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ELBE RIVER CRUISE: **PRAGUE TO BERLIN**

Aboard *Elbe Princesse II*

March 31–April 11, 2020

With Professor Thomas F. Kelly






Dresden waterway at sunset

The Elbe River has long been an important delineator of east and west in Europe. Linking two of the most fascinating capitals of Europe—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.”

Combined with two nights at the centrally-located, elegant Four Seasons Prague, this eight-night river cruise aboard the newly built, all-inclusive *Elbe Princesse II* embraces the broad sweep of history across this region from Bohemia to the former East Germany: Prague Castle, a sprawling 9th-century castle complex that has served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of 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 architecture; and Potsdam’s whimsical Sanssouci, summer residence of Frederick the Great, notable for the numerous temples and follies within its park.

Activity Level 3: 

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions may involve up to one mile of walking at a time, navigating uneven terrain, and standing for up to two hours at museums or other sites. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails.

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Harvard Study Leader



Thomas Forrest Kelly

is the Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music at Harvard. He received his B.A. from Chapel Hill and spent two years

on a Fulbright Scholarship in France studying musicology, chant, and organ. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard (1973) with a dissertation on office tropes. He has taught at Wellesley, Smith, Amherst, and at Oberlin, where he directed the Historical Performance Program and served as acting Dean of the Conservatory. He was named a Harvard College Professor in 2000 and the Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music in 2001.

Professor Kelly’s main fields of interest are chant and performance practice. He won the Otto Kinkeldey Award of the American Musicological Society for *The Beneventan Chant* (Cambridge University Press, 1989). Other books include *First Nights: Five Musical Premieres*, (Yale University Press, 2000) and *First Nights at the Opera* (Yale, 2004). He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an Honorary Citizen of the city of Benevento, and a Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et Lettres of the French Republic.



Trip Sampling

LAND & RAIL

**BUDAPEST & CENTRAL EUROPE
ON THE GOLDEN EAGLE
DANUBE EXPRESS**
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 5, 2020
JEFFRY FRIEDEN

**HMSC TANZANIA
MIGRATION SAFARI**
MAR 6–16, 2020

**COLOMBIA:
FROM BOGOTÁ TO CARTAGENA**
MAR 12–23, 2020

**HBS THE NATURAL GEMS & LUXURY
LODGES OF PATAGONIA**
MAR 22–APR 2
DON PFISTER

MOROCCAN DISCOVERY
MAY 8–21, 2020
KAY SHELEMAY

**DETROIT, THE MOTOR CITY:
THEN & NOW**
MAY 14–18, 2020
ALICE DELANA

VILLAGE LIFE DORDOGNE
MAY 14–22, 2020
SUSAN SULEIMAN

**THE HOLY LAND:
ISRAEL & PALESTINE**
SEP 6–16, 2020
PETER MACHINIST

HBS INCREDIBLE BHUTAN
OCT 5–19, 2020

CRUISES

**HBS NEW YEAR'S GALÁPAGOS
ON *ORIGIN***
DEC 28 2019–JAN 6, 2020
DANIEL LIEBERMAN

**OMAN AND THE GULF STATES
ON *CRYSTAL ESPRIT***
JAN 2–12, 2020
EREZ MANELA

**MADAGASCAR TO MAURITIUS:
ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN
ON *SERENISSIMA***
JAN 15–31, 2020
PETER GALBRAITH

**NEW ZEALAND BY SEA
ON *CALEDONIAN SKY***
JAN 27–FEB 9, 2020

**JAPAN BY SEA: LAND OF THE
RISING SUN ON *CALEDONIAN SKY***
APR 14–28, 2020

**CROSSROADS OF CULTURES:
CANARY ISLANDS, MOROCCO
& IBERIA ON *SEA SPIRIT***
APR 17–30, 2020
SUSAN MILLER

**BERLIN TO BUDAPEST:
A SYMPOSIUM ON THE
US/EUROPEAN ALLIANCE
ON *CRYSTAL MOZART***
AUG 30–SEP 10, 2020

RIVERS & LAKES

**EGYPT & THE NILE:
A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY
ON SANCTUARY *SUN BOAT III***
DEC 26, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
DAVID AGUILAR

**QUINTESSENTIAL PERU:
LAKE TITICACA, MACHU PICCHU
& UPPER AMAZON ON *DELFIN II***
SEP 7–18, 2020
WERNER SOLLORS

FAMILY ADVENTURES:

TANZANIA FAMILY SAFARI
DEC 22, 2019–JAN 3, 2020

**NEW YEAR'S IN HAVANA:
A FAMILY PROGRAM IN CUBA**
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 1, 2020
GABRIELA SOTO LAVEAGA

**EGYPT & THE NILE
(A FAMILY ADVENTURE)
ON *SANCTUARY
NILE ADVENTURER***
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
NOEL MICHELE HOLBROOK

**GREECE FAMILY ODYSSEY:
THE PELOPONNESE ON
*RUNNING ON WAVES***
JUN 18–27, 2020
JAMES SIMPSON

Above: Meissen
Cover: Prague

Back cover: Elbe River Valley, Germany

Schedule by Day

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 31 & APRIL 1

Home / Prague, Czech Republic

Depart home on an overnight flight to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Arrive on Wednesday and transfer to your hotel, located near the Charles Bridge on the Vltava River in historic Old Town.

