, and, ultimately, discover how deep within each of us, lies an enduring desire to go in search of those who save us.

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Tour Itinerary Overview

Oct 2: Tour begins in Rothenburg, Germany
Oct 3: Rothenburg - Bamberg - Weimar
Oct 4: Weimar - Buchenwald - Weimar
Oct 5: Weimar - Nuremburg

Oct 6: Nuremburg - Berchtesgaden
Oct 7: Berchtesgaden
Oct 8: Berchtesgaden - Salzburg, Austria
Oct 9: Tour concludes in Salzburg, Austria

Day to Day Tour Summary

Day 1: Sunday, October 2

Arriving in beautiful Rothenburg ob der Tauber today, you are greeted by your Scholarly Sojourns Tour Director who provides assistance with your hotel check-in. Once all of the tour participants have arrived, we gather with our tour leader Jenna Blum for a brief meet-and-greet reception before setting off on an afternoon walking tour of the historic center of Rothenburg guided by a local expert. Aside from its fascinating history, all of the delightful charms of a traditional Bavarian town are ours to behold as we stroll along the quaint cobblestone walkways absorbing the intoxicating landscape and architecture. Afterward, we enjoy some free time to explore on our own before joining your fellow sojourn members and Jenna for the opening reception and keynote address followed by our welcome dinner. An informal gathering will follow the evening's festivities for those who wish to enjoy conversation and a nightcap. (D, R)

Day 2: Monday, October 3

Following our morning briefing, we depart Rothenburg by bus, setting our sights on the historic city of Weimar—a UNESCO World Heritage site and the very heart of the setting for *Those Who Save Us*. Our journey carries us along Germany's celebrated Romantic Road, where we pay a visit to the historic town of Bamberg, also a UNESCO World Heritage site due to



its splendidly-preserved architecture. Following a private walking tour of Bamberg's historic center, we enjoy some free time for lunch and to explore on our own. The beer-lovers among us may wish to sample some of the unique smoked beer for which Bamberg is famous. This afternoon, we continue along the Romantic Road to Weimar. After checking in at our hotel, the remainder of the evening is free to spend as you see fit, perhaps exploring this historical city that was home to two giants of German literature, Goethe and Schiller, or enjoying a hearty Bavarian dinner at one of the fine local restaurants. Your Scholarly Sojourns Tour Director will be happy to offer dining suggestions. (B)

"We were somewhat apprehensive to try an organized tour, but this experience was phenomenal."

-Barbara B., Annapolis, MD

Included meals are indicated in parentheses following each daily description:

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner; R = Reception



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Day 3: Tuesday, October 4

Following our morning briefing, we set out for a solemn visit to nearby Buchenwald, one of the most infamous and brutal concentration camps erected by the Third Reich. Our tour of the camp will bring the unimaginable horrors of the Holocaust, and the perversely inhumane treatment of its victims, right before our very eyes. It is the stark contrast between this grim landscape and that of the quaint nearby towns that gives us pause to reflect on the seemingly irreconcilable proximity of the two. Interestingly, Weimar was also a base for the Resistance, so it is here that Jenna shares with us why she chose this city as the main setting of the novel. This evening we gather for an engaging dinner discussion over a traditional German meal at one of Weimar's best restaurants. (B, D)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 5

Following breakfast, we take a guided walking tour of historic Weimar. The city, once the capital of Germany under the Weimar Republic, was the home of many celebrated German writers, artists, and musicians, most notably Goethe, Schiller, and Liszt. After our tour, we visit one of the city's fantastic bakeries—a setting at the very heart of *Those Who Save Us*—where we sample some of the delicious breads and pastries while enjoying passages from the novel. At



The center of Weimar is the quintessential market square



The Imperial Castle in Nuremberg stands guard over the city

midday, we make our way to the fastidiously landscaped grounds of Park an der Ilm, or “Park on the Ilm River.” This stunning outdoor space, with its amazing variety of trees, was designed by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in the style of an English garden, and is also a part of the UNESCO World Heritage site known as “Classical Weimar.” Along the banks of the graceful Ilm River, we enjoy a Scholarly Sojourns signature picnic lunch while Jenna brings more passages from her work to life for us. After some time enjoying delicious food and good company, we depart Weimar and head south toward Nuremberg, the site of the famous post-war Nazi trials. After checking in at our hotel, we set out for a tour of the city's historic center. The remainder of the evening is free for you to further explore Nuremberg as you see fit, perhaps sampling some of the city's famous red beer. (B, L)

