ALONG THE ELBE IN SAXONY
BERLIN TO PRAGUE
ABOARD THE M.S. SWISS CORAL

OCTOBER 8 TO 16, 2010

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SAVE $2000 PER COUPLE!
Dear Alumni and Friends:

From the splendid castles of Prague and the captivating beauty of Bohemia, to the Baroque palaces of Dresden and the medieval river towns of Saxony, the Elbe River Valley is a land of incomparable treasures and timeless traditions, a place where the past blends seamlessly with the present. Mozart, Strauss and Wagner premiered many of their greatest works in the grand cities along the Elbe, and the stunning mountainous countryside known as “Saxon Switzerland” has played host to a colorful cast of historic figures from Otto the Great and August the Strong to Frederick the Wise.

We are delighted to offer RIVER LIFE™ ALONG THE ELBE IN SAXONY, a wonderful way to experience the true essence of life in an entrancing world of hillside villages, clifftop castles and verdant woodlands. Our expert-guided tours explore the treasures along the cobbledstone streets of medieval towns and inside two of Europe’s most splendid and historic concert halls, while enriching lectures and the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM™ with local residents bring you personal perspectives of the area’s modern life and cultural heritage. With us, you will have opportunities to experience the valley’s rich history, traditions and artistic legacy—taste local beers and observe centuries-old porcelain artisanship. You will also learn to speak some Czech and German, making your interaction with citizens all the more enjoyable.

Complementing this specially arranged itinerary are accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. SWISS CORAL, one of the most comfortable vessels to ply the waterways of Europe.

This exceptional value includes all accommodations, meals and excursions as well as the convenience of unpacking only once. We encourage you to make your reservation now, while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Jimmy W. Abraham, ’75, ’77
Associate Vice President, Development and Alumni and Executive Director,
MSU Alumni Association

Cover: Visit Albrechtsburg’s vast fortified castle, a symbol of Meissen for more than five centuries. Experience the medieval charm of the Staré Město (Old Town) in Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires.”
The true character of Saxony, a rich crossroads of culture—epochal art and architecture, religious reformation, political legacies and the music traditions of Bach, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Wagner—is best found in UNESCO World Heritage sites like Wittenberg and in the great historic cities, small villages and hilltop fortresses featured on this cruise through the scenic Elbe River Valley. This sojourn would not be complete without opportunities to experience important Berlin and, just across the border, stately Prague, featuring their legendary monuments and distinctive characters.

An exceptional value, this custom-designed program in the Village Life™ series immerses you for nine days in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace; reserve by the Early Booking date to receive even further savings! All accommodations, carefully planned excursions and featured Cultural Enrichments are included at a very attractive price.

The intimate M.S. Swiss Coral has been privately chartered for this exclusive itinerary. Comfortable accommodations, excellent service and expertly prepared cuisine make the M.S. Swiss Coral ideal for exploring Saxony. And, you will only unpack once!

Cultural Enrichments are key components of River Life™ along the Elbe in Saxony and offer you a unique travel experience:

- **Hear it from the Experts!** Prominent Faculty will accompany you and address a variety of historical and cultural topics throughout your cruise. Exclusive excursions led by experienced, English-speaking local guides will enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of the people of the region and their deep-rooted history and traditions.
- **Learn key phrases and pronunciation** that will enable a more personal interaction with locals during the specially arranged introductions to the German and Czech languages.
- **Meet Einwohner (local residents)** during the exclusive Village Forum™ as they share their candid perspectives on daily life in Germany.
- **Experience the incomparable treasures and timeless traditions of the Elbe River Valley,** from the medieval towns of Saxony and captivating beauty of Bohemia to the Baroque palaces of Dresden and historic Old Town of Prague.
- **Sample the world-renowned flavors of Czech and German beer** during specially arranged tastings, and savor delicious meals on board the ship featuring regional fare.
- **Enjoy time on your own**—nibble on an authentic Brezel (pretzel) and observe the rhythms of local life, walk over the famous Charles Bridge in Prague or gaze out at the spectacular river valley from the ship.