Four Seasons Prague

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Prague

Explore Prague's Jewish Quarter, visiting the haunting Old Jewish Cemetery and the 13th-century Old-New Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in Europe.

After an afternoon at leisure, gather for a gala welcome reception, dinner, and private concert at a 17th-century chateau boasting panoramic views of the city.

Four Seasons Prague (BRD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

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 11 historic houses that line the lane are period scenes depicting the life of the goldsmiths and other artisans who once lived and worked here. Conclude the day with a visit to

the magnificent Strahov Library for a private viewing of original prints and manuscripts. Embark the *Elbe Princesse II* this afternoon. *Elbe Princesse II (BLD)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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 and the maze of pinnacles, ravines, and bizarre stone formations said to have inspired Richard Wagner's Lohengrin. Moor in Dresden for the night. *Elbe Princesse II (BLD)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Dresden

One of the most beautiful 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. Choose one of two optional excursions this afternoon: (1) Travel to nearby Schloss Wackerbarth, a historic chateau known today as Saxony's oldest sparkling wine producer for wine tasting. (2) 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 II (BLD)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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 (1) A visit to the workshop that continues to make the "white gold" by hand and the exquisite collection at the Porcelain Museum. (2) A guided walking tour along Meissen's lovely riverfront. *Elbe Princesse II (BLD)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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 II (BLD)



Transportation factory, Dresden; Gardens of Sanssouci, Potsdam

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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 in continental Europe.

Elbe Princesse II (BLD)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Tangermünde / Potsdam

Enjoy a morning walking tour of the picturesque village of Tangermünde, which is still well-marked by its remarkable thousand-year-old history. Enjoy a morning walking tour of the picturesque village of Tangermünde, along narrow streets and medieval landmarks that still bear clear signs of the town's colorful one-thousand-year history. 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. The vessel remains berthed in Potsdam this evening.

Elbe Princesse II (BLD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Potsdam / Berlin

Travel by motorcoach to Berlin for a morning tour including the infamous "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known crossing point between East and West Germany through the Berlin Wall during the Cold War. Enjoy a walking and tasting tour through one of the city's several Market Halls, featuring locally-sourced bites and beverages. Spend the afternoon at leisure before gathering for a farewell reception and dinner this evening.

Elbe Princesse II (BLRD)

SATURDAY APRIL 11

Berlin / Home

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home or to the hotel for the optional 3-night Berlin extension. (B)



Optional Post-Cruise Extension

APRIL 11–14 **Berlin**

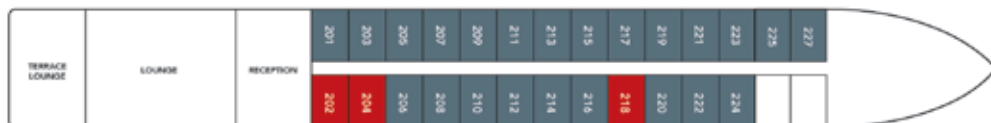
Enjoy three nights in this exciting European capital, based at the luxurious and award-winning Regent Berlin. Observe icons of past and present, including the Brandenburg Gate and the remains of the Berlin Wall. Admire Berlin's eclectic architecture, from the historic Potsdamer Platz and the new train central station to Nicolai, the city's oldest residential quarter. Enjoy lunch in the rooftop restaurant of the Norman Foster-enhanced Reichstag and marvel at the fashion, food, and home décor displays at the KaDeWe department store, the German equivalent of London's Harrods. Stroll through the eight interconnected courtyards of Hackesche Höfe, a congenial mix of cafes, galleries, boutiques, and entertainment venues designed in the Jugenstil or Art Nouveau style in the early 1900s. Visit the Berlin Cathedral for a private tour of its 7,000-pipe organ, and explore your choice of the grand institutions that make up Berlin's Museum Island, among them the Neues Museum, which houses Egyptian and pre-history collections including the bust of Nefertiti. *Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.*

Elbe Princesse II

The delightful MS *Elbe Princesse II*, launched in 2018, 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 77 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 a flat screen 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. Complimentary wifi (intermittent) is accessible throughout the vessel.



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
CATEGORY 1 Main Deck (156 sq. ft.)	\$7,690	—
CATEGORY 2 Upper deck (156 sq. ft.)	\$7,990	—
CATEGORY 3 Main Deck (156 sq. ft.)	—	\$9,690
CATEGORY 4 Upper Deck (130 sq. ft.)	—	\$8,890



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All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to ship staff, porters, wait staff, guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • All alcoholic beverages and soft drinks on board the vessel (except premium brands) • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout • \$200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance

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WHAT TO EXPECT The pace of this tour is moderately active, with considerable walking each day over rough, cobblestoned terrain. Participants should be in good health 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.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 70 participants, including travelers from Yale and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing. We reserve the right to change the program or accommodations as conditions warrant.

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How did you hear about this trip?

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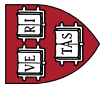
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