

Journey along the
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PRAGUE TO BERLIN



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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, experience life along the Elbe's quaint riverbanks within the Czech Republic and Saxony, adding an exciting, memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Admire the **Elbe's ever-changing, captivating scenery** as you savor the peaceful, unhurried pace.
- ▶ Delight in **Prague's old-world grandeur** while meandering across the Charles Bridge.
- ▶ Take in stunning views of **dynamic Berlin** during a Spree River boat ride.
- ▶ Marvel at the rebirth of **Dresden's beloved Church of Our Lady**, rebuilt from rubble.
- ▶ Travel in the footsteps of **Martin Luther**, whose religious ideas triggered far-reaching reformation.
- ▶ Watch a master artisan at work, crafting delicate **Meissen porcelain.**



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Howdy, Ags!

Join us as we wend our way through enchanting scenery and centuries of history on this unique river cruise aboard a state-of-the-art paddleboat cruiser. Arrive right in the heart of cities within the Czech Republic and Germany, while relishing the quieter, less crowded intimacy of the Elbe River during eight relaxing nights onboard the MS Elbe Princesse.

This remarkable river journey is bookended by overnight hotel stays in two of Europe's sparkling gems, Prague and Berlin. In each capital city, enjoy fascinating guided excursions that showcase its renowned landmarks and special beauty.

While gliding along the Elbe, delight in the breathtaking views around every bend, from the picturesque Saxon Alps region to the many charming towns and vineyards nestled on the river's banks. Plus, select from a choice of excursions in the ports of Dresden, Meissen and Wittenberg.

This thoughtfully planned trip offers the camaraderie of group travel, free time to explore independently and insightful lectures that add meaningful context to your daily experiences. Ensure your spot on this incredible adventure by reserving today!

Gig 'em!

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Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic.✈

Day Two

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Prague, Czech Republic

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to the Art Deco Imperial Hotel in the heart of Prague.

This evening, meet and mingle with your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Three

B | D

Prague

Enrichment: Velvet Revolution. Learn how this pivotal movement in 1989 freed the former Czechoslovakia from communist control.

Discovery: Old Town Prague. On a guided walk, discover the city's splendid Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque buildings that

span eight centuries. See the Old Town Square, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn and Prague's ornate medieval astronomical clock. Cross the acclaimed Charles Bridge, lined with 30 statues.

Free Time: Enjoy time in Prague on your own.

Later this afternoon, board the first-class MS Elbe Princesse to begin your Elbe River journey.

Tonight onboard, gather for a Welcome cocktail hour, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day Four

B | L | D

Prague



PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Prague Castle.** This sprawling castle has been the seat of Czech rulers since the ninth century. See the Castle Square, the Chapel of the Holy Cross, the Picture Gallery and the old Royal Palace. Explore St. Vitus Cathedral and stroll Golden Lane, lined with charming, 16th-century homes once occupied by the castle's staff.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Old Town, Dresden

•**Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter.** Meander through the original narrow lanes and see the Old New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue. Then tour the Prague National Jewish Museum, comprised of four synagogues, a ceremonial hall and the Old Jewish Cemetery. Walk among the more than 12,000 jumbled tombstones wedged inside its boundaries.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Prague for the rest of the day.

Day Five

B | L | D

Litomerice

Relax this morning as the ship gently cruises.

Discovery: Litomerice. Wander through this enchanting city, filled with colorful Gothic, Renaissance and baroque buildings.

This evening, enjoy entertainment onboard.

Day Six

B | L | D

Saxon Alps, Germany | Bad Schandau

Today, the ship enters the picturesque Saxon Alps region, dotted with forested riverbanks, green meadows, red-roofed houses and the towering, rocky Elbe Sandstone peaks.

Discovery: Saxon Alps. Head into the Elbe Sandstone mountains and marvel at the craggy, unusually shaped formations created by water erosion millions of years ago. Gaze across this unique landscape from the Königstein Fortress,



Elbe Cycle Route, Meissen


and stop at the imposing Bastei formation.

Revel in the breathtaking views as the Elbe Princesse continues through the Saxon Alps.

Day Seven

B | L | D

Dresden | Meissen

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**Dresden City Tour.** On a panoramic tour, see the three stately castles near the Elbe; the "Blue Wonder" steel bridge from 1893; and the fashionable Koenigstrasse. Then with a guide, walk to view the Zwinger, a complex of baroque buildings set amid grand pavilions, fountains and sculptures; the Royal Castle; and the Dresden Cathedral. Witness the Church of Our Lady, built in 1743 and ravaged by World War II bombings, now lovingly restored. Later, study the wonderful art collection of the Old Master's Gallery.



Berliner Dom, Spree River, Berlin

• **Dresden Old Town Culinary Tour.** Enjoy an engaging walk through the city's beautiful old town area as your guide provides fascinating insights about its architecture and history. Along your route, taste delectable Saxon specialties that honor the region's traditions.

After the morning excursions, return to the Elbe Princesse for lunch and cruise to Meissen.

🌐 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

• **Meissen Porcelain.** See the craftsmanship behind the town's renowned white porcelain during a tour of the factory, founded in 1710.

• **Meissen Bike Tour Along the Elbe.** Pedal on the Elbe Cycle Route, voted the top favorite by the German Cycling Federation. *(Active)*

Day Eight

B | L | D

Wittenberg

As the ship sails today, delight in the quaint scenery along this tranquil, narrow waterway.

🌐 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

Wittenberg is a university town with a close connection to Martin Luther, who sparked a momentous religious reformation. Today, each excursion includes a guided visit to the town. Stop at the Castle Church to see the church door area where Luther nailed his 95 Theses. Continue with a visit to the City Church, where he regularly preached.

