Journey along the BERLIN TO PRAGUE



with Peabody faculty member Richard Giarusso July 15-26, 2018

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With these specialists at your side, experience life along the Elbe's quaint riverbanks within Saxony and the Czech Republic, 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.





Richard Giarusso

Richard Giarusso is Chair of the Musicology Department at the Peabody Conservatory, where he teaches classes in 19thand 20th-century music. Much in demand as a speaker, he also maintains an active career as a singer and conductor throughout the Northeast.

Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we wend our way through enchanting scenery and centuries of history on this unique river cruise aboard a state-ofthe-art paddleboat cruiser. Arrive right in the heart of cities within Germany and the Czech Republic, 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, Berlin and Prague. 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 Wittenberg, Meissen and Dresden.

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!

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Day One

In Transit

Depart your	gateway	city for	Berlin,	Germany.	
Day Two					D

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Upon arrival, transfer to the Hilton Berlin. This evening, meet and mingle with your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Three	B 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.

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. 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

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Potsdam

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. Relax this afternoon as the ship gently cruises. This evening, enjoy entertainment onboard.

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.

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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.



Day Five

B|L|D

Magdeburg

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

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

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

Day Six

Wittenberg

B|L|D

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 for 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.

B|L|D

Meissen | Dresden

Day Seven

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*) After the morning excursions, return to the Elbe Princesse for lunch and cruise to Dresden.

•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 barogue 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.

•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.

Day Eight

B|L|D

Bad Schandau | Saxon Alps

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, and stop at the imposing Bastei formation. Revel in the breathtaking views as the Elbe Princesse continues through the Saxon Alps.

Day Nine

B|L|D

Litomerice, Czech Republic

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



From your deck chair, savor the unfolding vistas of life along the riverbanks en route to Prague.

Day Ten

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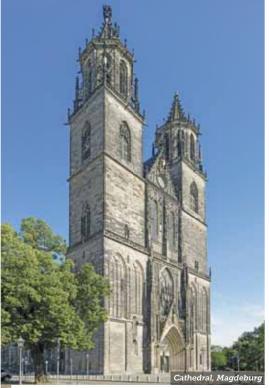
Prague

This morning, travel by motor coach to Prague.

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

Tonight, as your cruise concludes, celebrate your Elbe River journey at a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.





Day Eleven

Prague

After breakfast, disembark the Elbe Princesse.

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.

• *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.

This afternoon, check in to the Art Deco Imperial Hotel in the heart of Prague.



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

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Day Twelve

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In Transit

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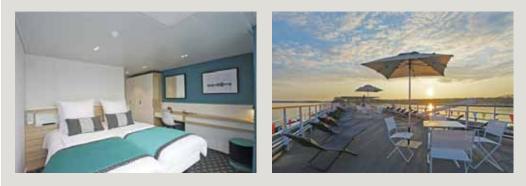
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

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MS Elbe Princesse

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ACCOMMODATIONS



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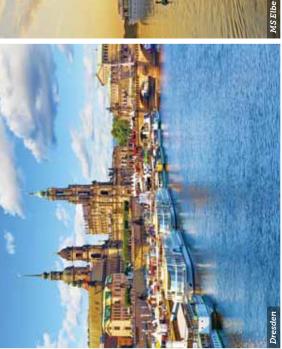
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