



October 5, 2017, Status Report after Week 5 of registraton.

ARS 2018 Convention Tours are filling up. Space is limited.

Registration for ARS-members only began on Sept. 1st and will extend until Nov. 15th. The registration form is at <http://ars2018.org/registration.php>. See the [registration page](#).

Members of other rhododendron or azalea societies are invited to fill out a registration form to be wait-listed for registration after November 15th. Under "Remarks" put wait-list for non-ARS. For "Chapter" put non-ARS

Spaces are filling up. There is a maximum on the tours. All registrants have been notified that their registration form was received. **If you didn't receive an acknowledgement, you are not registered.** After billing starts, payment will be due by November 15th. After November 15th registration is open to everyone. If you have questions contact [registrar @ ars2018 . org](mailto:registrar@ars2018.org) . Here is where we stand after week 5 of registration:

Number Registered	People	Single Rooms	Double Rooms	Capacity*
Pre-Tour 1, Holland	27	2	12.5 †	40 to 97 people
Pre-Tour 2, Germany	33	1	16	100 people max
Pre-Tour 3, Denmark-Sweden	42	1	20.5 †	45 people min.
Convention in Bremen, Germany	60	3	28.5 †	200 people max
Post-Tour, Finland	25	1	12	25 to 45 people

* If we reach the maximum we will start wait-listing and try to get more spaces.

Ü Female singles wants to share on tours 2, C, & F. †

Summary: We have 6 from Australia,10 from Canada, 2 from Finland, 1 from France,1 from Norway, 2 from Scotland and 32 from the US.

Having trouble with the Electronic Registration?

1. Fill out the form in Adobe Reader. Save the form.
2. Close the form and reopen to make sure all of the fields you filled out are still OK.
3. Then press "Click Here to Send Electronically.
4. If this doesn't take you to your email program, it isn't working.
5. Open an email to [registrar @ ars2018 . org](mailto:registrar@ars2018.org) and attach the file of the form you saved.
6. An acknowledgement will be sent after your form is received.
7. If all else fails, print form, fill out if necessary, scan, and email to [registrar @ ars2018 . org](mailto:registrar@ars2018.org)

The pricing and what is included:

The following is the pricing for the optional tours and Convention. Note: the 4 tours are optional, the Convention is not. If you book adjacent tours, there are no gaps. Rooms are priced per person for double occupancy and single occupancy. Registration is offered on a first come, first served basis. There is the possibility that we may get enough reservations to fill all available space. In that case, you will be notified and the possibility of wait-listing will be considered. To avoid problems, get your reservation in early.

The double pricing is based on double rooms with double occupancy. Pricing is per person

For people desiring single rooms with single occupancy, use the single price.

Europeans: IBAN transfers will save you over 5%. Enter **IBAN** under "Remarks"

The following chart is in Euros €.

Payment may be made using a credit card or a check or money order.

Add all desired	<i>Dutch Pre-Tour 1</i>	<i>German Pre-Tour 2</i>	<i>Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3</i>	<i>Convention in Bremen</i>	<i>Finnish Post-Tour</i>
Dates	May 7-12	May 12-14	May 13*-20	May 20-27	May 27-31
Cost in (Euros)	1,018 € double 1,325 € single†	292 € double 398 € single†	1,236* € double 1,730* € single†	1,855 € double 2,279 € single†	1,325 € double 1,547 € single†
Choice	Optional	Optional	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
Start	Amsterdam, Neth.	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany
Included:	May 7, D,H G= Garden Tours S= Speakers B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner H= hotel	May 12, H May 13, B,G, H May 14, B,G,L,	May 13, H* May 14, B,G,L, H May 15, B,G,L,D,H May 16, B,G,L,D,H May 17, B,G,L, H May 18, B,G,L, H May 19, B,G,L, H May 20, B,G,L,	May 20, H May 21, B, D,H May 22, B,S,L,D,H May 23, B,G,L,D,H May 24, B,G,L,D,H May 25, B,S,L,D,H May 26, B,G,L,D,H May 27, B,	Train to Hamburg Plane to Helsinki May 27, H May 28, B,G,L,D,H May 29, B,G,L,D,H May 30, B,G,L, H May 31, B,
End	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Helsinki, Finland

* Those on both the German Pre-Tour 2 and the Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3 will receive a 70 € credit per person double and a 140 € credit single for the night of May 13. The Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3 starts with an overnight in Bremen on the 13th before leaving for Denmark on the morning of the 14th with a stop at Hachmann's Nursery en route. The duplication of hotel and meals shown in the chart will not actually occur, instead there will be the credit.

† Double means per person double occupancy. Single means per person single occupancy.

†† If choices are not contiguous, you must arrange your own lodging the missing nights.

If you would like **travel agent assistance** arranging additional lodging or booking your flight, indicate on the registration form under remarks.

Full details of the ARS 2018 European Convention are at <http://ARS2018.org>

It includes registration and descriptions of the Optional Tours, Gardens, Hotels and Speakers.