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.
Day by Day Itinerary

Day   Destination
1   Depart from the U.S.
2   Berlin, Germany
    Embark M.S. SWISS CORAL.
3   Magdeburg
    ♦ Walking tour of Magdeburg.
    Cultural Enrichments:
    ♦ Visit to Magdeburg Cathedral.
4   Wittenberg
    ♦ Walking tour of Wittenberg.
    Cultural Enrichments:
    ♦ Visits to the historic Luther House
      and the Schlosskirche.
5   Meissen
    ♦ Excursion in Meissen including
      Albrechtsburg Castle.
    Cultural Enrichments:
    ♦ Guided tour of the
      Porcelain Factory.
    ♦ Private beer tasting.
6   Dresden
    ♦ Walking tour of Dresden.
    Cultural Enrichments:
    ♦ Backstage tour of the
      Semper Opera House.
    ♦ Village Forum™.
7   Pillnitz
    ♦ Guided tour of Pillnitz and
      Königstein Castle.
8   Prague, Czech Republic
    ♦ Walking tour of Old Town and
      the Old Jewish Quarter.
    Cultural Enrichment:
    ♦ Specially arranged tour of the
      Estates Theater and Mozart recital.
9   Prague/Return to the U.S.

Magdeburg

A member of the important Hanseatic League in the 13th to
17th centuries, the historic city of Magdeburg is home to one of Germany’s
finest cathedrals. The Dom (cathedral) stands as a proud symbol of the town’s
indefatigable spirit and the great political
power it wielded for more than 600 years
after Emperor Otto the Great made
Magdeburg his capital in the 10th century.
Its soaring towers, exquisite free-standing
marble columns and 16-sided chapel make
it one of the most impressive Gothic
churches in Europe, while its sculptures
alone are worthy of a museum exhibition.
Magdeburg is also the birthplace of the
17th-century German engineer and
physicist Otto von Guericke, who proved
that atmospheric pressure existed with his
famous Magdeburg hemispheres.

Cultural Enrichment: Visit the
magnificent Dom.

Walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther, Dr. Faustus and Shakespeare’s Hamlet across the medieval squares of Wittenberg, home to a prestigious university and birthplace of the Reformation.
WITTENBERG
The fictional characters of Hamlet and Dr. Faustus both attended Wittenberg’s famous university; however, this picturesque town on the banks of the Elbe is best known for Martin Luther, who profoundly altered the landscape of the Christian world and changed the course of Western history when he nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche (“Castle Church”) in 1517. While the door is gone, the church, originally constructed in 1495, still stands and houses 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 in the 16th century, when it reigned as the capital of the Reformation. Wittenberg’s historic charm remains intact, and the delightful market square, the Baroque fountain and Luther’s house have been carefully restored.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Visit the historic Luther House, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Schlosskirche.

MEISSEN
Legend says 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. Instead, they created the formula for porcelain, which made Meissen one of the richest towns in Saxony. The centuries-old techniques used to produce Meissen porcelain—always marked with its trademark crossed blue swords—are still employed at the Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur (porcelain factory). 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, this hilltop complex now holds an impressive collection of artwork and murals, many depicting well-known moments in Saxon history.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Tour the porcelain factory and museum.
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Sample Czech and German beers during the specially arranged tasting event on board the ship.

DRESDEN
Hailed as the “Florence of the North” for its exquisite Baroque architecture, Dresden is widely considered to be the crown jewel of Saxony and has been the province’s preeminent center of wealth and power since 1485, when the House of Wettin began their rule as the Dukes of Saxony. Today, after 20 years 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 music, culture and art. Its opulent Zwinger Palace holds a spectacular collection of works by Old Masters, including Raphael’s famous Sistine Madonna.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Enjoy the specially arranged backstage tour of the Semper Opera House.
M.S. SWISS 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. SWISS CORAL. This intimate, superior first-class vessel, with only 45 cabins, is perfectly suited to maneuver Europe’s waterways.

All air-conditioned outside cabins feature panoramic views with one large sliding window that opens (Ruby Deck) or two windows (Emerald Deck). Each is tastefully furnished in classic décor with two twin beds, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, radio, television, minibar, safe and hair dryer.

The ship’s spacious dining room accommodates all passengers in a single, unassigned seating. Meals are skillfully prepared by European chefs and feature international cuisine and local specialties. A hot and cold buffet breakfast, morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and a late-evening snack are served daily. House wine and beer are included with dinner.

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

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: During the special VILLAGE FORUM™ local residents discuss daily life in this beautiful and historic region.

