

Brandeis | TRAVELERS

Cruising the Elbe River

Berlin to Prague Aboard the *Elbe Princesse*

May 2—12, 2025

ITINERARY

Friday—Saturday, May 2—3

Berlin

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Berlin, Germany. Upon arrival, transfer to the Adlon Kempinski and enjoy time at leisure this afternoon. Take an optional late afternoon walking tour of Berlin, which includes Brandenburg Gate and Peter Eisenman's Holocaust Memorial. Gather for a welcome reception this evening.

Adlon Kempinski (R)

Sunday, May 4

Berlin

This morning, view the masterpieces on display at Alte Nationalgalerie on Museum Island, followed by an afternoon visit to the Jewish Museum. Later this afternoon, embark *Elbe Princesse*.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Monday, May 5

Berlin/Potsdam

Enjoy a specially arranged visit at Pestalozzi Street Synagogue, then continue to the Holocaust study center at Wansee House. In Potsdam, visit Sanssouci Palace before reembaring the ship late evening.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 6

Cruising/Magdeburg

Delight in the educational program this morning as the *Elbe Princesse* cruises to Magdeburg, one of the oldest cities in Germany. Upon arrival, visit the Magdeburg Cathedral, the country's oldest Gothic construction, the New Synagogue, and the Green Citadel. Here see how the architect's environmental ethics influenced its abundance of vegetation. There will also be an opportunity to join an optional e-bike tour of Magdeburg (at an additional cost).

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 7

Wittenberg/Cruising

Spend the morning in Wittenburg, the city of Reformation. Tour the Castle Church, where Martin Luther posted his 95 theses in 1517, and the Luther House before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 8

Meissen/Dresden

Visit Europe's oldest porcelain factory, then continue by coach to Dresden for a private lunch of regional specialties. Next take a guided tour of Dresden including Opera Square, the Old/New Synagogue, Church of Our Lady, and Green Vault treasures. The remainder of the day and evening are free to explore Dresden independently.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Friday, May 9

Cruising/Bad Schandau

This morning enjoy cruising as the educational program continues followed by an afternoon excursion to Saxon Switzerland National Park. Walk along the German part of the Sandstone Mountains with free time to walk at Bastei, with its distinctive rock formations and panoramic views over the mighty Elbe River. Embark *Elbe Princess* and resume cruising as the ship crosses the border into the Czech Republic.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 10

Litomerice, Czech Republic/Cruising

Spend the morning in Litomerice, a royal town established in the 13th century and one of the oldest Bohemian cities. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was also home to a Jewish population in the 16th century. There will also be an optional visit to Terezin, once a ghetto and concentration camp during World War II. Cruise the rest of the afternoon with time for a lecture.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 11

Prague

Disembark in Kralupy for an engaging walking tour of Jewish Prague. Visit Prague's fabled Alt-Neu Synagogue, the oldest functioning Jewish house of worship in Europe, and the Klausen Synagogues that presently serve as exhibition halls for the Jewish Museum. At Lobkowitz Palace, enjoy lunch with a musical performance. This afternoon there is an option for time at leisure or for a guided visit through Prague's Old Town. Return to the *Elbe Princesse* for a reception and final dinner on board.

Elbe Princesse (B,L,R,D)

Monday, May 12

Prague/Home

After breakfast disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home or join the post-trip extension in Prague.

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SHIP:

Launched in April 2016, the *Elbe Princesse* is ideally suited for voyages along the Vltava and Elbe Rivers and the Havel Canal. The vessel is powered by two side-mounted paddlewheels, allowing for an ultra-shallow draft of barely three feet, thus avoiding the issue of low water levels on the rivers. Each of the 40 comfortable outward-facing cabins features either large non-opening picture windows on the Main Deck (*Pont Principal*), or a sliding glass door with floor-to-ceiling windows on the Upper Deck (*Pont Supérieur*). The vessel combines contemporary comfort and modern, sleek design with state-of-the-art marine technology. The public areas are elegantly decorated, with panoramic windows allowing you to relax and enjoy the passing scenery. There is also a spacious sun deck with comfortable deck furniture. With a ratio of one crew member to every three passengers, personal attention is assured throughout the voyage.

PROGRAM RATES:

Category A Main Deck double occupancy, per person	\$6,990
Category B Main Deck double occupancy, per person	\$7,790
Category C Upper Deck double occupancy, per person	\$9,490
Category D Upper Deck double occupancy, per person	\$9,990
Category A Main Deck Single occupancy	\$11,990
Category C Upper Deck Single occupancy	\$12,790

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE: All meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary including one hotel night and eight nights aboard *Elbe Princesse* • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • **Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers** • **Gratuities to shipboard personnel** • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **Wine, beer, and soft drinks at all group lunches and dinners and on board the ship** • Large bottles of water on motorcoaches (for refilling reusable water bottles) • Professional Criterion Tour Manager

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; wines from the ship’s premium list • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This a moderately strenuous program that is, at times, physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to one mile of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by Brandeis Travelers or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.