The Elbe River
Berlin to Prague
CroisiEurope • ms Elbe Princesse
May 27 - June 7, 2018
12 Days • 28 Meals
Excursions in Every Port
Escorted by John Pollard
Join us as we sail the beautiful Elbe River on board ms Elbe Princesse, inspired by the paddle wheel design. Glide past quaint villages and visit UNESCO Heritage sites and cities. Discover treasures of art, music, food, culture, and history along the way!

After spending two wonderful nights in Berlin, we embark our ship and leisurely cruise from town to town, past stunning scenery, visiting some historic towns and cities along the way.

Planned with the best of river cruising lifestyle in mind, we move at a leisurely pace with most nights spent in port ensuring restful nights complimented by days filled with scenic cruising and joyous touring. Virtually everything is included: sightseeing, meals, service charges, taxes, and all tipping, leaving you free to enjoy every minute of your river cruise holiday.

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed
- 8 night cruise in a comfortable outside cabin on the ms Elbe Princesse
- 2 nights first class hotel accommodation in Berlin as indicated or similar
- Baggage handling shipside
- 28 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 10 breakfasts, L - 8 lunches, D - 10 dinners, plus all meals during the cruise include wine, beer, or soft drinks at every lunch and dinner
- Shore excursions included in each port of call (some optional excursions will be available for purchase on board)
- Alcoholic beverages from the bar (premium drinks at extra cost)
- Welcome cocktail reception and gala dinner
- Free Wi-Fi on board
- On board entertainment
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value (incl when you purchase group air with the cruise)
- Services of your cruise/tour escort and / or cruise director

Our Cruise Ship - ms Elbe Princesse

The new (2016) ms Elbe Princesse is 95 metres long and 10 metres wide, with three decks. The ship features 40 spacious outside cabins, and can accommodate up to 80 passengers. Equipped with the latest technology, the craft offers the high levels of comfort with Wi-Fi onboard and in the cabins, individually controlled combined air-conditioning/heating; plasma screen TV, radio, hair dryer, safe, mini bar and bathroom facilities. A splendid restaurant can easily accommodate all passengers for single-service dining. A huge lounge bar with central dance floor is a pleasant area to relax and enjoy the company of other passengers while a large sun deck with chairs is the ideal spot for passengers to enjoy some fresh air. The elegant décor in contemporary colours is in perfect harmony with the warm and convivial atmosphere onboard.

Designed specifically to sail the notoriously shallow Elbe, Elbe Princesse is one of the only ships that can actually cruise all the way from Berlin to Prague without the need to embark and disembark guests and transport them the rest of the way via motorcoach – something many other river cruise lines sailing similar Elbe itineraries have to do.

CRUISE ESCORT

Well known to many of our past guests, this will be John Pollard’s 50th journey on our behalf, to such diverse destinations as China, the South Pacific, Alaska, Africa, the United Kingdom and Europe. A graduate of the University of Toronto, John retired after thirty-three years of teaching, to pursue his love of travel. His enjoyment of people and of travel together with his extensive experience in escorting groups to a wide variety of worldwide destinations and his great interest in travel generally, are to enhance this delightful journey.
June 1, Friday  
**Brandenburg / Burg / Magdeburg**

Enjoy a leisurely morning as we cruise along the Havel Canal before entering the Elbe River at Burg. This afternoon we visit the important medieval city of Magdeburg. Situated midway on the Elbe River and the historic Roman Roads it is a UNESCO World Heritage city and boasts Germany’s first gothic cathedral. Afterwards, we’ll return on board in Magdeburg and continue our journey.  
BLD

June 2, Saturday  
**Wittenberg**

Wittenberg was once home to one of the most influential men in European history. Martin Luther, the father of the reformation once called this city home. Our guided tour will include a visit to his house, now the Reformation Museum. This afternoon relax on board as we slowly cruise up river.  
BLD

June 3, Sunday  
**Meissen / Dresden**

Our tour today begins in Meissen, a city famous for its trademark porcelain developed in 1708. We’ll return on board in Dresden for lunch. Dresden, known as the “Florence of the Elbe” has breathtaking architecture and artistic heritage that makes it one of the most important tourist destinations in Germany. The ship will remain in port overnight.  
BLD

June 4, Monday  
**Dresden / Bad Schandau**

Enjoy a leisurely morning on deck watching the countryside pass as we cruise to Bad Schandau. Upon arrival, we shall leave on an excursion to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. We’ll discover the Königstein Fortress, overlooking the Elbe and one of the largest hilltop fortresses in Europe.  
BLD
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Then stop at the Bastei rock formation towering above the Elbe that was formed by water erosion over one million years ago.

June 5, Tuesday  Litomerice, Czech Republic
We begin our journey in the Czech Republic in Litomerice, established in the 10th century it is one of the oldest Bohemian cities. After our tour of the city we get back on board and continue cruising through the afternoon. Tonight’s entertainment will be provided by the crew.

June 6, Wednesday  Kralupy / Prague
This morning’s sightseeing tour reveals the history of Prague’s Old Town through it’s narrow streets, the beautiful astronomical clock, and the famous Church of our Lady. In the afternoon we visit the 1000 year old Prague Castle, Saint Vitus Cathedral (the most recognizable landmark in the city), and the Golden Lane. Tonight will be our gala evening.

June 7, Thursday  Disembark / Depart Prague
All too soon our journey comes to an end as we transfer to the airport to fly back to Canada.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person
Cruise / Tour Only .................................................. $5,125
Toronto ................................................................. $6,495
Montreal / Ottawa ................................................. $6,555
Halifax / St. John’s / Fredericton ............................... $6,655
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay ......................................... $6,685
Regina / Saskatoon ................................................ $6,795
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver ............................. $6,735
Victoria ................................................................... $6,795
Rates are per person based on sharing an outside twin stateroom on the Main Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to Inclusive Features for details.

Supplement to Upgrade to higher category:
Category/Description/Deck Sharing Twin
Upper Deck Outside Twin ............................................. $300
Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking - book early for best choice. See Deck Plan for more information on available staterooms. Singles are extremely limited - please ask for rates.

Cruise price and supplement to upgrade is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective March 2017 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This river cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Prices DO NOT INCLUDE the cost of insurance which is available and is highly recommended. Premiums vary with the cost, length of the trip, and the traveller’s age. For passengers up to and including 74 years on departure date, premiums will range from $314 to $417 pp plus applicable taxes. Cost supplements for travellers aged 75-85 will range from $191 to $385 pp plus applicable taxes. This insurance is effective from the date of purchase and carries limitations on pre-existing medical conditions. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for general information and conditions.

Final payment will be due February 20, 2018
Deposit is $800 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the tour you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:

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