

PASSAGE ALONG THE ELBE

An eight night river cruise from Berlin to Prague
aboard the MS Elbe Princesse

3rd to 11th April 2020



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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 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 which we have chartered for our sailings from our longstanding associates, Croisi Europe. Accommodating a maximum of just 75 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 Potsdam where we will visit the ‘Versailles of Prussia’ before we visit historic Magdeburg and Luther’s hometown of Wittenberg. We continue to the famous porcelain producing town of Meissen, to culturally rich Dresden and through the lovely Elbe Sandstone Mountains, where the Elbe has cut a deep valley through sandstone rocks. Our cruise then finishes in the graceful Czech capital of Prague. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something different every day as our floating hotel, the MS Elbe Princesse 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.



Albrechtsburg Castle and the Cathedral on the Elbe River at Meissen



The Green Citadel, Magdeburg



Meissen artist at work



New Palace in Sanssouci Park, Potsdam

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Berlin, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight and 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. Sail this afternoon on to our next port of call, Magdeburg.

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 to Wittenberg.

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.

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.

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. Enjoy a leisurely morning aboard before we arrive into Bad Schandau this afternoon. There will be a guided tour to 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 sail on to Prague.

Day 8 Prague, Czech Republic. Our morning tour will focus on the Czech Republic's capital in all its elegance. Our guided walking tour of this UNESCO Heritage City will include the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square



Dresden, 'Florence of the Elbe'



Bastei Bridge in Saxon Switzerland National Park



Charles Bridge, Prague



Castle Konigstein and the Elbe River



The Frauenkirche, Dresden

and the castle. After lunch on board the vessel, you are free to explore the Czech Republic's capital at your own pace.

Day 9 Prague to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport with lunch on route for our return scheduled flight to London.



Martin Luther monument, Wittenberg

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

CATEGORY	
Main Deck Twin	£2795
Upper Deck Twin	£2995
Main Deck Single	SOLD OUT
Upper Deck Single	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights accommodation aboard the MS Elbe Princesse on an all-inclusive, full board basis (excluding premium brand alcohol) • Shore excursions • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • 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

1st to 3rd April 2020

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

Prices per person based on double occupancy

Twin	£450
Single	N/A

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast, dinner on day 1, transfer from airport to hotel and hotel to vessel.

Not Included: Travel insurance, gratuities.



Berlin's imposing Brandenburg Gate



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 difficult conditions of the Elbe River using advanced engineering technologies. With a remarkable draft of only 90 centimetres, the vessel is able to navigate low waters and traverse areas that other vessels operating in this region are not. The vessel accommodates a maximum of 75 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. 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 an en-suite bathroom with shower and feature ample storage space, flat screen TV, a small desk and seating area, hairdryer, air conditioning units and a safe. The twin cabins measure 14.5 square metres and the single cabins measure between 11 and 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 whereas lunch and dinner are served at your table. 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 on a self-serve basis and with meals.



Main Deck Cabin



Upper Deck Cabin with French Balcony



Restaurant



Reception



Sun Deck



Lounge



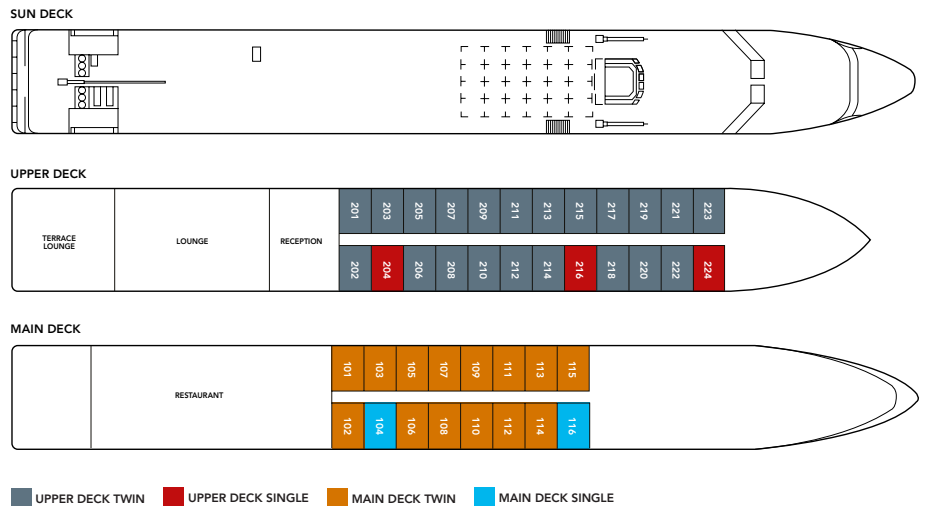
Lounge Bar

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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 Cover image: The Old Town and the bridges over the Vltava River in Prague