



October 12, 2017, Status Report after Week 6 of registraton. ([Printable PDFs of Status Reports](#))

Register now if you want Pre-Tour 1, Holland, and haven't registered. Otherwise the price will go up 60 Euros per person. Don't wait!

The minimum has been met for all tours except Pre-Tour 1, Holland. If you are interested in the Holland Pre-Tour, be sure to sign up now and don't wait. If it doesn't reach its minimum, we have 2 choices, either cancel it or raise the price. We elected to not cancel it. If 11 people who want to take the Holland Pre-Tour register now, we will not have to change the price. We only need 11 more registrations to reach the minimum for Holland.

The good news is that all other tours and the convention have reached their minimum and are locked in. Remember, space is limited. Some tours are likely to fill up

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

Space is limited. There are maximums. 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 6 of registration:

Number Registered	People	Single Rooms	Double Rooms	Capacity*
Pre-Tour 1, Holland	29	2	13.5 †	40 to 97 people
Pre-Tour 2, Germany	33	1	16	100 people max
Pre-Tour 3, Denmark-Sweden	45	1	22 † ‡	45 people min.
Convention in Bremen, Germany	66	4	31 ‡	200 people max
Post-Tour, Finland	26	1	12.5 ‡	25 to 45 people

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

† Female singles want to share on tours 1 & 3.

‡ Male single wants to share on tours 3, C, & F.

Summary: We have 6 from Australia, 13 from Canada, 2 from Finland, 1 from France, 2 from the New Zealand, 1 from Norway, 2 from the UK, and 40 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	May13*-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 May 8, B,G,L, D,H May 9, B,G,L,D,H May 10, B,G,L,D,H May 11, B,G,L,D,H May 12, B,G,L,	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

G=[Garden Tours](#)
S=[Speakers](#)
B=breakfast
L=lunch
D=dinner
H=[hotel](#)

* 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.

A PDF describing the convention is
<http://ars2018.org/July13.pdf>

If you know anyone else who is interested, have them sign up for the email list at
<http://ars2018.org/list.php>

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