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PRAGUE
TO BERLIN
An Elbe River Cruise

ABOARD THE *FREDERIC CHOPIN* • MAY 2-13, 2018

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.”

This seven-night river cruise aboard the 42-cabin *Frederic Chopin* embraces the broad sweep of history across this region of Europe 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 Potsdam’s whimsical Sanssouci Palace, summer residence of Frederick the Great and notable for the numerous temples and follies within its park. A more contemporary, and quirkier, treasure is Friedensreich Hundertwasser’s Green Citadel in Magdeburg, a fine example of a unique artistic vision often compared to that of Antoni Gaudi.

The *Frederic Chopin* has accommodations for only 70 guests, so to ensure your place on this voyage through a part of Europe rich with history and culture, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 38-2089; or email res@critteriontravel.com.



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DRESDEN'S OLD TOWN ALONG
THE ELBE RIVER GLOWS AT SUNSET.

front cover:
MEISSEN'S SPECTACULAR CATHEDRAL
AND ALBRECHTSBURG CASTLE
OVERLOOK THE ELBE RIVER.

back cover:
DRESDEN'S FRAUENKIRCHE (CHURCH OF OUR LADY)
IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF PROTESTANT
SACRED ARCHITECTURE, AND FEATURES ONE OF
THE LARGEST DOMES IN EUROPE.



LECTURERS



Harvey Cox served as the Hollis Professor of Divinity at the Harvard Divinity School before retiring in 2009. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania (AB in history, 1951), Yale (master's in divinity, 1955), and Harvard (PhD in history and philosophy of religion, 1963).

After spending a postdoctoral year in Berlin, he wrote *The Secular City*, which became an international best-seller. At Harvard Professor Cox taught courses on the interaction of religion, politics, and culture in both the Divinity School and the College. Recently he has focused his attention on historical and current relations between Christianity and Islam.



Nina Tumarkin, AM '67, PhD '75, Professor of History and Director of Russian Area Studies at Wellesley College, is a longtime Associate of Harvard's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Former President Bill Clinton read her book on World War II in Russian memory and

myth, *The Living and the Dead*, before his Victory Day visit to Moscow in May 1995. She is also the author of *Lenin Lives! The Lenin Cult in Soviet Russia*. At Wellesley College, where she has taught since 1975, Professor Tumarkin teaches courses in all periods of Russia's dramatic history—medieval, imperial, and Soviet—as well as modern European history.



ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 2 & 3

Depart home on an overnight flight to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Arrive on Thursday and transfer to your hotel, located on the edge of Prague's historic Old Town. **PRAGUE MARRIOTT**

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Prague

Set out on a walking tour of charming Old Town Prague, largely unchanged for centuries. See Old Town Square, home of an intricately decorated astronomical clock and the iconic pointed spires of Tyn Cathedral. Stroll among the artists and musicians across the Charles Bridge, which spans the Vltava River and offers spectacular views of Prague Castle and the domes and turrets of Old Town. The afternoon is at leisure before a gala welcome reception, dinner, and private concert at an impressive 17th-century

chateau with panoramic views of the red-roofed city and the Vltava River below.

PRAGUE MARRIOTT (B,R,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Prague (Embark)

Today explore 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. Still within the walls, 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; the upper levels contain a medieval armory and textile displays. Conclude the day with a visit to the magnificent Strahov Library

for a private viewing of original prints and manuscripts. Embark the *Frederic Chopin* for the first of seven nights aboard. **FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)**

SUNDAY, MAY 6

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.

FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 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 and the maze of pinnacles, ravines, and bizarre stone formations said to have inspired Richard Wagner's *Lohengrin*. Drive to Dresden to meet up with the ship again.

FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Dresden

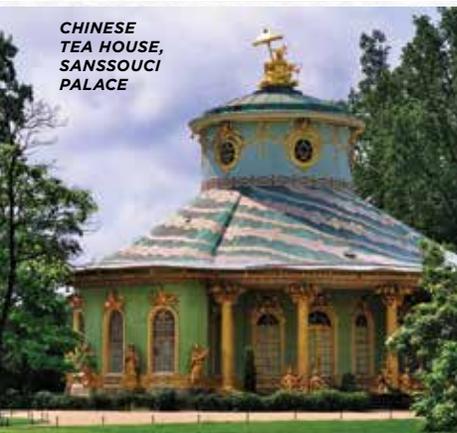
One of the most beautiful cities in Germany, Dresden is renowned for its splendid Baroque architecture and world-class art collections. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, including Theater Square and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), an outstanding example of Protestant sacred architecture that was rebuilt and reconsecrated in 2005 after being leveled by Allied bombs during World War II. This afternoon choose from one of two optional excursions (both at additional cost): (1) Travel to nearby

Schloss Wackerbarth, a historic chateau where nobles once resided, known today as Saxony's oldest sparkling wine producer. Explore the vineyards, sip the famous

OLD TOWN
BRIDGE
TOWER,
PRAGUE



CHINESE
TEA HOUSE,
SANSsouCI
PALACE



bubbly, and sample the wines. (2) Visit Dresden's Transparent Factory, a glass-walled facility designed by Volkswagen for the production of its top-of-the-line Phaeton and expanded into a fascinating interactive exhibition space for innovative future technologies. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to the production line for the new e-Golf. Or enjoy free time to explore Dresden independently. *FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 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. Also marvel at the glittering displays of precious objects from the late Renaissance and Rococo periods at Dresden Castle's Green Vault. This afternoon drive to Meissen, where the formula for hard-paste porcelain was developed in 1708. Visit the workshop that continues to make the "white gold" by hand, and see the exquisite collection at the Porcelain Museum. Optionally, enjoy a bike ride along the river. *FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)*

