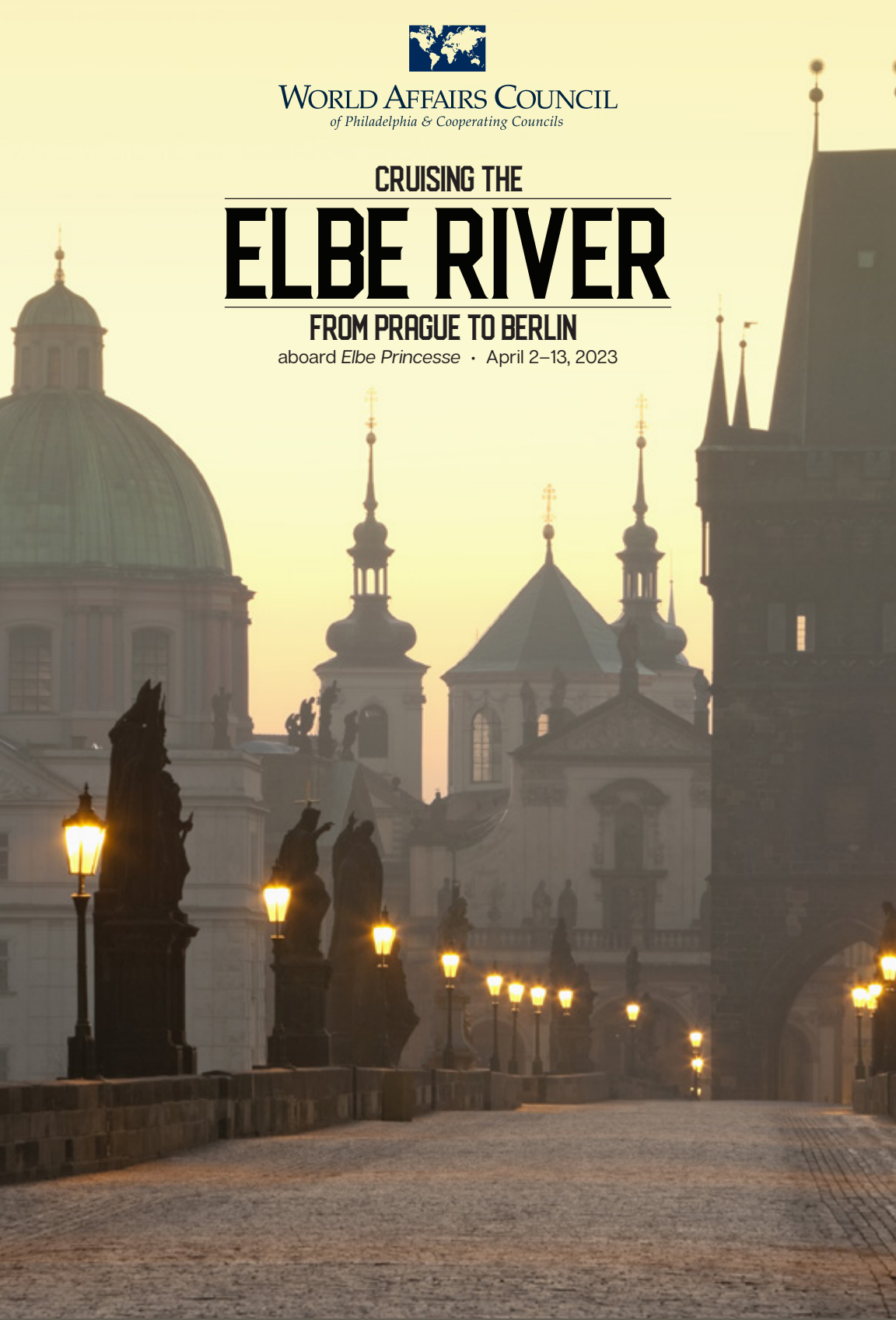




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CRUISING THE ELBE RIVER

FROM PRAGUE TO BERLIN
aboard *Elbe Princesse* • April 2–13, 2023



DEAR COUNCIL TRAVELERS,

The Elbe River has long been an important delineator of east and west in Europe. Linking two of the most fascinating capital cities—Prague and Berlin—it traverses a land filled with captivating treasures, including cosmopolitan cities and picturesque towns; terraced vineyards and lush orchards; fortress-crowned crags; and the spectacular gorges of “Saxon Switzerland.”

Beginning with a stay at the incomparable and centrally located Four Seasons Prague, this eight-night river cruise aboard the lovely, all-inclusive *Elbe Princesse* embraces the broad sweep of history across this region from Bohemia to the former East Germany: Prague Castle, a sprawling 9th-century complex that has served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of the former Czechoslovakia; the Wittenberg church where Martin Luther posted his 95 Reformation Theses; historic Jewish synagogues and cemeteries; World War II memorials; Meissen's fine porcelain workshop; the treasures of Dresden's Green Vault and Zwinger Palace; the famous Bauhaus school of 20th-century architecture; Potsdam's whimsical Sanssouci palace and gardens, summer residence of Frederick the Great, notable for the numerous temples and follies within its park; and the contrast of old and new in Berlin, Germany's dynamic capital city and largest metropolis. An on-board lecture program and top-tier local guides will help provide context, perspective, and enrichment.

