



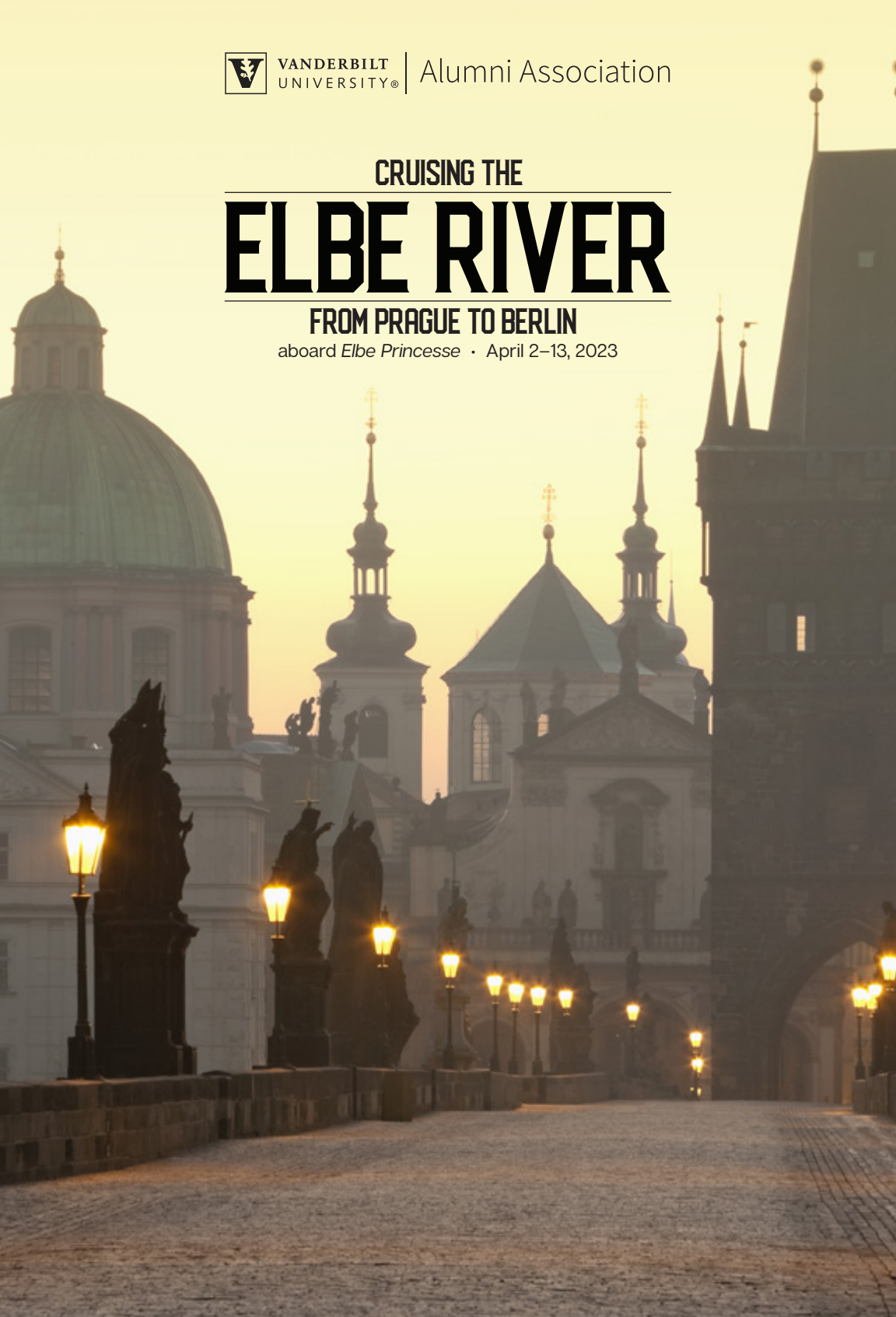
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CRUISING THE
ELBE RIVER

FROM PRAGUE TO BERLIN

aboard *Elbe Princesse* • April 2–13, 2023



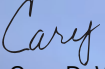
DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

The Elbe River has long been an important delineator of east and west in Europe. Linking two of the most fascinating capital cities—Prague and Berlin—it traverses a land filled with captivating treasures, including cosmopolitan cities and picturesque towns; terraced vineyards and lush orchards; fortress-crowned crags; and the spectacular gorges of “Saxon Switzerland.”

