

PASSAGE ALONG THE ELBE

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

29th May to 6th June & 2nd to 10th September 2019



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Join us aboard the delightful MS Elbe Princesse II as we discover the natural beauty of former East Germany's dramatic landscape whilst we cruise along the Elbe River from beautiful Prague to 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 II which we have chartered for our sailings from our long standing associates, Croisi Europe. Accommodating a maximum of just 77 passengers and with a shallow draught, the vessel is ideally suited for our river cruise.



Our journey will take us from the graceful Czech capital of Prague through the lovely Elbe Sandstone Mountains, where the Elbe has cut a deep valley through sandstone rocks, to culturally rich Dresden, the famous porcelain producing town of Meissen, Luther's home town of Wittenberg and historic Magdeburg, ending in the vibrant city of Berlin. 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 Prague and Berlin. The slow speed of the vessel allows 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



Martin Luther monument, Wittenberg



Castle Konigstein and the Elbe River



Bastei Bridge, Saxon Switzerland National Park

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Prague, Czech Republic. Fly by scheduled flight and 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 Prague. 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 and the castle. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing to our next port of call in Germany.

Day 3 Saxon Switzerland, Germany. 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 to Dresden for an overnight mooring.

Day 4 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 5 Meissen. After a relaxing morning spent sailing we will arrive at 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.



MS Elbe Princesse moored at Greenwichpromenade, Berlin



The Green Citadel, Magdeburg



Palace of Sanssouci, Potsdam



The Frauenkirche, Dresden

Day 6 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 7 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 Potsdam.

Day 8 Potsdam. This afternoon 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.

Day 9 Berlin to London. Disembark after breakfast and head to Germany's capital to enjoy a city tour with lunch before we transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

CATEGORY	
Main Deck Twin	£2795
Upper Deck Twin	£2995
Upper Deck Single	£3195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights accommodation aboard the MS Elbe Princess II 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.

POST-CRUISE BERLIN EXTENSION

6th to 8th June & 10th to 12th September 2019



Brandenburg Gate, Berlin

If you would like to spend some time in Berlin after disembarking the MS Elbe Princess II 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: £595

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a breakfast only basis, dinner on day 1, transfer from the vessel to hotel with brief city tour en route, transfer from hotel to airport.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS ELBE PRINCESSE II

For our journey along the Elbe we have chartered the delightful MS Elbe Princesse II. Due to be launched in 2018, this modern vessel is designed to navigate the challenging conditions of the Elbe River using advanced engineering technologies. With a remarkably low draft, 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 77 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 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 cabins 116 and 216 feature fixed double beds). Cabins measure 14.5 m² except for the three single cabins which measure 12 m².

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 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.



Main Deck Cabin



Upper Deck Cabin with French Balcony



Restaurant



Reception



Sun Deck



Lounge



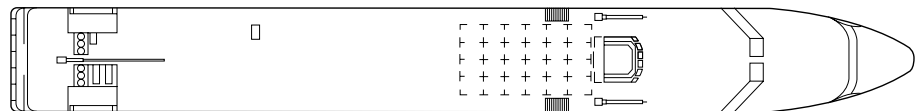
Lounge Bar

Life On Board

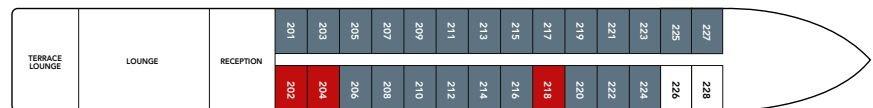
The vessel is comfortable with a convivial and informal atmosphere on board. The friendly crew will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable throughout. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will give you information on the next day's activities and expert, English-speaking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

Please note that owing to the fact that the MS Elbe Princesse II is currently under construction, the images shown are of her sister vessel, the MS Elbe Princesse. Whilst the vessels will be very similar, there may be some subtle differences with regards to decor.

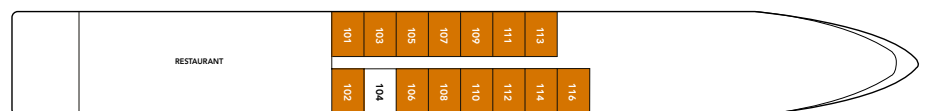
SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



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 Cover image: Albrechtsburg Castle and the Cathedral on the Elbe River at Meissen