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September 25 to October 3, 2015
Washington University Alumni and Friends: Be part of a wonderful group—on a remarkable journey!
Join Washington University alumni and friends on a trip of a lifetime: Come discover the true essence of life along the Elbe River, a land of incomparable treasures and timeless traditions, on this custom-designed journey through the hidden gem of the Elbe River Valley—experience the Baroque palaces of Dresden and the medieval river towns of Saxony, the captivating beauty of Bohemia and the splendid castles of Prague.

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Don't Wait: Space is limited, and our $2000 (per couple) early booking savings offer is only valid until March 20, 2015!

Study Leader - Jeffrey G. Trzeciak, University Librarian, Washington University in St. Louis
Jeffrey has more than 25 years’ experience working in academic and public libraries. In July 2012, Jeffrey began his tenure as University Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis. Since his arrival, Jeffrey has overseen the drastic expansion of Washington University's Olin Library operating hours, the creation of formal partnerships with the Writing Center and the Office of Geographic Information Systems, and the acquisition of over $3.5 million in academic resources. In addition, Jeffrey has directed the formation of the Visual Media Research Lab: a Libraries-based resource that builds upon the strengths of the Film & Media Archive and Modern Graphic History Library. This effort was designed to mobilize the Libraries' visual research collections, making them more easily integrated into teaching, learning, and research.

Jeffrey previously served as University Librarian at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Associate Dean at Wayne State University Library System in Detroit, Michigan; and Head of Systems at Wright State University Libraries in Dayton, Ohio. Under Jeffrey’s leadership, the McMaster Library became the first Canadian recipient of the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. In 2004, Jeffrey was recognized for his innovation by Library Journal in their “Movers and Shakers” edition. He is also a graduate of the Frye Leadership Institute (2005) sponsored by EDUCAUSE, CLIR, and Emory University, and has spoken internationally on a variety of topics including digital library initiatives, Web 2.0, organizational change, and library innovation.

Jeffrey holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in library sciences from Indiana University.

P.S. The Washington University Travel Committee strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance for every trip on which you plan to embark. Unforeseen circumstances may cause you to cancel your trip at the last minute, and travel insurance will help to ensure that your fees are refunded. Washington University does not offer its own travel insurance, but Gohagan recommends a policy you may purchase.

Cover photo: Stroll across Charles Bridge between Prague’s medieval Old Town and its Baroque Little Quarter.
Visit the splendid Baroque Zwinger Palace and its renowned Old Masters Gallery in Dresden.
The true character of Saxony is best discovered on this exclusive small group journey to UNESCO World Heritage sites in the great historic cities of Prague and Berlin, Martin Luther’s Wittenberg and the palaces in Potsdam, and to the small villages and hilltop fortresses throughout the scenic Elbe River Valley. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other, including one or more specially designed excursions each day while cruising, comfortable accommodations and all meals. Interact with local people and immerse yourself in the rhythm of daily life along the river; explore the region’s history, culture, language and cuisine; discover its epochal art and architecture, historic religious reformation, political legacies and the musical traditions of Bach, Mozart and Wagner; and unpack just once! This popular program is one of the VILLAGE LIFE® series, a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS** are specially arranged and available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- **Experience** the historic Old Town of Prague, the medieval towns of Saxony, the captivating beauty of Bohemia along the Elbe River Valley and the Baroque palaces of Dresden.
- **Immerse yourself** in a carefully planned, balanced itinerary of included guided historical and cultural excursions and time on your own to discover and observe the heart and soul of river life along the Elbe.
- **Discover** the arts and culture of this region during exclusive, specially arranged live musical interludes—a performance of Bach’s music, Leipzig; a recital of Mozart’s masterpieces, Estates Theatre, Prague; and a German folklore dance presentation, Dresden.
- **Explore** Dresden’s incomparable Semper Opera House and the world-famous Meissen Porcelain Museum.
- **Visit** Wittenberg’s Luther House and Schlosskirche and learn about Martin Luther and his lasting effects on Christianity and Western history.
- **Engage** local *Einwohner* (residents) during the RIVER LIFE FORUM® where they share their candid perspectives on contemporary life in Saxony.
- **Hear it from the Experts!** Experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Germany and the Czech Republic.
- **Savor** the world-renowned flavors of Czech and German beers during a specially arranged tasting.
- **Learn key German phrases** to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.

*Admire the dramatic cliffs and sweeping landscapes of Saxony’s Elbe River Valley, a part of Europe known as the “Saxon Switzerland” for its spellbinding beauty. Inset above: Saxony’s coat of arms.*
The metropolis of Berlin has seen Napoleon, Bismarck, the German kaisers and Allied forces vie for European and world power. Today, the reunified city has emerged with many of its magnificent landmarks intact, including the iconic Brandenburg Gate, State Opera House, Humboldt University and Gendarmenmarkt Square. The genius of the city’s past and present residents—Felix Mendelssohn and Albert Einstein once called Berlin home—is evident in the art, architecture and flourishing culture on every corner.