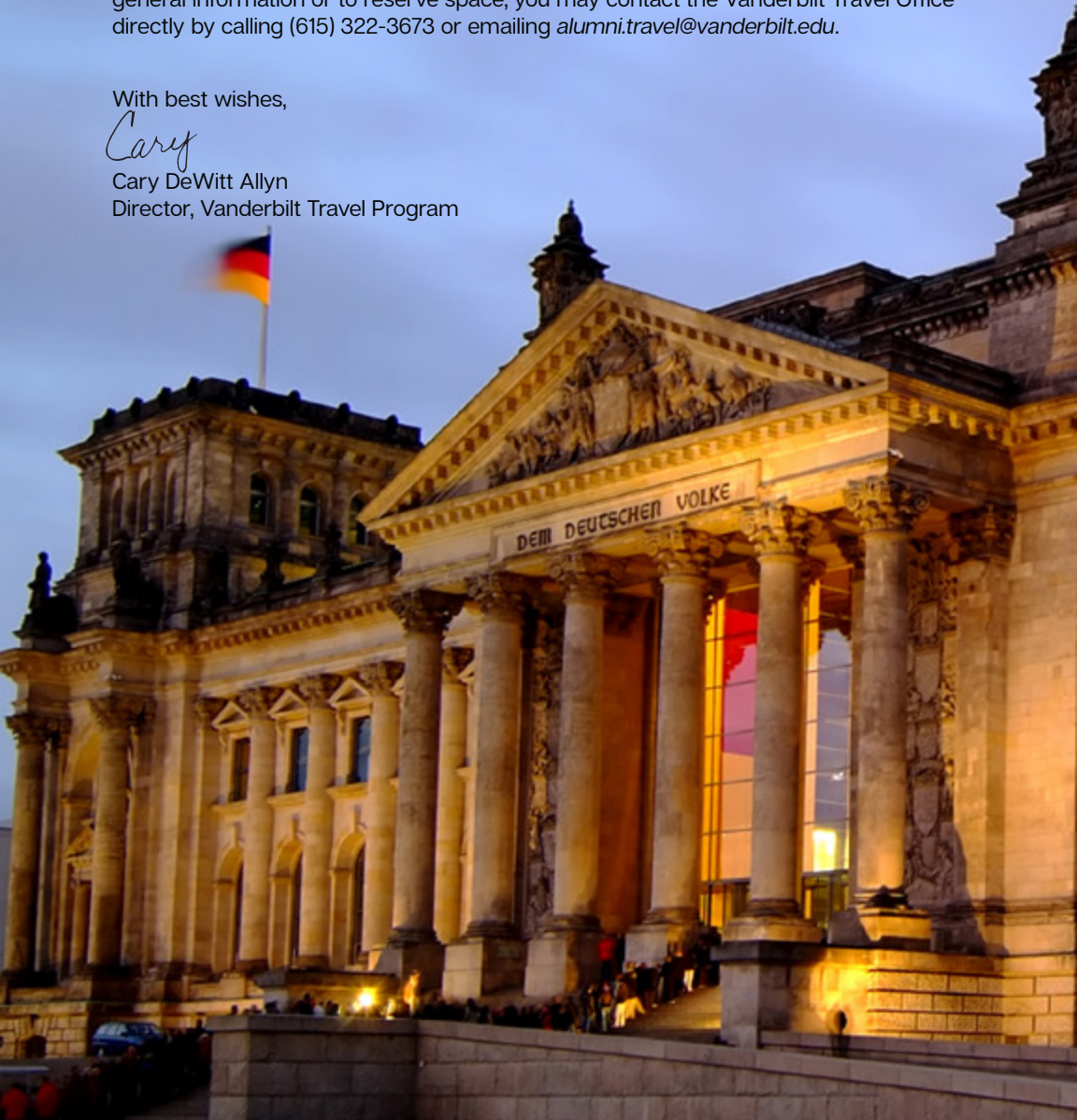
Beginning with a stay at the incomparable and centrally located Four Seasons Prague, this eight-night river cruise aboard the lovely *Elbe Princesse* embraces the broad sweep of history across this region from Bohemia to the former East Germany: Prague Castle, a sprawling complex that has served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of the former Czechoslovakia; the Wittenberg church where Martin Luther posted his 95 Reformation Theses; historic Jewish synagogues and cemeteries; World War II memorials; Meissen’s fine porcelain workshop; the treasures of Dresden’s Green Vault and Zwinger Palace; the famous Bauhaus school of 20th-century architecture; Potsdam’s whimsical Sanssouci palace and gardens, summer residence of Frederick the Great, notable for the numerous temples and follies within its park; and the contrast of old and new in Berlin, Germany’s dynamic capital city and largest metropolis. An on-board lecture program and top-tier local guides will help provide context, perspective, and enrichment.