This journey aboard *Elbe Princesse* has accommodations for only 62 guests, so I encourage you to reserve your preferred cabin by contacting our offices today.

We look forward to traveling with you,

Shoshana Altrichter

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Vice President of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia



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PRAGUE



POTSDAM



DESSAU



DRESDEN



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ITINERARY

Sunday & Monday, April 2 & 3 HOME / PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Depart home on an overnight flight to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Arrive on Monday and transfer to your hotel, located near the Vltava River in historic Old Town. Gather for a welcome reception this evening.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (R)

Tuesday, April 4 PRAGUE

After a morning lecture, join a walking tour to explore Prague's Old Town including the haunting Old Jewish Cemetery and the 13th-century Old-New Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in Europe. Sample regional specialties during lunch at a local restaurant, then spend the afternoon and evening at leisure in central Prague or beyond.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (BL)

Wednesday, April 5 PRAGUE (EMBARK)

Ascend to the imposing Prague Castle, a royal residence as far back as the 10th century and still the seat of the Czech government. Its walls encompass Renaissance-era St. Vitus Cathedral, an imposing structure that incorporates a unique mix of Gothic and Baroque elements; and the

Old Royal Palace, one of the oldest parts of the castle, with its elongated throne room and soaring Vladislav Hall, once the site of coronation banquets and indoor jousting tournaments. Stay within the castle walls to stroll along Golden Lane, a charmingly quaint street that dates back to the 15th century. Inside the eleven historic houses that line the lane are period scenes depicting the life of the goldsmiths and other artisans who once lived and worked here. Embark the *Elbe Princesse* this evening in time for the Captain's welcome dinner.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Thursday, April 6 LITOMĚŘICE

Call at Litoměřice, a royal enclave with an official history dating to the 10th Century, making it one of the oldest Bohemian settlements. A well-known trading post of the Holy Roman Empire, its old town is now under the protection of the Czech Ministry of Culture as a national cultural monument, and is highlighted by the Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, finished in 1057.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Friday, April 7 BAD SCHANDAU, GERMANY

Enjoy a morning of cruising along the beautiful Elbe River through "Saxon Switzerland" to the picturesque spa town

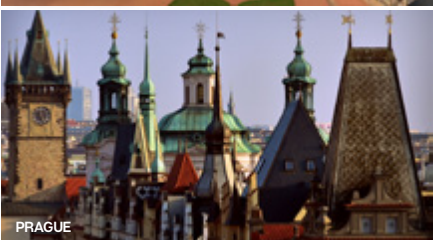
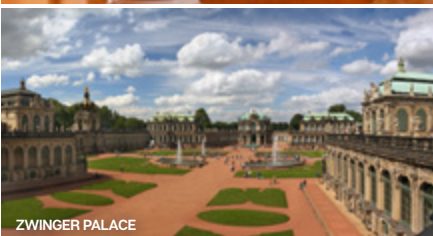
of Bad Schandau, a summer resort for more than two centuries. Travel uphill and inland by motorcoach to see the spectacular Bastei rock formations and the pinnacles, ravines, and spectacular river views they provide.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Saturday, April 8 DRESDEN

One of the most historically important cities in Germany, Dresden is renowned for its splendid Baroque architecture and world-class art collections. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, including Theater Square and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), an outstanding example of Protestant sacred architecture that was rebuilt and reconsecrated in 2005 after being leveled by Allied bombs during World War II. Also marvel at the glittering displays of precious objects from the late Renaissance and Rococo periods at Dresden Castle's Green Vault. This afternoon, choose to visit Dresden's Transparent Factory, a glass-walled facility designed by Volkswagen for the production of its top-of-the-line sedans and expanded into a fascinating interactive exhibition space for innovative future technologies, or enjoy free time to explore Dresden independently.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)



Sunday, April 9 **DRESDEN / MEISSEN**

This morning, visit the Zwinger Palace museum and explore the Old Masters Gallery, where works by Rembrandt, Rubens, and Raphael are displayed. Continue to nearby Meissen this afternoon, where the formula for hard-paste porcelain was developed in 1708. Choose between a visit to the workshop that continues to make the “white gold” by hand and the exquisite collection at the Porcelain Museum, an e-bike excursion along the banks of the Elbe, or an independent free time in Meissen’s historic center.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Monday, April 10 **WITTENBERG**

Following a morning of relaxed cruising and shipboard lectures, call at Wittenberg for a visit to the Castle Church, where in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door, beginning the Protestant Reformation. Wittenberg’s historic Market Square, spared by the Allies during bombing raids, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a walking tour of Old Town, visit Luther’s home as well as St. Mary’s Church, where he preached.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Tuesday, April 11 **DESSAU**

Tour the city of Dessau, home of the famous Bauhaus school of architecture and the Wörlitz Garden Kingdom, each of which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the influential Main Building at Bauhaus as well as the Masters’ Houses, once home to visiting artists such as Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky. Enjoy a gondola ride through the lakes and canals of the English-style gardens at Wörlitz, among the largest gardens in continental Europe.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Wednesday, April 12 **POTSDAM**

Arrive in Potsdam to explore the magnificently Rococo Sanssouci Palace and Park, originally sketched by Frederick the Great and now the largest UNESCO World Heritage Site in Germany. Also visit Cecilienhof Palace, where Churchill, Truman, and Stalin met at the historic Potsdam Conference in 1945 and redrew the map of Europe. Enjoy the captain’s farewell dinner this evening.

