

Exploring the Elbe Prague to Berlin

June 29 – July 8, 2019

Flowing between two of **Europe's** greatest cities, the **Elbe** is a paradise longing for **exploration**. This underrated and unspoiled historic river has many **fine** sights and **attractions that are** seldom visited. Trace the life of Martin Luther, shop for Europe's finest porcelain in Meissen, or **relax** in the spa town of Bad Schandau. The Elbe is **waiting** for you.

Featuring

- Expert Local Guides
- Prague
- Berlin
- Evenings in Local, Quaint Towns
- Multi-lingual Ship Crew
- Open Bar
- Optional Shore Excursion Package (exclusive ToD price)
- MS Elbe Princesse II – Brand New Vessel
- All Taxes, Port Charges & Gratuities for MS Elbe Princesse II Crew



Price (pp dbl occupancy)

Lower Deck: \$4,699 | \$5,769 sgl

Upper Deck: \$5,199 | \$6,279 sgl

Shore Excursion Package Available @
\$599 pp

Activity Level | 🍷🍷🍷

Passport Required

Group Size: Maximum 20

For Information & Reservations

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10 Day Exploring the Elbe – Your Itinerary**

Day 1 | Home – Prague, Czech Republic

Transfer today to Boston Logan International Airport with your Tours of Distinction Tour Director for the overnight flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

Day 2 | Prague

Upon arrival in Prague, have some free-time to explore before we are welcome to board the MS Elbe Princesse II starting at 6:00 PM. After comfortably settling into your cabin, we'll introduce the crew at a welcome cocktail meeting. We'll enjoy dinner onboard and remain in port this evening.

Day 3 | Prague

We'll spend the morning on a tour of **Prague's** Old Town. Staré Maestro dates back more than 1,000 years and is one of the most important places in Bohemian history. While strolling through the streets, you'll discover the Jewish Quarter, the town hall, the infamous astronomical clock, and the Church of Mother of God in front of Týn. The afternoon will be spent with a visit of the **Prague Castle** area which includes: a collection of a half dozen palaces, several churches and monasteries and gardens overlooking the city. We'll see Saint Vitus Cathedral and the most recognizable landmark in the city, the Prague Castle.

Day 4 | Prague - Litomerice

We'll spend the morning cruising; take advantage of free time to admire the landscapes or participate in our onboard activities. Once we arrive, we embark on a tour of **Litomerice**, one of the oldest Bohemian cities established in the 10th century on the site of a Slavic fort. The multi-colored Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance buildings in the city center are not to be missed. We'll return onboard and continue cruising. After dinner, we'll enjoy an evening of onboard, local entertainment.

Day 5 | Litomerice - Bad Schandau - Dresden

We'll spend the morning cruising through the magnificent **Saxon Switzerland** area (which really is a part of Germany) gliding by the prairies, woods, lakes, vineyards and chateaux. We'll stop in **Bad Schandau** and 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. Thought to have been built in the 13th century, it was used as a state prison for centuries. We'll then stop at the Bastei Rock Formation towering above the Elbe. We'll return on board and continue our cruise, reaching Dresden in the evening.

Day 6 | Dresden - Meissen

The afternoon will be dedicated to a visit of the city known as the "**Florence of the Elbe**". A relatively recent city with Slavic origin, Dresden became the capital of the Margravate of Meissen in the 13th century and the seat of the Dukes of Saxony in the 15th century. Its breathtaking architectural and artistic heritage makes it one of the most important tourist destinations in Germany. After our tour, we'll return onboard and cruise toward Meissen. Once we arrive in **Meissen**, we'll leave on a guided tour of the city, famous for its trademark porcelain. Discover how the porcelain has been made for more than 300 years and admire the magnificent pieces displayed in the museum. We'll then head for the city center to see the outside of the Albrechtsburg and the cathedral. This evening, we have some entertainment provided by the crew; we cruise through the night.

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Day 7 | Lutherstadt Wittenberg - Magdeburg

We'll leave on a guided tour of **Lutherstadt** which is the city where Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of a church and sparked the Reformation. You'll discover the city center and its noble Renaissance-style houses. We'll also visit Luther's house, a former Augustinian monastery which is now the Reformation Museum and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Magdeburg. For some fun tonight, it is the MS Elbe Princesse II Quiz Night!

Day 8 | Magdeburg – Hohenwarthe – Genthin - Berlin

Our ship will leave for Hohenwarthe early in this morning. Once we arrive, we visit **Magdeburg**, situated midway on the Elbe River and also on the historic Roman Roads. The Lutheran Cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice is the highest church building in eastern Germany. Once we return onboard in Genthin, we'll continue toward Berlin.

Day 9 | Berlin

This morning, we tour **Berlin** which was once the iconic representation of a world divided in two. The afternoon will be dedicated to a visit of the gardens at the Sanssouci Palace, the former residence of Frederick the Great. Tonight will be our Gala evening. We'll remain in port overnight.