KÖNIGSTEIN CASTLE

In the 14th century, to secure his hold on the Elbe River Valley, King Wenceslaus had this splendid fortress constructed atop a 1,000-foot-high mountain overlooking what became known as “Saxon Switzerland,” the national park flanking the German/Czech border featuring breathtaking vistas of mountains, dense forests and imposing sandstone cliffs. Königstein, considered one of Europe’s most impregnable castles, became a favored retreat for subsequent Saxon and Bohemian monarchs when their realms were under invasion. The castle complex comprises more than 40 buildings and structures—from barracks and bakeries to churches, stables and dungeons—showcasing more than 700 years of architectural history and offering fascinating insight into life in the Middle Ages.

PRAGUE

The Czech Republic’s Velvet Revolution of 1989 heralded the end of the Soviet era and the resurgence of Prague. Its streets once again filled with life, and the “City of a Thousand Spires”—with its unique combination of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture—was restored to its former splendor. Lively cafés, beer halls and shops line the narrow lanes of the city’s Staré Město (Old Town), a UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases 600 years of architecture virtually untouched by war or natural disaster. In its heart stands the magnificent Old Town Hall, originally established in the 1300s. Through the centuries, a row of exquisite Gothic and Renaissance buildings has been built around the 15th-century Orloj—the Astronomical Clock adorned with zodiac signs and unique moving figures that appear on the hour. One of the city’s most fascinating areas is Josefov, the Old Jewish Quarter, a major center of Jewish culture for 1,000 years. Visit the impressive Old-New Synagogue, the oldest extant synagogue in Europe. In the Jewish Cemetery, several burial layers have resulted in thousands of headstones reflecting over 300 years of Jewish history.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Enjoy a brief recital of Mozart’s music during a private backstage tour of the Estates Theater, where Don Giovanni was first performed.
Berlin Pre-Program Option*
Spend two nights in Germany’s reunified capital, Berlin, one of Europe’s preeminent centers of history, art and music. During exclusive, specially arranged excursions, visit the famous Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie, explore the priceless treasures of the Pergamon Museum and tour the spectacular Cecilienhof Castle in historic Potsdam. Accommodations will be in the five-star Hotel Westin Grand located at the famous crossroads of the Unter den Linden and Friedrichstrasse.

Prague Post-Program Option*
Extend your Prague experience with two nights in the Czech Republic’s elegant capital city in the ideally located deluxe InterContinental Praha. During exclusive excursions, explore the vast complex of palaces, churches and towers of the Hradčany Complex, residence of Bohemian royalty and center of political power for more than 1,000 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.

*Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Included Features

On Board the Superior First-Class M.S. Swiss Coral
♦ Seven-night cruise from Berlin, Germany, to Prague, Czech Republic, with port calls at Magdeburg, Wittenberg, Meissen, Dresden and Pillnitz (Königstein).
♦ Comfortable, air-conditioned outside cabin with private bathroom facilities.
♦ Welcome and farewell receptions and Captain’s farewell dinner.
♦ Breakfast, morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-night snack. All meals are served in single, unassigned seatings.
♦ House wine and beer with dinner.

Tours and Excursions, Led by Expert Local Guides
♦ Tour of Magdeburg, Otto the Great’s imperial capital.
♦ Walking tour of Wittenberg.
♦ Visit to Albrechtsburg Castle followed by a walk through historic Meißen.
♦ Walking tour of Dresden, the “Florence of the North.”
♦ Guided visits to Zwinger Palace’s “Old Masters” Gallery in Dresden.
♦ Tour of the medieval fortifications of Königstein Castle, one of Europe’s most famous fortresses.
♦ Walking tour of Prague through the Staré Město (Old Town) and Josefov (Old Jewish quarter).

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
♦ Exclusive Village Forum™ with local residents who discuss daily life along the Elbe River.
♦ Visit to the important Gothic Cathedral of Sts. Catherine and Maurice in Magdeburg.
♦ Tour of the Porcelain Museum in Meißen with a porcelain-making demonstration.
♦ Private tasting of world-renowned German and Czech beers on board the ship.
♦ Special guided visits to the historic Luther House and Schlosskirche in Wittenberg to learn more about the birth of the Reformation.
♦ Special backstage tour of the Semper Opera House in Dresden.
♦ Exclusive backstage tour of the Estates Theater in Prague, featuring a short recital of Mozart’s music.

Comprehensive Travel Services
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ A hospitality desk on board the ship.
♦ Experienced Program Director to accompany you throughout the program.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
**TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)**

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* Singles are available in category 3 at $5595 and in category 1 at $6995 on or before April 19, 2010. Add $1000 for reservations made after April 19, 2010.

* Taxes are an additional $290 per person and are subject to change.
Should you have to cancel, the cancellation of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

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