Prussian kings and German kaisers developed Potsdam’s magnificent parks and gardens filled with the grand oaks for which the city is famous. In July of 1945, Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman and Joseph Stalin met for the historic Potsdam Conference to determine post-World War II country borders at Cecilienhof Palace, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Nearby, Frederick the Great constructed his splendid Sanssouci Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a beautiful example of 18th-century Rococo architecture, set on 700 acres of sculptured gardens and parkland.
Wittenberg
This historic, charming town on the banks of the Elbe River is best known for Martin Luther, who profoundly changed the Christian world and the course of Western history when he nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche (“Castle Church”) in 1517. Although the original door is gone, the church still stands and contains the tombs of several historic figures, including Luther himself and the Great Elector, Frederick the Wise, who presided over the town’s cultural and intellectual zenith during the Reformation. Wittenberg also holds a place in the literary canon as the fictional characters of Hamlet and Dr. Faustus both attended its famous university.

Leipzig
Leipzig is celebrated as one of the major European centers of learning and culture. Richard Wagner was born here (1813), and Robert Schumann, Felix Mendelssohn and Gustav Mahler all achieved acclaim in Leipzig. Perhaps the most lasting influence on the city’s music history is Johann Sebastian Bach, who served as cantor (1723 to 1750) for the boys’ choir at St. Thomas Church, where you will enjoy a specially arranged performance of the composer’s masterpieces.

Meissen
Legend holds that in 1710, the fabled August the Strong—Elector of Saxony and King of Poland—commanded his alchemists to discover the secret of making gold. They inadvertently created the formula for porcelain, which transformed Meissen into one of the richest towns in Saxony. For nearly 200 years, porcelain was produced in Europe’s first porcelain factory located in the Elector’s castle, the Albrechtsburg, a magnificent Gothic cathedral and a classic medieval castle.

Dresden
Hailed as the “Florence of the North” for its exquisite Baroque architecture, Dresden has been Saxony’s preeminent center of wealth and power since the House of Wettin divided lands in 1485. Today, after decades of German reunification and meticulous restoration, Dresden’s opera house, palaces and cathedrals stand resplendent, and the city has reclaimed its mantle as one of Europe’s foremost centers of culture and art. Its opulent Zwinger Palace houses a spectacular collection of works by Old Masters, including Raphael’s famous Sistine Madonna. Tour the Old Town to see the magnificent Frauenkirche and the 334-foot-long porcelain Fürstenzug mural depicting the noblemen of the House of Wettin.

Königstein Fortress
In the 13th century, to secure his hold of the Elbe River Valley, King Wenceslaus I of Bohemia had this impressive and nearly impregnable fortress constructed atop a 1000-foot-high mountain overlooking “Saxon Switzerland.”
M.S. EXCELLENCE CORAL

There is no better way to visit the towns and villages along Germany’s historic Elbe River than by cruising aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. EXCELLENCE CORAL. This intimate, fully air-conditioned vessel features only 45 cabins and is one of the best river ships cruising the Elbe River.

Each outside cabin offers river views with two small fixed windows (Lower Deck) or a large picture window (Upper Deck). Cabins are tastefully furnished in classic decor and feature two twin beds, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, television, safe and hair dryer.

The ship’s spacious dining room accommodates all passengers at a single, unassigned seating for buffet breakfast, lunch and four-course dinner. Complimentary house wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is served daily. Meals are skillfully prepared by European chefs and feature international cuisine and local specialties.

The ship’s public spaces include an inviting lounge and bar with panoramic windows, comfortable reading area equipped with books and games, boutique and sun deck with reclining deck chairs.

The professional, international English-speaking crew provides attentive service. The ship is equipped with a state-of-the-art navigation system, meets all safety standards and is ecologically friendly.

Today, it flanks the German/Czech border and features breathtaking vistas of mountains, dense forests and imposing sandstone cliffs. The Königstein complex comprises more than 40 buildings and structures—from barracks and bakeries to churches, stables and dungeons, and retains more than 700 years of architectural history and fascinating insights into life during the Middle Ages.

Prague
The “City of a Thousand Spires”—with its splendid combination of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings—is a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing 600 years of virtually untouched architecture. Following the Czech Republic’s Velvet Revolution (1989), which heralded the end of the Soviet era, the city of Prague has undergone a grand resurgence. Thriving local businesses and lively cafés line the narrow lanes of the city’s Staré Město (Old Town), and in its heart stands the magnificent Old Town Hall, originally established in the 1300s and home to the oldest working astronomical clock in the world, the 15th-century Pražský Orloj.