ELBE PRINCESSE (BLD)

Thursday, April 13 **BERLIN / HOME**

Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home, or to the center of Berlin to begin the optional extension. (B)



Thursday–Sunday, April 13–16 **Optional Post-Tour Extension in Berlin**

Extend your visit for three nights in this dynamic city to see more of its world-class landmarks and delve deeper into its complicated history. See the moving Holocaust Memorial and Museum; have lunch at the Reichstag building and follow the spiral walkway under its soaring glass dome; enjoy a private tour of the Berlin Cathedral, including a rousing performance on its 7,000-pipe organ; and stroll through the bustling Potsdamer Platz and the quaint narrow streets of the Nikolai Quarter.

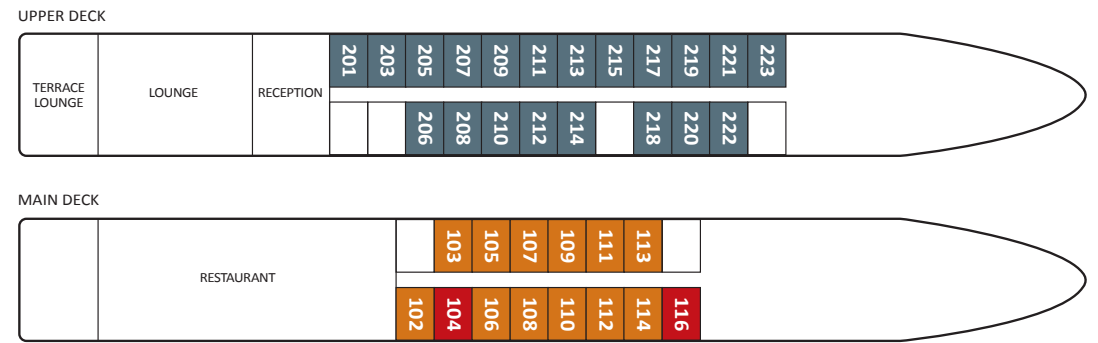
Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

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ELBE PRINCESSE



The delightful *Elbe Princesse*, launched in 2016, is specifically designed to navigate the rapidly-changing conditions of the Elbe River using advanced engineering technologies. With stern wheel propulsion and a remarkably shallow draft, she is able to navigate low waters and traverse areas that other vessels operating in this region are not. Accommodating a maximum of just 70 passengers, a warm and intimate atmosphere is created on board. The restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting, and the lounge is a pleasant space for relaxation with panoramic windows, a large TV, and a bar area. The modern and comfortable cabins all face outside and feature picture windows, a small desk and seating area, independent climate control, a safe, hairdryer, bathroom with full amenities, and TV. With plenty of light in public areas and a large Sun Deck, there is ample opportunity to watch the shoreline gently glide by as you relax on your comfortable floating hotel and take advantage of the open bar. Wifi (intermittent) is accessible throughout the vessel.



PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
MAIN DECK 156 sq. ft., picture windows	\$7,990	\$12,490
UPPER DECK 156 sq. ft., large sliding windows with balcony rail	\$8,990	\$12,990
MAIN DECK SINGLE 118 sq. ft., picture windows	—	\$11,990

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **two hotel nights and eight nights aboard *Elbe Princesse*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active, with considerable walking each day, often over rough, cobblestoned terrain. Participants should be in good health, physically fit, and capable of undertaking this level of activity without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will communicated in pre-trip documents.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 62 participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.



**PROGRAM RATES
DO NOT INCLUDE**

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses, immunizations, and COVID testing if required for travel · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Deviations from the scheduled tour · Airline baggage charges · Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or

soft drinks except as noted · Laundry or dry cleaning · Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve space, call (800) 942-5004, email travel@wacphila.org, or return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 1055, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Final payment is due December 5, 2022 (120 days prior to departure). For those who register after December 5, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (December 5, 2022). After final payment date, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this

reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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For more information please visit our website at www.wacphila.org or email travel@wacphila.org.

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CITY / STATE / ZIP or POSTAL CODE	
HOME PHONE	MOBILE PHONE
E-MAIL 1	
E-MAIL 2	

DEPOSIT

Once a request is received, a Travel Counselor from Criterion Travel will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Deposit may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Criterion Travel and include with the form.

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Cruising the Elbe River**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*) or ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE	DATE
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Marvel at the
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paintings at the
Zwinger Museum
in Dresden.

Visit the UNESCO-
listed Bauhaus
school, one of the
most influential
art & design
programs of the
20th century.

Explore Cecilienhof
Palace, where
Truman, Churchill,
and Stalin met in
1945 to redraw the
map of Europe.



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