

SPECIALLY PREPARED PROGRAM FOR
THE PROBUS CLUB OF MISSISSAUGA SOUTH

Cruise on The Elbe and Vltava Rivers

HAMBURG TO BERLIN TO PRAGUE
SEPT. 20 – OCT. 05, 2018 (16 DAYS)



Elbe River



Hamburg



Berlin Wall



Hamburg Town Hall



DAY 1 / SEPT. 20: DEPART CANADA

Limousine pickup will be arranged from your home (within GTA area) to Pearson International Airport, for flight to Hamburg via Frankfurt.

Tentative flight schedule:

Sep 20 / AC876 / Toronto – Frankfurt / depart 9:40pm / arrive 11:10am on Sep 21

Sep 21 / LH16 / Frankfurt – Hamburg / depart 1:00pm / arrive 2:05pm

DAY 2 / SEPT. 21: ARRIVE IN HAMBURG (D)

Arrive in Hamburg, meet your local assistant and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day is free at your own leisure. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Novotel Hamburg City Alster or similar (3 nights)

DAY 3 / SEPT. 22: HAMBURG (B,L)

Today, enjoy a full day Highlights of Hamburg walking and coach tour, with lunch at local restaurant. You will see The Town Hall, the Alster Lake, the historic warehouse complex with the new Philharmonic, the Reeperbahn Street in the famous red light district, Hamburg's unique landmark St. Michael's church and the harbor, and Hamburg's "Gate to the World" with its uncountable landing bridges. You will be carried away by the atmosphere of beautiful squares and promenades, restaurants and cafés, which we will pass on our tour through Hamburg. Dinner on your own tonight.

DAY 4 / SEPT. 23: HAMBURG – LÜBECK – HAMBURG (B,L)

Today, enjoy a half day tour to the UNESCO heritage old town Lübeck, with lunch at local restaurant en-route. In 1987, Lübeck's old town became the first in northern Europe to be named a World Cultural Heritage site. For centuries, Lübeck's name stood for freedom, justice and prosperity. Surrounded by water, the old town with the seven towers of its five principal churches brings to life 1,000 years of history and has been protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its outstanding brick Gothic architecture. The site includes the quarter around the town hall, the castle abbey, the grand old patrician town houses between St. Peter's Church and the cathedral, the salt warehouses on the banks of the Trave River and the Holsten Gate, the city's most famous landmark, which is also an interactive museum. You will return to Hamburg at around 2pm. You will have the option to visit the Miniatur Wunderland on your own in the afternoon. Remainder of the day is at your own leisure. Dinner on your own.

DAY 5 / SEPT. 24: HAMBURG – WOLFSBURG – BERLIN (B,L,D)

Depart this morning and head to Wolfsburg, where you will enjoy a tour of the Volkswagen Autostadt and also lunch at local restaurant. The tour takes you on a fascinating journey through the world of the automobile. Set in more than 28 hectares of parkland, a mixture of stunning architecture, design and nature provides the framework for a wide range of attractions. Exhibitions feature classic cars through the ages and focus on what made them so groundbreaking at the time. Works of art and short films offer new perspectives on automotive subjects, while interactive research installations provide hands-on experiences. The diversity of attractions on offer at Autostadt reflects the wide-ranging interests of Volkswagen as a global company and its corporate responsibility for people, culture and society. Art lovers will be able to find just as much inspiration here as engineering enthusiasts, multimedia fans and those looking for peace and quiet. Find out why quality ensures safety, how performance and sustainability go hand in hand, and the significance the company puts on client focus. Autostadt also showcases the knowledge generated by the company's employees around the world and explains the philosophy behind the individual brands. Dinner at hotel tonight.

Accommodation: Park Inn Hotel Alexanderplatz or similar (3 nights)

Wolfsburg: Volkswagen plant with Autostadt



Spy Museum Berlin



Berlin's Charlottenburg Palace



DAY 6 / SEPT. 25: BERLIN (B,L,D)

Depart for a full day highlights of the city of Berlin, with lunch at local restaurant. The Local Highlights tour is the best way to get to know Berlin. The story of Berlin goes back over 800 years. It is filled with fierce battles and wars and populated by outstanding personalities. The city has had its share in the dark and the bright chapters of the 19th and 20th century and more than once it was the center point of world's history. By touring the city center and its highlights by foot and in your bus you will get a good overview of Berlin's long and colorful history! Highlight of the tour include the Charlottenburg Palace from outside, Kurfürstendamm boulevard, Bellvue palace from outside, Reichstag building from outside, Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, Potsdamer Platz square, Check-Point Charlie, Walk Gendarmenmarkt, See boulevard Unter den Linden with Berlin Cathedral, walk Museums Island and Hackescher Markt district, walk Saint Nikolai district (Berlin's old town with medieval charm), Alexanderplatz, and the East Side Gallery. Many, many impressions for one day! Tonight enjoy an included dinner at local German restaurant with live music.