The city’s fascinating Josefov, the Old Jewish Quarter, has been a major center of Jewish culture for 1000 years—the impressive Old-New Synagogue is the oldest extant synagogue in Europe. In the Jewish Cemetery, see thousands of headstones that reflect over 300 years of Jewish history.
Included Features

On board the intimate, exclusively chartered M.S. EXCELLENCE CORAL

◆ Seven-night cruise from Berlin, Germany, to Prague, Czech Republic, with port calls at Potsdam, Wittenberg, Torgau for Leipzig, Meissen, Dresden and Königstein, Germany.

◆ Comfortable outside accommodations with private bathroom and individual climate control.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily, each in a single, unassigned seating.

◆ House wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner.

Expert-Guided Excursions

◆ Excursion in Potsdam to visit the 10th-century Cecilienhof Palace and the Rococo Sanssouci Palace, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.

◆ Walking tour of Wittenberg’s historic sites.

◆ Tour of Leipzig’s St. Thomas Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach served as cantor.

◆ Guided visit to see Zwinger Palace’s impressive “Old Masters” Gallery collection in Dresden.

◆ Walking tour of magnificent Dresden, the “Florence of the North.”

◆ Tour of the medieval fortifications of Königstein Fortress.

◆ Walking tour of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the Staré Mesto (Old Town) and Josefov (Old Jewish Quarter).

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

◆ Specially arranged performance of Bach’s music in Leipzig’s St. Thomas Church.

◆ Exclusive, private, behind-the-scenes tour of Prague’s Estates Theatre, featuring a short recital of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s music.

◆ Specially arranged, exclusive backstage tour of the Semper Opera House in Dresden.

◆ Special guided visits to the Schlosskirche and Luther House in Wittenberg, UNESCO World Heritage sites.

◆ Tour of Meissen’s world-famous Porcelain Museum, followed by a demonstration of porcelain craftsmanship.

◆ Exclusive RIVER LIFE FORUM® with local residents who will discuss contemporary life in Saxony.

◆ Specially arranged German folklore dance performance.

◆ Special tasting of German and Czech beers on board.

◆ German language introduction.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.

◆ Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Berlin Pre-Cruise Option
Berlin, Germany’s reunified capital, is one of Europe’s preeminent centers of history, art and music and is known for its world-class museums, grand opera and eclectic architecture. Exclusive tours visit the Pergamon Museum, exhibiting relics of ancient Babylon; the Gemäldegalerie, known for its leading collection of magnificent 13th- to 18th-century European masterpieces; and the Wall Museum at Checkpoint Charlie, the former border crossing between East and West Berlin. Spend two nights in Berlin’s centrally located, Five-Star THE WESTIN GRAND, BERLIN hotel.

Prague Post-Cruise Option
Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the Czech Republic’s elegant capital city, is known as the “City of a Thousand Spires” for its splendid Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. During exclusive included excursions, explore the vast complex of palaces, churches and towers of Hradčany, the residence of Bohemian royalty and center of political power for more than 1000 years; tour Nelahozeves Castle, home to a priceless collection of rare art and antiques, including manuscripts by Beethoven and Gluck; and visit the Antonín Dvořák Museum, former residence of the legendary composer. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located, deluxe INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA hotel.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Admire Babylon’s reconstructed sixth-century B.C. Ishtar Gate, including original glazed bricks, in Berlin’s Pergamon Museum.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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◆ Taxes are an additional $395 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. Excellence Coral* has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

Lower Deck

M.S. Excellence Coral

Upper Deck

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Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

You may also phone the Alumni Association for information at (314) 935-7378 or (866) WUTRIPS.
If you have questions regarding tour logistics, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 925-3088 and ask for the Passenger Services Coordinator for this tour.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Berlin Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $795 per person.
- Single at $1295 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Prague Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $635 per person.
- Single at $1095 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from ______________________ (fill in departure city) to Berlin, Germany, with return from Prague, Czech Republic, at an additional cost to be advised.

Class:
- Economy
- Business
- First

‡ Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

If you have questions regarding tour logistics, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 and ask for the Passenger Services Coordinator for this tour.
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Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time without prior notice, and without any liability. The inconvenience (which may be of a substantial nature) to any participant of the above terms and conditions.

REGISTRATION: In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, the cancellation must be in writing, and the registrant is 12/14-1

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by March 20, 2015. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan.

Changes in the itinerary or trip features are subject to change at any time without prior notification and without any liability. It is understood and agreed that any such changes shall not result in forfeiture of 100% of the published tour price.

In the event of any such changes, you will be informed of such changes, and the refund, if any, will be determined by the nature of the changes.

The above terms and conditions shall be binding upon all participants, and they act and are bound not only for themselves but also for all persons who may hereafter participate in any program, tour, cruise or other travel arrangements or excursions that Gohagan conducts or conducts in cooperation with other parties.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement, the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. In any such proceeding, the substantive, but not procedural law of Illinois will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

Today, the historic Brandenburg Gate is not only a symbol of Germany’s divided past, but also of European unity and peace.