This journey aboard *Elbe Princesse* has accommodations for only 62 guests. For general information or to reserve space, you may contact the Vanderbilt Travel Office directly by calling (615) 322-3673 or emailing alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu.

With best wishes,

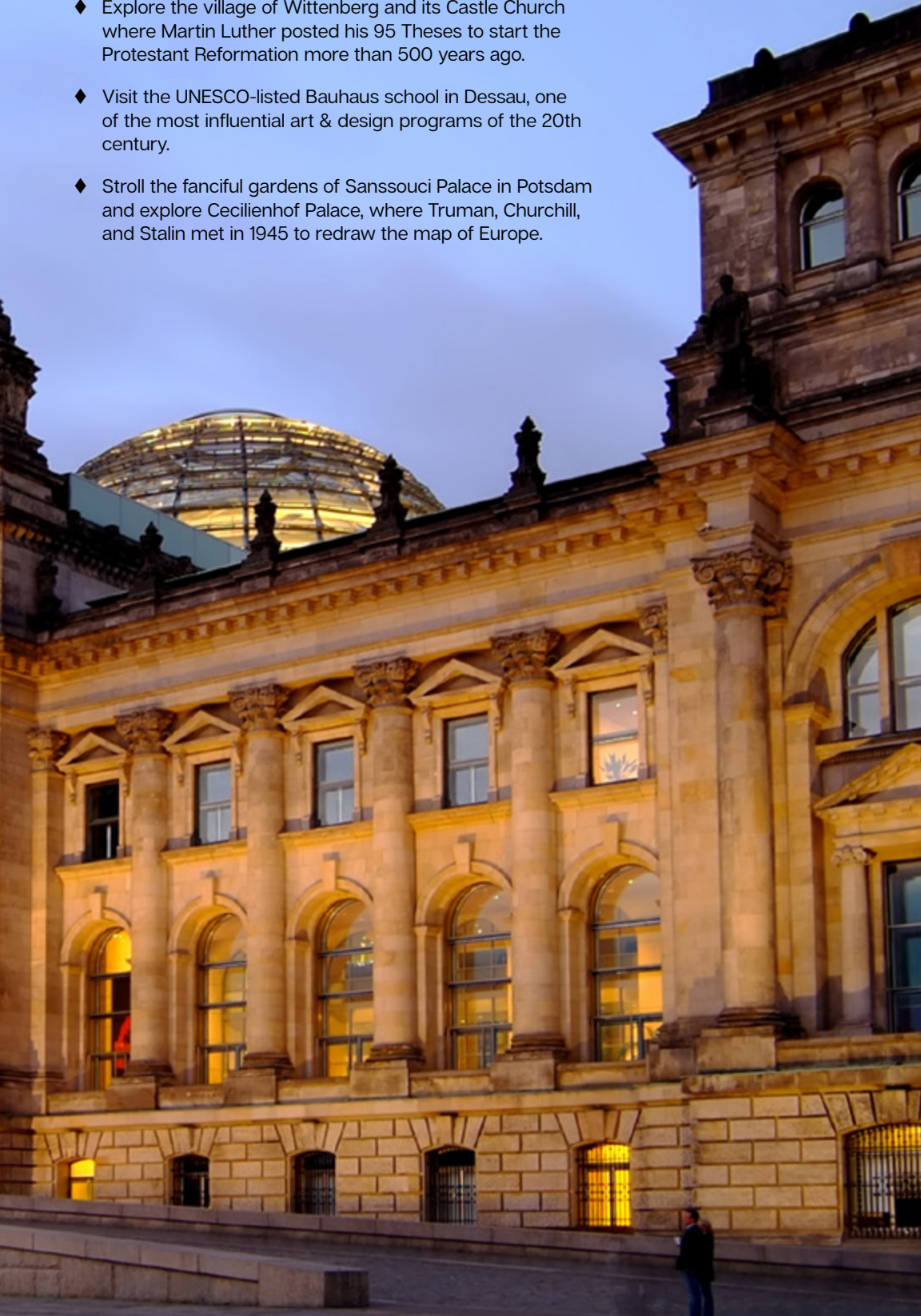


Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Begin your adventure with two nights in Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe
- ◆ Marvel at the glittering treasures of the Green Vault and the incredible collection of Old Masters paintings at the Zwinger Museum in Dresden.
- ◆ Explore the village of Wittenberg and its Castle Church where Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to start the Protestant Reformation more than 500 years ago.
- ◆ Visit the UNESCO-listed Bauhaus school in Dessau, one of the most influential art & design programs of the 20th century.
- ◆ Stroll the fanciful gardens of Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam and explore Cecilienhof Palace, where Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met in 1945 to redraw the map of Europe.





PRAGUE



POTSDAM



DESSAU



DRESDEN



BASTEI

ITINERARY

Sunday & Monday, April 2 & 3 HOME / PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Depart home on an overnight flight to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Arrive on Monday and transfer to your hotel, located near the Vltava River in historic Old Town. Gather for a welcome reception this evening.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (R)

Tuesday, April 4 PRAGUE

After a morning lecture, join a walking tour to explore Prague's Old Town including the haunting Old Jewish Cemetery and the 13th-century Old-New Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in Europe. Sample regional specialties during lunch at a local restaurant, then spend the afternoon and evening at leisure in central Prague or beyond.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (BL)

Wednesday, April 5 PRAGUE (EMBARK)

Ascend to the imposing Prague Castle, a royal residence as far back as the 10th century and still the seat of the Czech government. Its walls encompass Renaissance-era St. Vitus Cathedral, an imposing structure that incorporates a unique mix of Gothic and Baroque elements; and the

Old Royal Palace, one of the oldest parts of the castle, with its elongated throne room and soaring Vladislav Hall, once the site of coronation banquets and indoor jousting tournaments. Stay within the castle walls to stroll along Golden Lane, a charmingly quaint street that dates back to the 15th century. Inside the eleven historic houses that line the lane are period scenes depicting the life of the goldsmiths and other artisans who once lived and worked here. Embark the *Elbe Princesse* this evening in time for the Captain's welcome dinner.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Thursday, April 6 LITOMĚŘICE