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Wittenberg

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. *FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)*

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Magdeburg

Founded by Charlemagne in 805, Magdeburg was one of the most important medieval cities in Europe. Visit the cathedral, the oldest Gothic example in Germany, and the highly imaginative Green Citadel of artist

Friedensreich Hundertwasser, for whom straight lines were anathema. Optionally, enjoy an E-bike (electric bike) tour along the riverside promenade, with photo opportunities and a river crossing by ferry. An afternoon of cruising is followed by the captain's farewell reception and dinner. *FREDERIC CHOPIN (B,L,D)*

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Potsdam (Disembark)

Disembark in Potsdam and 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. Overnight in Potsdam or continue to Berlin for the optional extension. *STEIGENBERGER HOTEL SANSSOUCI (B,L)*

SUNDAY, MAY 13

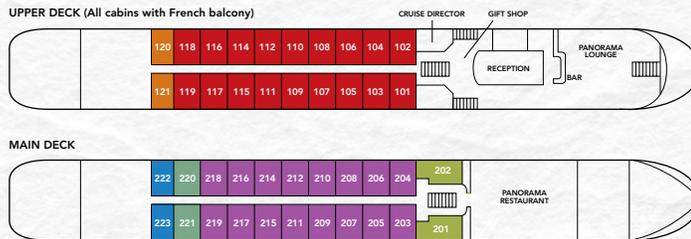
Potsdam / Berlin / Home

Transfer to Berlin Tegel airport for return flights home. *(B)*



FREDERIC CHOPIN

The 80-passenger *Frederic Chopin* was launched in 2002 in Germany. With its moderate draft, the vessel is ideally suited to navigate rivers and canals in virtually the whole of Europe. Public areas are spacious and elegantly decorated. The restaurant accommodates all passengers in one sitting and serves delicious regional and international cuisines, and the salon with its resident pianist is a superb place to end your evening with your choice of beverage from the ship's bar. All cabins feature an en suite bathroom with shower, air-conditioning, television, telephone, hairdryer, minibar, and a safe. Double/twin-bedded cabins are furnished with either a double bed with two mattresses, or one sofa bed and one separate fixed single bed. Deluxe cabin 201 is equipped with one sofa bed and a fixed, single bed; deluxe cabin 202 is equipped with a double bed with two mattresses. All single cabins are equipped with one fixed sofa bed.



PROGRAM RATES, PER PERSON

CATEGORY / DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
1 Main Deck <i>Approx. 130 sq. ft., fixed windows</i>	\$6,990	\$6,990
2 Main Deck <i>Approx. 130 sq. ft., fixed windows</i>	\$7,490	\$7,490
3 Upper Deck <i>Approx. 130 sq. ft., panoramic windows that open, French balcony</i>	\$7,990	\$7,990
4 Main Deck <i>Approx. 140 sq. ft., fixed windows</i>	\$8,490	\$8,490
5 Main Deck <i>Approx. 97 sq. ft., fixed windows</i>	—	\$8,740 \$6,990 \$7,990
6 Upper Deck <i>Approx. 97 sq. ft., panoramic windows that open, French balcony</i>	—	\$9,370 \$7,990

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner aboard the *Frederic Chopin*, and soft drinks with group meals ashore • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager

WHAT TO EXPECT The pace of this tour is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, much of it 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.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS 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. **Please note:** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Prague, with return from Berlin, is approximately \$1,200 per person as of April 2017 and is subject to change without notice.

Optional Post-Trip Extension • Berlin

MAY 13-16, 2018

Enjoy a three-night post-trip extension in this exciting European capital. On a motorcoach tour of the city, observe icons of past and present, including the Brandenburg Gate (left) and the remains of the Berlin Wall.

Admire Berlin's eclectic architecture, from

the historic Potsdamer Platz and the new train 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 Hofe, a congenial mix of cafes, galleries, boutiques, and entertainment venues designed in the Jugendstil 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. *Westin Grand Hotel (3B,2L,D).*

Rates: \$2,290 per person, double occupancy; \$2,990 per person, single occupancy



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • 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; 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, and we urge you to obtain it for this tour. Trip cancellation policies are detailed above and strictly applied. Travelers are free to purchase travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 78 participants.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, 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.

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 "Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. You may complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to Criterion Travel, 145 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Or you may fax the completed reservation form to (650) 560-6400. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is January 2, 2018. For those who register after January 2, 2018, full payment is due upon registration.

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 in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Cancellations after final

payment deadline of January 2, 2018: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Note: Criterion Travel accepts no liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS

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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RESERVATION FORM

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PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on *Prague to Berlin: An Elbe River Cruise*. OR
- Please charge the deposit to my:
- MasterCard VISA American Express Discover

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

SECURITY CODE

I/we understand that final payment is due January 2, 2018, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after January 2, 2018: full payment is due.

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT)

DATE OF BIRTH

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT)

DATE OF BIRTH

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

SINGLE TRAVELERS

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

- I prefer to have single accommodations.
- I plan to share accommodations with _____
- I'd like to know about roommates.

I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 2, 2018, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Category preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bed preference on ship: Twin beds joined as double Twins

Bed preference at hotels: (not guaranteed): Two beds One bed

I/we have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

SIGNATURE

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