• **Wittenberg and Martin Luther.** After visiting the town, walk through the university where Luther taught and visit his former home, now a museum chronicling the Reformation movement.



• **Wittenberg and Brewery Tour.** After visiting the town, head to the Brauhaus brewery for a tour and beer tasting. *(Active — Three floors and many stairs)*

Return to the ship and continue cruising.

Day Nine

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Magdeburg

• **Discovery: Magdeburg.** On a guided tour, explore one of Germany's oldest cities, and step inside the country's first Gothic cathedral.

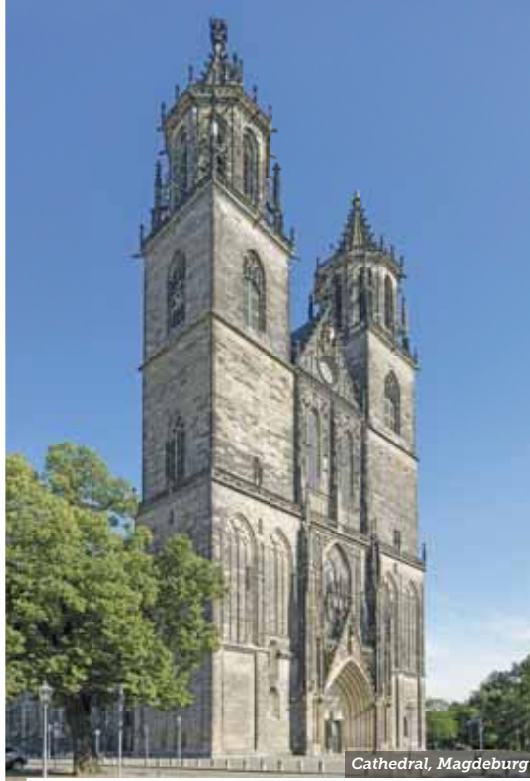
• **Enrichment: Contemporary Germany.** Gain insights about life in a unified Germany.

Day Ten

B | L | D

Berlin

• **Enrichment: A Tale of Two Cities — East Berlin and West Berlin.** Once divided, Berlin was reunited in 1989 after the infamous Berlin Wall was torn down. Learn more about the lasting impact in its two former sectors.



Cathedral, Magdeburg



Charles Bridge, Prague



Brewery Tour

Discovery: Berlin City Tour. With a guide, see Berlin's top sites, including the Brandenburg Gate, Pariser Platz, the Federal Chancellery, the elegant Unter den Linden boulevard and more. Then glide along the Spree River on a canal boat and admire impressive landmarks, including the Reichstag, Berliner Dom and Museum Island. Disembark in Tiergarten Park, Berlin's lively public green space.

Free Time: Explore Berlin at your leisure. Tonight onboard, celebrate your Elbe River journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Eleven

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Berlin

After breakfast, disembark the Elbe Princesse.

Discovery: Potsdam. Stroll through the lovely, terraced Sanssouci gardens, planned by Frederick the Great in 1743 for his summer retreat, and visit Cecilienhof Palace, the Tudor-style country manor where the 1945 Potsdam Conference was held.



Check in to the Hilton Berlin.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Berlin for the rest of the day.

Day Twelve

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In Transit

After breakfast, transfer✈ to the Berlin airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants
 B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.




MS Elbe Princesse

Employing innovative, advanced marine design based on the paddle-wheelers of the past, the newly christened, first-class Elbe Princesse easily navigates shallow rivers, allowing it to moor right in the heart of city centers. Onboard this intimate vessel carrying 80 travelers, enjoy outstanding, friendly service; bright, contemporary and comfortable cabins; and exceptional cuisine. Begin your day with a wonderful breakfast buffet, and delight in French and European specialties at lunch and dinner. All your drinks onboard are included, except for special wines and spirits. With beds that face the river, the staterooms boast great views of the passing scenery, and each includes a private bathroom with shower. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



ACCOMMODATIONS



ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL |  PRAGUE



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Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

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Land | Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land | Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Prague, Czech Republic, with a return from Berlin, Germany, to depart from:

Departure City _____

- Please contact me regarding air options.
 Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land | Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: April 18-29, 2018

Land | Cruise Program dates: April 19-29, 2018

LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
B-Main (Midship)	\$4,845	\$250	\$4,595
A-Upper (Forward & Midship)	\$5,145	\$250	\$4,895

Category A features floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with French balcony. Category B features a picture window. Cabins on both decks listed above are 156 sq. ft.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam



Luther Memorial, Wittenberg

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Museum Island, Berlin
2. Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin
3. Luther Memorials in Wittenberg
4. Historic Center of Prague



Old Town Square, Prague

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- One night in Prague, Czech Republic, at the first-class Art Deco Imperial Hotel.
- Eight nights aboard the first-class MS Elbe Princesse.
- One night in Berlin, Germany, at the first-class Hilton Berlin.

TRANSFERS

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land | Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Ten breakfasts, seven lunches and nine dinners, including two Welcome Dinners and a Farewell Dinner; wine with hotel dinner; and all drinks included onboard except special wines and spirits.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.



YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Discover the historic heart of Prague.
 - Explore the colorful streets of Litomerice.
 - Marvel at the Elbe Sandstone Mountains.
 - Tour medieval Magdeburg.
 - Stroll through splendid gardens and a palace in Potsdam.
 - See Berlin's landmarks on foot and by boat.



Choose from a selection of

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excursions in these towns:

- **Prague** | Prague Castle | Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter
- **Dresden** | Dresden City Tour | Dresden Old Town Culinary Tour
- **Meissen** | Meissen Porcelain | Meissen Bicycle Tour Along the Elbe
- **Wittenberg** | Wittenberg and Martin Luther | Wittenberg and Brewery Tour
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Dresden



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