Call at Litoměřice, a royal enclave with an official history dating to the 10th Century, making it one of the oldest Bohemian settlements. A well-known trading post of the Holy Roman Empire, its old town is now under the protection of the Czech Ministry of Culture as a national cultural monument, and is highlighted by the Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, finished in 1057.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Friday, April 7 BAD SCHANDAU, GERMANY

Enjoy a morning of cruising along the beautiful Elbe River through "Saxon Switzerland" to the picturesque spa town

of Bad Schandau, a summer resort for more than two centuries. Travel uphill and inland by motorcoach to see the spectacular Bastei rock formations and the pinnacles, ravines, and spectacular river views they provide.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Saturday, April 8 DRESDEN

One of the most historically important cities in Germany, Dresden is renowned for its splendid Baroque architecture and world-class art collections. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, including Theater Square and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), an outstanding example of Protestant sacred architecture that was rebuilt and reconsecrated in 2005 after being leveled by Allied bombs during World War II. Also marvel at the glittering displays of precious objects from the late Renaissance and Rococo periods at Dresden Castle's Green Vault. This afternoon, choose to visit Dresden's Transparent Factory, a glass-walled facility designed by Volkswagen for the production of its top-of-the-line sedans and expanded into a fascinating interactive exhibition space for innovative future technologies, or enjoy free time to explore Dresden independently.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)



MEISSEN



ZWINGER PALACE



PRAGUE

Sunday, April 9

DRESDEN / MEISSEN

This morning, visit the Zwinger Palace museum and explore the Old Masters Gallery, where works by Rembrandt, Rubens, and Raphael are displayed. Continue to nearby Meissen this afternoon, where the formula for hard-paste porcelain was developed in 1708. Choose between a visit to the workshop that continues to make the “white gold” by hand and the exquisite collection at the Porcelain Museum, an e-bike excursion along the banks of the Elbe, or independent free time in Meissen’s historic center.

ELBE PRINCESS (BLD)

Monday, April 10

WITTENBERG

Following a morning of relaxed cruising and shipboard lectures, call at Wittenberg for a visit to the Castle Church, where in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door, beginning the Protestant Reformation. Wittenberg’s historic Market Square, spared by the Allies during bombing raids, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a walking tour of Old Town, visit Luther’s home as well as St. Mary’s Church, where he preached.