DAY 7 / SEPT. 26: BERLIN (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for a visit to the Spy Museum, with lunch at local restaurant. The Spy Museum Berlin gives a unique insight into the gloom of espionage right where the Wall once divided the city. Visitors are welcome to use the most recent multimedia-based technology to detect all the bizarre and sneaky methods of agents and secret services. An exciting time travel from spying in ancient Bible history to the present and future right in the middle of the capital of spies. Decipher a range of secret codes, negotiate the laser-beam obstacle course, see how secure your favorite password is and hack in to your favorite websites! Remainder of the day is at your own leisure. Dinner on your own.

DAY 8 / SEPT. 27: BERLIN – EMBARKATION (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel. Depart in the morning for a full day Golden Twenties and WW2 tour, with lunch at local restaurant. When World War I came to an end, revolution hit Berlin. But even when the storm of the political revolution had blown over, change was in the air. Berlin, by now a metropolis of nearly 4 million people, became a laboratory of modernity and a hot spot of avant-garde culture. At the same time, the city and its people were shaken by the continuous crisis of Germany's first democracy, the Weimar Republic, during which unemployment, social misery and violence were rather the rule than the exception. It is this intense time of doom and glory which we will bring to life for you on this tour. One of the darkest chapters of world history had its epicenter in Berlin. Here, the Nazis started to work on the realization of their inhumane project of a racially purified German Reich. Here, they set their system of persecution and terror in place, which, during World War II, would spread its tentacles across Europe. Eventually, one of the last, fierce and decisive battles of the war was fought in Berlin. When the city fell to the Russians in May 1945, it was only a question of days before Nazi Germany surrendered. After the tour, transfer to the pier to board your CroisiEurope ship. Embarkation starts at 6pm. After comfortably settling into your cabins, the crew will be introduced to us at a welcome cocktail event. We'll enjoy dinner on board and remain in port overnight.

Accommodation: onboard MS Elbe Princesse II (8 nights)

DAY 9 / SEPT. 28: BERLIN – NEDLITZ – WÜSTERWITZ (B,L,D)

This morning, join us for a half day Berlin Wall & Cold War tour. After World War II, the world got split in two: the Eastern and the Western world, divided by the Iron Curtain – and so was Berlin, divided by the Wall in 1961. Here, in the city of a war that never broke out, America and Russia were sitting side by side. Hence people liked to say: "When Berlin sneezes the world gets a cold". But while Western Berlin was deprived of its capital status Eastern Berlin became the capital of communist Eastern Germany. So it was here when in an amazing night in November 1989 the East German people would bring down the Wall after a peaceful revolution. It was here, where Ronald Reagan gave his unforgettable speech: "General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this

Martin Luther Statue



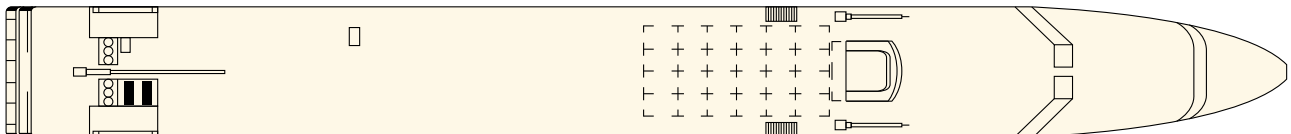
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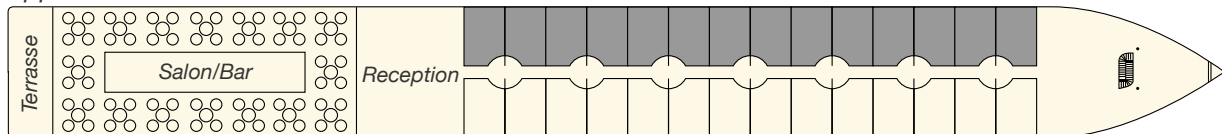
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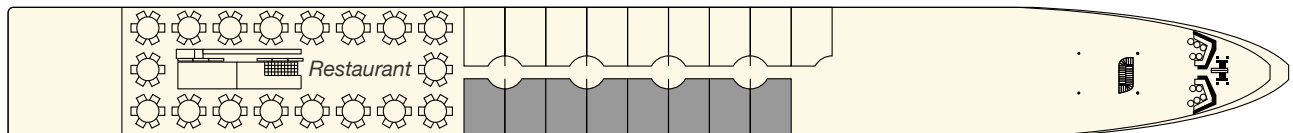
Sun deck



Upper deck



Main Deck



Year built: 2018
Length: 331 ft. **Width:** 33ft.
Number of cabins: 45
Passengers: 90