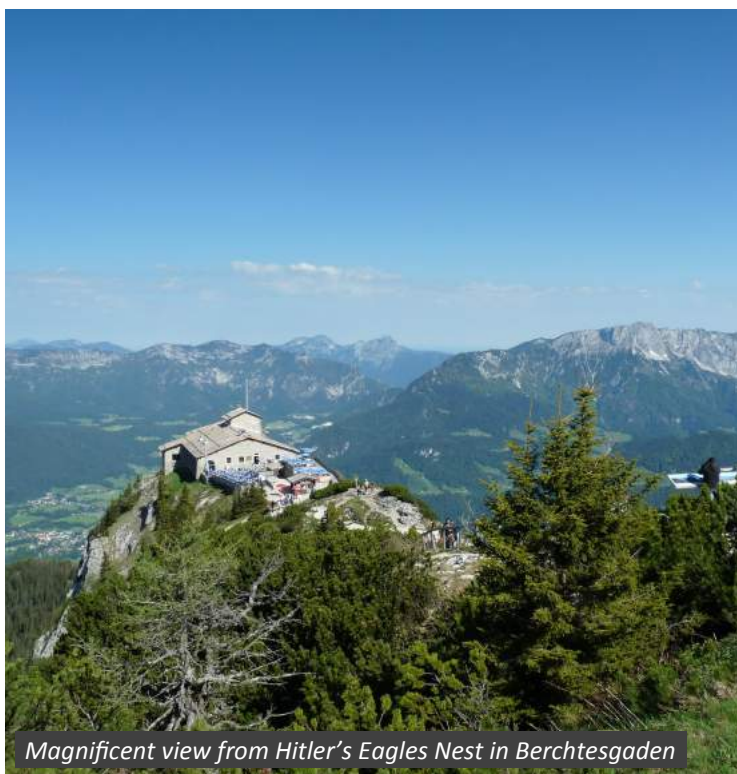
Day 5: Thursday, October 6

Following our morning briefing, we set out to explore more of Nuremberg. Among the fascinating locales we visit are the rock-cut beer cellars that date to the 14th century. While these immense labyrinthine caverns were originally created for maturing and storing beer,



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so sturdy was their construction that thousands of local citizens used them as bomb shelters during the Allied air raids of World War II. As Nuremberg was the site of the infamous rallies celebrating the “Thousand-Year Reich,” Jenna takes the opportunity to discuss the films of Leni Riefenstahl that were widely used by the Nazis for wartime propaganda. She also explores the importance of Nuremberg during pre-war, war-time, and postwar Germany. This afternoon, we depart Nuremberg and travel south toward the foothills of the Alps. Our home for the next two nights will be the idyllic Alpine town of Berchtesgaden, gorgeously cradled in a scenic valley that rises more than 500 meters above sea level. Berchtesgaden was a favored place for Nazi officers to take their girlfriends on holiday, and it is also the setting for a crucial chapter in *Those Who Save Us*. After checking in at the historic Hotel Wittelsbach, which is a specific location where many significant scenes in the novel occur, we gather for an engaging seminar dinner during which Jenna reads relevant passages. Those who are interested are welcome to join us for a nightcap and conversation following dinner. (B, D)



Magnificent view from Hitler's Eagles Nest in Berchtesgaden



A view of St. Bartholomew and the Alps from Lake Königssee

Day 6: Friday, October 7

Following our morning briefing, we set out for a privately-guided tour of Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Mounted high atop a rocky outcrop of Kehlstein Mountain that offers breathtaking views of the Alps, the compound was built as a gift to "der Führer" for his 50th birthday and was meant to serve both as a secure retreat and also a location to entertain visiting dignitaries. No expense was spared in its construction and the project itself employed the best architects, engineers, and workers from around Germany as well as Austria and Italy. Following our tour here, we enjoy lunch together and admire the spectacular views. The occasion provides Jenna the ideal setting to expound on the discrepancy between German appearances and reality as well as the romantic grandiosity that helped to feed the corrupt Nazi ideology. Later this afternoon, we visit the crystalline waters of Lake Königssee which was formed by glaciers during the last ice age and is now Germany's third-deepest lake. Resembling a fjord, this beautiful Alpine waterway is long and narrow with precipitous mountain cliffs towering above each side. After returning to our hotel, the evening is left free for you to relax or explore as you see fit. (B)



