

EXCLUSIVE NOBLE CALEDONIA CHARTERS

FROM BERLIN TO PRAGUE

An eight night river cruise along the Elbe
aboard the MS Elbe Princesse II

20th to 28th April & 15th to 23rd October 2024

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A scenic view of a river valley, likely the Elbe, with a yellow tower on a cliff in the foreground. The tower has a dark, conical roof and a balcony. The river flows through a lush green valley with rolling hills in the background under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Join us as we discover the natural beauty of former East Germany's dramatic landscape whilst we cruise along the Elbe River from historic Berlin to beautiful Prague. For those contemplating a tour of Middle Europe, the usual option is a land based coach tour offering overnight stops and long road journeys. This attractive eight night itinerary offers an ideal alternative of relatively short journeys by road, whilst the major part of the journey is undertaken aboard our delightful vessel the MS Elbe Princesse II which we have chartered for our sailings from our longstanding associates, Croisi Europe. Accommodating a maximum of just 74 passengers and with a shallow draught, the vessel is ideally suited for our river cruise.



Our journey will take us from the vibrant city of Berlin to historic Magdeburg, Luther's hometown of Wittenberg, the famous porcelain town of Meissen, culturally rich Dresden and through the lovely Elbe Sandstone Mountains, where the river has cut a deep valley through sandstone rocks, ending in the graceful Czech capital of Prague. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something different every day. Our floating hotel, the MS Elbe Princesse II transports you in considerable comfort between the two great cities of Berlin and Prague. The slow speed of the vessel allows you to absorb the changing landscape of town and country and observe everyday life along the river.



Bastei Bridge, Saxon Switzerland National Park



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Berlin, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the MS Elbe Princesse II. Meet your fellow guests and crew this evening at the welcome cocktail and enjoy dinner on board.

Day 2 Potsdam. This morning we will visit the Versailles of Prussia known for its palaces and parks. Here amongst the splendour of Frederick the Great's creation we will see the park of the Palace of Sanssouci and the Tea House. Enjoy the afternoon sailing.

Day 3 Magdeburg. Our morning guided tour will include the historically significant cathedral and the Monastery of Our Lady, the town hall, Guericke Fountain, Old Market Square and of course, the Green Citadel. Return to the vessel for lunch and continue our sailing.

Day 4 Wittenberg. Wittenberg was the home of Martin Luther and the

centre of the Protestant Reformation. It was here at the Schlosskirche in 1517 that Luther nailed his 95 Theses in opposition to the Roman Catholic Church. On our half day excursion we will take a walk through the old town. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon sailing to Meissen.

Day 5 Meissen. Today's tour will focus on the beautiful city of Meissen with its enchanting Renaissance houses. During our guided tour we will visit the Meissen factory museum where fine porcelain has been produced since the early 1700s and see first-hand how this trademarked porcelain is created by hand. Sail this afternoon to Dresden where we arrive in the late afternoon and moor overnight.

Day 6 Dresden. We will have the full day to explore this wonderful city known as 'Florence of the Elbe'. Our guided morning tour will include the historic centre, the Frauenkirche and the Baroque Church of our Lady,



Old Town Square in Wittenberg Old Town



The Green Citadel, Magdeburg



The Frauenkirche, Dresden



Palace of Sanssouci, Potsdam

which still shows signs of the Allied bombing during World War II. After lunch on board there will be the opportunity to explore this striking city independently.

Day 7 Saxon Switzerland. Arrive early this morning into Bad Schandau, our base to visit the famous rock tower known as the Bastei, which was formed by water a million years ago and from where we can enjoy stunning views of the Elbe. We continue on to Castle Konigstein, an impressive fortress overlooking the Elbe where Napoleon's forces were billeted during his German campaign. Return to the vessel and spend the afternoon cruising.

Day 8 Prague, Czech Republic. We continue cruising this morning to Litomerice from where we drive to Prague and visit the Czech Republic's capital in all its elegance. Our guided walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage City will include the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and the castle. After lunch in a local restaurant enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace before returning to the ship in Melnik.

Day 9 Prague to London. Disembark after breakfast in Melnik and transfer to Prague airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

CATEGORY	
Main Deck Twin	£3295
Upper Deck Twin	£3595
Main Deck Twin for sole use	£4595

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights accommodation aboard the MS Elbe Princesse II on an all-inclusive, full board basis (excluding premium brand alcohol) • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Ports subject to change, water levels and weather conditions may affect the itinerary.

Pre-cruise Berlin Extension

18th to 20th April & 13th to 15th October 2024

If you would like to spend some time in Berlin we are offering an optional two night extension based at a centrally located, four-star hotel.

Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Berlin. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Meet later tonight for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2 Berlin. After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning city tour including some of Berlin's main sights. Lunch and the remainder of the day are free to explore Berlin independently. (B)

Day 3 Berlin. After breakfast, enjoy a morning at leisure before transferring to the Elbe Princesse II this afternoon. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £695 Single: £895

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Tour Manager, tour as described, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS ELBE PRINCESSE II

For our journey along the Elbe we have chartered the delightful MS Elbe Princesse II. Launched in 2018, this modern vessel is designed to navigate the challenging conditions of the Elbe River using advanced engineering technologies. The vessel accommodates a maximum of 74 passengers, providing a warm and intimate atmosphere on board. With plenty of light and a large Sun Deck, there is ample opportunity to watch the world gently pass by as you relax on board your comfortable floating hotel.

Your Cabin

The cabins are spread across the Main and Upper Decks and all are outside facing. All cabins are located above water level affording outside views from their large windows and there is plenty of natural light both within the cabins and in the public areas. All cabins are fitted with a bathroom with shower, washbasin and WC. Cabins also feature a safe, ample storage space, flat screen television, small desk and seating area, hair dryer, plus all have their own climate control units. All cabins have two separate mattresses laid together forming a double bed, although these can be separated on request (please note cabin 216 features a fixed double bed). Cabins measure 14.5 m² except for the three single cabins and cabin 202 which measure 12 m².

Your Space

Public areas aboard the MS Elbe Princesse II are both elegantly spacious and furnished. Spread over three decks, the onboard facilities include a delightful restaurant which accommodates all guests in one sitting. The lounge is a pleasant space for relaxation and the large panoramic windows create a bright and airy ambience. The Lounge also features a large TV and bar area which is accessible from the reception area. On the large, spacious Sun Deck there is comfortable deck furniture where you can relax in the shade or enjoy the pleasant weather. The onboard shop sells various practical and souvenir items. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the vessel's public areas though there may be sections of the river when internet connection is slow or not available.

Your Dining

Meals are taken in the single sitting restaurant on the vessel's Main Deck. The restaurant seats all passengers in an open seat arrangement and tables are arranged to seat groups of four, six and eight. Breakfast is served buffet style and features both hot and cold dishes, whereas dinner is served to your table with a choice of main course. Lunches served on board will be a combination of buffet style and table service. Cuisine is a selection of regional specialties and international dishes. Alcoholic and soft drinks are included in your holiday price (excluding premium brands) as are tea and coffee which are available throughout the day on a self-serve basis and with meals.



Upper Deck Cabin with French Balcony



Main Deck Cabin



Restaurant



Lounge



Reception



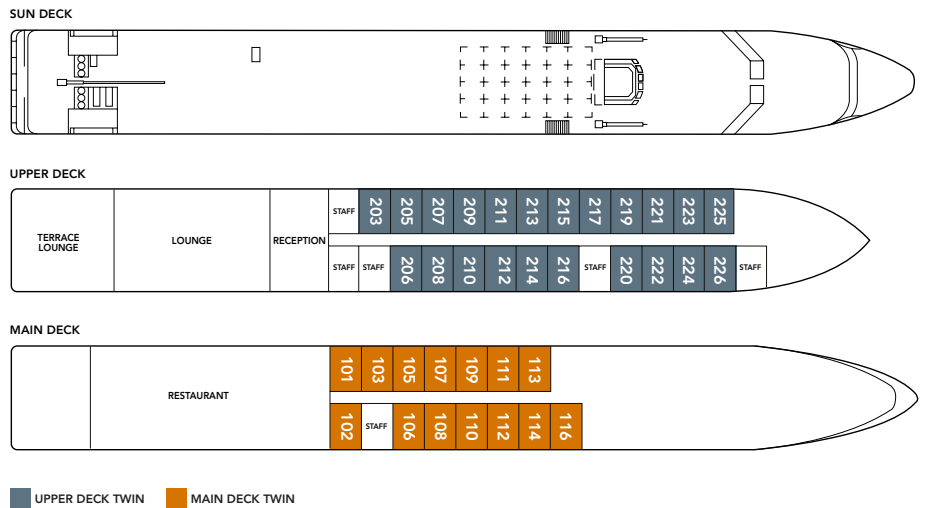
Bar

Life On Board

The vessel is comfortable with a convivial and informal atmosphere on board. The friendly crew will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable throughout. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will provide you with information on the next day's activities and expert, English-speaking local guides provide insider knowledge into the local culture, architecture, history and traditions.



Sun Deck



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 Cover image: Castle Konigstein and the Elbe River.