

# PASSAGE ALONG THE ELBE

An eight night river cruise between  
Prague and Berlin aboard the MS Elbe Princesse  
18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April & 26<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May\* 2025

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Join us aboard the delightful MS Elbe Princesse as we discover the natural beauty of former East Germany's dramatic landscape whilst we cruise along the Elbe River between beautiful Prague and historic Berlin. 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 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.



This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something different every day. In addition to discovering the vibrant city of Berlin and the graceful Czech capital of Prague, we also explore the culturally rich city of Dresden, often referred to as the 'Florence of the Elbe'. Other highlights include the famous porcelain producing town of Meissen, Luther's hometown of Wittenberg and historic Magdeburg. When not exploring ashore, there is ample time to relax on board witnessing some beautiful scenery as we sail along the Elbe, one of Europe's most unspoiled rivers. Especially scenic is Saxon Switzerland, one of the most spectacular natural landscapes in Europe where the Elbe has cut a deep valley through sandstone rocks creating a picturesque and rugged landscape. Our floating hotel, the MS Elbe Princesse will transport you in considerable comfort and the slow speed of the vessel will allow you to absorb the changing landscape of town and country and observe everyday life along the river:



Charles Bridge and swans on the Vltava River at Prague



Magdeburg Cathedral



Bastei Bridge in Saxon Switzerland



Market Square in Wittenberg

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Berlin, Germany.** Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the MS Elbe Princesse. 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 over lunch 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, 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.

**\*Please note** that the 26th April departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Prague to Berlin. Shore excursions remain the same but are operated in a different order. The full itinerary can be viewed online.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

CATEGORY	
Main Deck Twin	£3495
Upper Deck Twin	£3795
Main Deck Twin for sole use	£4795
Upper Deck Single	£4995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights aboard the MS Elbe Princesse on a full board basis • All inclusive drinks from 10am to 11pm (please note that premium brands and sparkling wines are not included) • 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.*



Albrechtsburg Castle and the Cathedral on the Elbe River at Meissen



New Palace in Sanssouci Park, Potsdam



Castle Konigstein and the Elbe River

## Berlin Extension

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April & 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May\* 2025

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.



Berlin's imposing Brandenburg Gate

### 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 Princess this afternoon. (B)

**\*Please note** that the 4th May departure operates as a post-cruise extension and full details can be viewed online.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£745** Single: **£945**

**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.



Old Town Square, Prague



## MS ELBE PRINCESSE

For our journey along the Elbe we have chartered the delightful MS Elbe Princesse. Built in 2016, this modern vessel is designed to navigate the unique 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/Suite

The cabins are spread across the Main and Upper Decks and all are outside facing with large windows and plenty of natural light. All cabins are fitted with an en-suite bathroom with shower and feature ample storage space, a small desk and seating area, television, hairdryer, air conditioning units and a safe. All cabins have two separate mattresses laid together forming a double bed, although these can be separated on request (please note cabin 218 features a fixed double bed). Cabins measure 14.5 square metres except for the three single cabins and cabin 202 which measure 12 square metres.

### Your Space

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.

### Your Dining

Meals are taken in the single sitting restaurant on the vessel's Main Deck. The restaurant seats all passengers in an open seating 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, lunch served on board will be a combination of buffet style and table service whereas dinner is served to your table with a choice of main course. The cuisine is a selection of regional specialties and international dishes. Alcoholic and soft drinks are included in your holiday price (excluding premium brands) and tea and coffee are available throughout the day.



Main Deck Cabin



Upper Deck Cabin with French Balcony



Restaurant



Reception



Sun Deck



Lounge



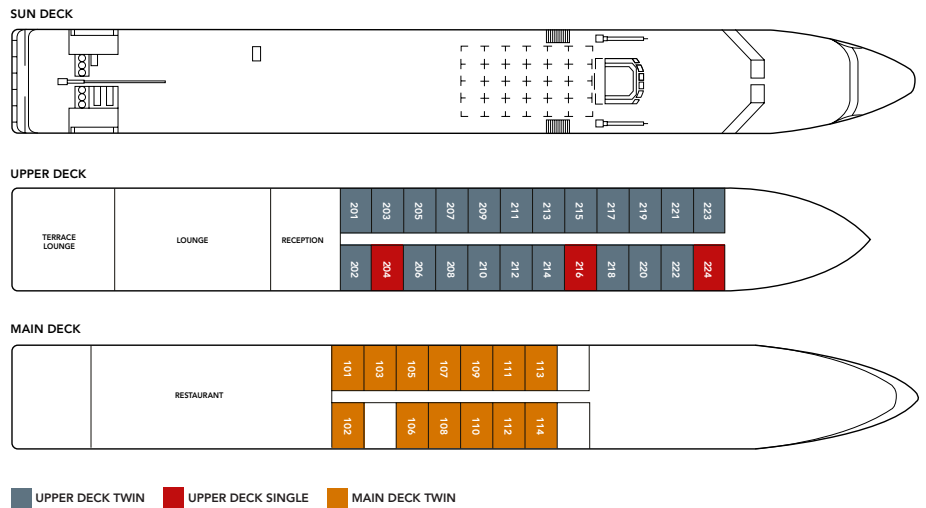
Lounge Bar

## 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 give you information on the next day's activities and expert, English-speaking local guides provide insider knowledge into the local culture, architecture, history and traditions.



The rear paddle wheels



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