- Upper Deck: 28 cabins (double occupancy)
- Main Deck: 17 cabins (double occupancy)

gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” Back onboard for lunch. Start cruising towards Nedlitz. You’ll discover the idyllic charm of the lakes formed by the Havel River as we glide past the Pfaueninsel and admire its historical buildings. In the afternoon, we’ll leave on a visit to the gardens at the Sanssouci Palace, former residence of Frederick the Great. Afterwards, we’ll return to the ship and begin to cruise to Wüsterwitz. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 10 / SEPT. 29: WÜSTERWITZ – MAGDEBURG (B,L,D)

Our ship will depart early this morning for Madgeburg. Take advantage of your free time this morning while we cruise to admire the landscapes or take part in our onboard activities. This afternoon, join us for a visit of Magdeburg, situated midway on the Elbe River and the historic Roman Roads. Afterwards, we’ll return on board in Magdeburg and continue our cruise. Evening of dancing.

DAY 11 / SEPT. 30: WITTENBERG (B,L,D)

Once we arrive in Wittenberg, we’ll leave on a guided tour of the city, we’ll also visit Martin Luther’s house, a former Augustinian monastery which is now the Reformation Museum and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, we’ll return on board and spend the afternoon cruising. Tonight will be CroisiEurope Quiz Night. Our ship will cruise through the night.

DAY 12 / OCT. 01: MEISSEN – DRESDEN (B,L,D)

Once we arrive in Meissen, we’ll leave on a guided tour of the city, famous for its trademark porcelain. We’ll return on board in Dresden. After lunch, join us for a visit of the city known as the “Florence of the Elbe.” Evening of dancing.

DAY 13 / OCT. 02: DRESDEN – USTI NAD LABEM (B,L,D)

We’ll 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. We’ll then stop at the Bastei rock formation towering above the Elbe and formed by water erosion over one million years ago. Back on board, we’ll continue to cruise through the magnificent Saxon Switzerland area (which really is a part of Germany) gliding by the prairies, woods, lakes, vineyards and chateaux. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 14 / OCT. 03: USTI NAD LABEM – LITOMERICE – KRALUPY (B,L,D)

Once we arrive in Litomerice, join us for a tour of one of the oldest Bohemian cities established in the 10th century on the site of a Slavic fort. We’ll spend the afternoon cruising. Tonight’s entertainment will be provided by the crew.

DAY 15 / OCT. 04: KRALUPY – PRAGUE (B,L,D)

We’ll leave the ship in Kralupy and meet your local guide at the pier, then drive through the pastoral countryside to Karlovy Vary, better known by its German name, Carlsbad, and most famous for its Bohemian spa. Enjoy a walking tour of Karlovy Vary as you walk through the colonnade in the center and end up at the springs, and also visit the Moser Museum. Take the funicular to the view point above the city. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. Transfer back to your ship in Prague in the late afternoon. Tonight will be our gala evening.

DAY 16 / OCT. 05: DEPART PRAGUE (B)

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Canada via Frankfurt.

Tentative flight schedule:

Oct 05 / LH1397 / Prague – Frankfurt / depart 2:15pm / arrive 3:20pm

Oct 05 / AC877 / Frankfurt – Toronto / depart 5:15pm / arrive 7:30pm

END OF TOUR



PACKAGE RATE (CAD\$, PER PERSON)

CABIN CATEGORY	TWIN OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Main deck	CAD\$6,995	CAD\$9,995
Upper deck	CAD\$7,295	CAD\$10,495



Tour Map

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Air Canada and Lufthansa flights from Toronto to Hamburg and Prague to Toronto
- Home pickup and drop off (within GTA area)
- 3 nights accommodation in Hamburg with breakfast
- 3 nights accommodation in Berlin with breakfast
- Welcome dinner include water, coffee/tea and 1 glass of wine/beer
- Porterage at hotel (1 piece per person)
- Land transfers and tours as per itinerary
- 8 nights cruise accommodation and all port taxes included
- All cruise shore excursions including headsets as described in the itinerary
- All onboard meals, include soft drinks, coffee and tea, wine and beer with lunch and dinner
- Open bar onboard (except champagne and other drinks on special drinks menu)
- Free Wifi onboard
- All gratuities
- Meals included - 14 (B), 13 (L), 11 (D)

EXCLUSIONS

- Airport departure taxes. Currently \$590 per person
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional travel insurance

AIR CREDIT

If you wish to arrange your own air from Toronto to Hamburg and Prague to Toronto, an air credit of CAD\$500 per person will be deducted from the tour cost. Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges

SPECIAL NOTE

- Names provided at time of booking MUST match exactly your passport
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date from Prague
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it MUST be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

At time of booking: \$750 per person
 Second deposit: \$1,000 per person due Mar 15, 2018
 Final payment: remaining balance due Jun 15, 2018

CANCELLATION TERMS

Between time of booking & Mar 14, 2018: \$750 per person
 Between Mar 15 & Jun 14, 2018: \$1,750 per person
 Between Jun 15, 2018 & date of departure: 100% of total cost

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