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Day 7: Saturday, October 8

Following our morning briefing, we leave Germany behind and cross the nearby Austrian border to the majestic city of Salzburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A true gem of art and culture, Salzburg is famous, among other things, for being the birthplace of Mozart and the setting for the film *The Sound of Music*. In fact, the much-beloved musical played an integral role in the development of *Those Who Save Us*, as Jenna found herself watching the film regularly while she pieced the novel's narrative together. Most especially, the film's depiction of German-Austrian culture directly inspired the atmosphere for the book. We get to explore some of the picturesque locations associated with the iconic musical as we enjoy the celebrated *Sound of Music* tour in and around the city. Some of the highlights of this special tour include visits to Mirabell Gardens, where the joyful song "Do-Re-Mi" was filmed, and Mondsee Cathedral, the setting of the film's elegant wedding of Maria and Baron von Trapp. This afternoon, we enjoy some free time to shop and explore Salzburg before gathering with Jenna this evening for a pleasant closing reception and our tour's special farewell dinner. (B, R, D)



Salzburg fortress as seen from Mirabell Gardens

Day 8: Sunday, October 9

Following breakfast, we have time to enjoy more of Salzburg's superb cultural offerings. Those who wish can visit the home where Mozart was born (the Mozarteum), explore the iconic Hohensalzburg Fortress which towers above the Old Town, or simply wander the narrow streets lined with cafes and shops. Jenna also provides some time for a closing discussion and avails herself for any questions that participants wish to further explore. Afterward, we say our goodbyes as our tour draws to a close. (B)

Your Tour Leader is an Internationally Known Bestselling Author



Jenna Blum is the New York Times and internationally bestselling author of *Those Who Save Us* and *The Stormchasers*; Jenna is also one of Oprah's Top Thirty Women Writers. Jenna earned her B.A. in English at Kenyon College (1992) and her M.A. in Creative Writing from Boston University (1997), where she was the fiction editor for *AGNI Literary Magazine* and taught fiction and journalism for five years. Currently Jenna runs novel workshops at Boston's Grub Street Writers, where she has taught fiction for over 15 years, and writes the "Writer On The Road" column for the *Grub Daily*. Jenna travels nationally and internationally to speak about her novels and writing at universities, libraries, conferences, events and book clubs; she has spoken to over a thousand book clubs in person, via Skype and by phone. Jenna's most recent works include the screenplay for *Those Who Save Us* (optioned in 2012 for feature film by Lyonshare Pictures) and her new novella *The Lucky One*, was published by Penguin in July 2014 as part of the anthology *Grand Central*. You can visit Jenna's website at www.jennablum.com and follow her on Facebook (Jenna Blum) and Twitter (@Jenna_Blum).



You travel across Southern Germany, along the Romantic Road and into the soaring Alps

You stay in picturesque cities and towns

Town	Region/Area	Nights
● Rothenburg	Middle Franconia	1
● Weimar	Thuringia	2
● Nuremberg	Middle Franconia	1
● Berchtesgaden	Upper Bavaria	2
● Salzburg	Austria	1

Legend

- Journey by coach
- Overnight stop
- Intermediate stop





Traditional Hotels and Historic Abodes Create the Perfect Atmosphere for Your Tour



Hotel Reichs-Küchenmeister—Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Located in the center of historic Rothenburg ob der Tauber, this traditional timber-framed hotel oozes with the fairytale charm for which the city is famous. Dating to the 12th Century, the property has seen its share of epochs and welcomed an array of dignitaries including the future emperor Ferdinand I in 1540 as well as the Emperor Charles V in 1546. Today, each of its comfortable guestrooms has been impeccably restored with 21st-Century comforts.



Hotel Wittelsbach—Berchtesgaden

The Hotel Wittelsbach enjoys a commanding position near the center of Berchtesgaden and surrounded by the majestic scenery of the Alps. The historic hotel was built at the end of the 19th century and is just steps from the pedestrian area with its numerous shops and restaurants. Each of its rooms provides traditional Bavarian comfort, and some even have balconies with views of the surrounding snow-covered mountain tops.



Hotel Anna Amalia—Weimar

Centrally located and just a short walk from both the Herderplatz and the Marktplatz, this historic hotel in the UNESCO city of Weimar offers beautiful rooms and delicious German cuisine in a charming atmosphere. Named after Anna Amalia Duchess of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach who is credited with initiating the period known as Weimar Classicism, the hotel dates from 1792. Its prime location means that all of Weimar's attractions are just steps away.