Day 10 | Berlin - Home

After breakfast, we disembark and have some free-time this morning to explore Berlin and do some shopping before transferring to the airport for the flight. Upon arriving back in the USA, we'll transfer home.

***The itinerary is written with the shore excursions included (**bolded**). Shore Excursions **are not** included and optional. The shore excursion package can be booked at time of reservation. If you would like to pre-arrange select shore excursions, please advise at time of booking for individual shore excursion pricing. Shore excursions can also be booked onboard and paid locally (dependent on availability of shore excursion).*

The MS Elbe Princesse II

Year built: 2017/2018 | **Length:** 313 ft. | **Width:** 34 ft. | **Cabins:** 45 | **Guest Capacity:** 86

Onboard amenities: Lounge/bar with large picture windows and dance floor, public patio, restaurant serving all passengers in one sitting, wide sun deck with chaise lounges & boutique.

- **Upper Deck:** 28 Cabins: 24 double-occupancy, 3 single & 1 for Accessible Room
- **Main Deck:** 17 Cabins: 16 double-occupancy & 1 single cabin

Conveniences: All cabins have private bathroom with shower, hair dryer, safe, desk/storage/mini bar area, flat-screen satellite TV, cabin-to-cabin phone, radio, reversible air-conditioning & free Wi-Fi. The beds face the window – offering great views.



10 Day Exploring the Elbe – The Details

Roundtrip International Airfare | Airport Transfers USA & Europe
Pier Transfers Prague & Berlin | Welcome Cocktail
All Meals on the Elbe Princesse II | WiFi | Gala Evening
Open Bar (except Champagne & Premium Alcohol)
Optional Shore Excursion Package (Exclusive Package Price)
All Port Taxes & Service Charges | Full Time Tours of Distinction Tour Director
Gratuities for Tour Director, Drivers & Ship Crew

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$500 per person due at time of reservation + Optional Travel Protection

\$2,000 per person due **February 28, 2019**

Final Payment: April 30, 2019

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Optional Travel Protection cost per person, double occupancy:

Lower Deck: Double Occupancy: **\$319** | Single Occupancy: **\$388**

Upper Deck: Double Occupancy: **\$353** | Single Occupancy: **\$422**

Categories not listed above or single supplement rates may increase the cost of your Travel Protection. It is advised that you submit the optional Travel Protection payment with your initial deposit. The Plan Document will be provided to you with your tour confirmation packet. Read this document carefully as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. **IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: A cancellation fee of **\$500.00 per person** + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure.



Disclaimer: We are in the business that plans far ahead of the tour's start date which can, at times, leave us with a change of itinerary, attraction, meal or accommodation. Due to any unforeseen circumstances, Tours of Distinction, Inc., must reserve the right to change the booked itinerary, attractions, restaurants or accommodations. In such an event, the alternative will be of equal or greater value.



2019 Cruise
RESERVATION FORM

One Form Per Person

Tours of Distinction
10-Day Exploring the Elbe
June 29-July 8, 2019 | MS Elbe Princess II

GUEST DETAILS

Name*: _____
First Middle Last

* Important: Name listed here MUST match the name on your passport

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Passport issue date: _____

Passport issued in what country: _____

Date of Birth: _____

City, State: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Passport Exp Date**: _____

Passport #: _____

CRUISE DETAILS

Stateroom Type: Lower Deck | Upper Deck Occupancy: Single | Double

Travel Partner/Roommate(s): _____

Special Needs (wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.): _____

~~Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. specific staterooms, specific deck, adjoining staterooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Mail this form, **a copy of your Passport** & deposit to: Tours of Distinction (See Address Below)

_____*Please check here if you will be applying for a Passport renewal or applying for a Passport.

**Note: The U.S. Department of State recommends your passport have at least six months of validity—beyond the last date of travel.

Optional Deluxe Travel Protection Plan: I would like to: ☐ Accept or ☐ Decline the optional travel protection.

I am paying by: ☐ Check (Payable to Tours of Distinction) or ☐ Credit Card

Total Deposit for the Cruise Portion: \$ _____

Total Optional Travel Protection Insurance: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card Information:

Visa MasterCard Discover Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CID #: _____

3 or 4 numbers located on back of card

I acknowledge that I have read the Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies on the reverse of this page and understand all information given to me.

Guest's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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For Office Use Only –

Date Received: _____

Cabin Type: _____

Cabin #: _____

Reservation #: _____

Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies

RESPONSIBILITY:

Tours of Distinction and its affiliates act only as an agent for the passenger with respect to transportation and hotels and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, delay, loss, accident or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, ship, motor-coach, train or other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God, or by other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make alterations to this published itinerary. Tours of Distinction reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

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Double Occupancy | Single Occupancy

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Passports are required for all International Travel
Passports need to be obtained no later than the final payment date of the tour.

Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.