ELBE PRINCESS (BLD)

Tuesday, April 11

DESSAU

Tour the city of Dessau, home of the famous Bauhaus school of architecture and the Wörlitz Garden Kingdom, each of which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the influential Main Building at Bauhaus as well as the Masters’ Houses, once home to visiting artists such as Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky. Enjoy a gondola ride through the lakes and canals of the English-style gardens at Wörlitz, among the largest gardens in continental Europe.

ELBE PRINCESS (BLD)

Wednesday, April 12

POTSDAM

Arrive in Potsdam to explore the magnificently Rococo Sanssouci Palace and Park, originally sketched by Frederick the Great and now the largest UNESCO World Heritage Site in Germany. Also visit Cecilienhof Palace, where Churchill, Truman, and Stalin met at the historic Potsdam Conference in 1945 and redrew the map of Europe. Enjoy the captain’s farewell dinner this evening.

ELBE PRINCESS (BLD)

Thursday, April 13

BERLIN / HOME

Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home, or to the center of Berlin to begin the optional extension. (B)



Thursday–Sunday, April 13–16

Optional Post-Tour Extension in Berlin

Extend your visit for three nights in this dynamic city to see more of its world-class landmarks and delve deeper into its complicated history. See the moving Holocaust Memorial and Museum; have lunch at the Reichstag building and follow the spiral walkway under its soaring glass dome; enjoy a private tour of the Berlin Cathedral, including a rousing performance on its 7,000-pipe organ; and stroll through the bustling Potsdamer Platz and the quaint narrow streets of the Nikolai Quarter.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

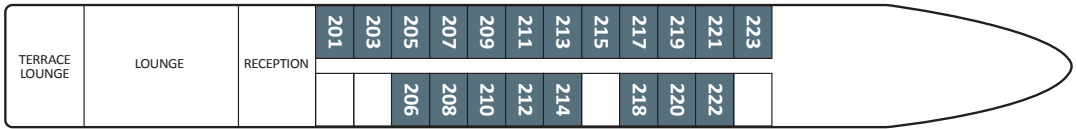
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ELBE PRINCESSE



The delightful *Elbe Princesse*, launched in 2016, is specifically designed to navigate the rapidly-changing conditions of the Elbe River using advanced engineering technologies. With stern wheel propulsion and a remarkably shallow draft, she is able to navigate low waters and traverse areas that other vessels operating in this region are not. Accommodating a maximum of just 70 passengers, a warm and intimate atmosphere is created on board. The restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting, and the lounge is a pleasant space for relaxation with panoramic windows, a large TV, and a bar area. The modern and comfortable cabins all face outside and feature picture windows, a small desk and seating area, independent climate control, a safe, hairdryer, bathroom with full amenities, and TV. With plenty of light in public areas and a large Sun Deck, there is ample opportunity to watch the shoreline gently glide by as you relax on your comfortable floating hotel and take advantage of the open bar. Wifi (intermittent) is accessible throughout the vessel.

UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
MAIN DECK 156 sq. ft., picture windows	\$7,990	\$12,490
UPPER DECK 156 sq. ft., large sliding windows with balcony rail	\$8,990	\$12,990
MAIN DECK SINGLE 118 sq. ft., picture windows	—	\$11,990

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **two hotel nights and eight nights aboard *Elbe Princesse*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active, with considerable walking each day, often over rough, cobblestoned terrain. Participants should be in good health, physically fit, and capable of undertaking this level of activity without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 62 participants, including travelers from Harvard Alumni Travel and The National Trust for Historic Preservation.



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GENERAL INFORMATION -CONTINUED-

PROGRAM RATES

DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, and COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (615) 322-3673 or email alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu. Final payment deadline is December 5, 2022. For those who register on or after December 5, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Vanderbilt Travel Program. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250

per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; After that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After final payment deadline of December 5, 2022, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither the Vanderbilt Travel Program nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the Vanderbilt Travel Program and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, the Vanderbilt Travel Program and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call us at (615) 322-3673, or email alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu.

Or, return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

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NAME #2 (as it appears on passport) BIRTHDATE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP or POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

E-MAIL 1

E-MAIL 2

PAYMENT

Please charge the \$1,000 per person deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD DATE

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Cruising the Elbe River**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*) or I plan to share accommodations with:

or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of December 5, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE DATE

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