For a complete list of lodging on this tour, please visit www.scholarlysojourns.com.

The Highlights and Special Features of Your Tour

- Tour Leader Jenna Blum is a New York Times and internationally bestselling author whose critically-acclaimed debut novel *Those Who Save Us* is the focal point of this sojourn
- Explore the incredible City of Nuremburg and take a tour through its historic center
- Travel Germany's breathtaking Romantic Road from Rothenburg-on-the-Tauber to stunning Weimar
- Visit the haunting grounds of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp
- Explore the Alpine retreat built for Hitler known as the "Eagle's Nest," and enjoy stunning views over lunch in its atmospheric dining hall
- Enjoy a Scholarly Sojourns signature picnic on the idyllic grounds of Park an der Ilm in Weimar
- Spend two days in beautiful Weimar and discover its fascinating history
- Visit remarkable Salzburg, Austria and take the world-famous *Sound of Music* tour through its historic streets and in its beautiful surrounding countryside
- Spend two days in the picturesque Alpine setting of Berchtesgaden and enjoy an afternoon cruise on the crystalline waters of Lake Konigsee
- Visits to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Classical Weimar, the historic Town of Bamberg, and magnificent Salzburg, Austria



Tour Details

In Search of Those Who Save Us

Dates:

October 2—9, 2016 (Sojourn #1271640)

Price:

\$2,995/Person (Double Occupancy)

\$3,495/Person (Single Occupancy)

**Click here to
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Tour begins/concludes:

Frankfurt, Germany / Salzburg, Austria

Optional air package* :

\$1,299/Person

*Air package includes round-trip, economy airfare New York—Frankfurt/Munich—New York, airport transfers in Germany, and 100% travel insurance. Departures from other North American gateways also available. Price subject to change until booked.

Price Includes:

Eight-day travel program of sightseeing, tours, presentations, and discussions led by Jenna Blum, 7 nights hotel accommodation in three and four-star, boutique hotels, meals as indicated on the day to day summary, opening and closing receptions, all entrance fees, visits, excursions, and sightseeing as noted in this detailed itinerary, private guides, ground transportation, the services of a dedicated Scholarly Sojourns Tour Director for the duration of the tour, all gratuities (except for hotel porters), and all other sojourn activities as described in the day to day summary.

Price Does Not Include:

Airfare; airport transfers; meals not indicated in this detailed itinerary; beverage options other than water, wine, beer, or soft-drinks with group meals; local transportation by bus, taxi, metro or light rail; passport or visa fees and necessary photos; immunizations; travel insurance; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; travel insurance, medical, hospitalization, or evacuation costs; gratuities for hotel porters; laundry; other personal items, including incidental hotel charges; any other item not specifically indicated.

Arrival and Departure Information

Meeting location:

The meeting point for this tour is Frankfurt International Airport in Frankfurt, Germany. A shuttle will be provided from this point to our hotel in Rothenburg. Those making their own travel arrangements should plan to arrive by noon on Sunday, October 2. Participants can also arrive directly at the hotel between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM that day. You will be greeted there by your Scholarly Sojourns Tour Director who will assist you with check in.

Sojourn Start Time:

The tour program begins promptly 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 2, 2016. The first group activity will be a meet-and-greet reception with our tour leader, Jenna Blum.

Sojourn Conclusion:

Your sojourn concludes at approximately 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 9th in Salzburg, Austria. An optional shuttle will be offered for those wishing to go directly to Munich Airport. If making your own flight/travel arrangements, please allow for enough time to travel to the airport after the program ends.

Early Arrival or Late Departure:

Scholarly Sojourns is happy to assist you with booking additional nights prior to the start of your tour or following its conclusion. Often we are able to secure better rates than are available to the general public.

Registration Information

To register or for further information:

Call us: 1-800-419-3443

We are ready to assist you Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST).

Visit us at: www.scholarlysojourns.com

Here you will find an online registration form as well as a printable version. You will also find the most up-to-date details on this sojourn and all of the other programs offered by Scholarly Sojourns.

Other Information

Sojourn Combinations: Save \$250 per person and receive a free transfer between locations when you book two consecutive sojourns.

Please Note: The information presented here details this sojourn's planned activities, meals, accommodations, and starting/ending times. We reserve the right to make changes which will improve the program or when circumstances beyond our control necessitate such modifications. Prices are subject to change until booked. Complete terms and conditions are available at our website.



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