Prague to Berlin
An Elbe River Cruise aboard Frederic Chopin
May 2–13, 2018

With Harvey Cox PhD ’63
Hollis Research Professor of Divinity
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LONG AN IMPORTANT DELINEATOR OF EAST AND WEST, the Elbe River links two of the most fascinating capitals of Europe—Prague and Berlin—as it traverses a land filled with captivating treasures.

This seven-night river cruise aboard the Frederic Chopin embraces the broad sweep of history across this region of Europe in visits to some of its most meaningful cities, towns, and monuments: Prague Castle, a sprawling 9th-century castle complex; the towering crags and spectacular gorges of “Saxon Switzerland”; 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; Potsdam’s whimsical Sanssouci Palace; and the more contemporary, and quirkier, Green Citadel of Friedensreich Hundertwasser, a fine example of a unique artistic vision.

From Bohemia to the former East Germany, the variety of visits and views in this part of the world is rich and unique. This journey combines the best of modern Europe with true old-world charm. Along the way, lectures by Harvard Visiting Professor James Salzman and other speakers will help put each amazing site into a global context. For those wishing to lengthen their stay, a post-tour extension to Berlin is available.
Harvey Cox served as the Hollis Professor of Divinity at the Harvard Divinity School before retiring in 2009. He received his AB with honors in history from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951, his master’s in divinity from Yale in 1955, and his PhD in the history and philosophy of religion from Harvard in 1963. After spending a postdoctoral year in Berlin, he wrote The Secular City, which became an international best-seller.

Professor Cox returned to the Harvard faculty in 1965 and taught in both the Divinity School and the College, where his courses focused on the interaction of religion, politics, and culture. In recent years, he has turned his attention to historical and current relations between Christianity and Islam. In 2016 he was invited by the city of Istanbul to engage in conversations with Muslim scholars. Professor Cox will lecture on the heady days of the “Prague Spring” of 1987 and on Luther and the many reformations. He will be accompanied by his wife, Nina Tumarkin, Professor of History at Wellesley College.

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 offers courses in all periods of Russia’s dramatic history—medieval, imperial, and Soviet—as well as modern European history. On this program her lectures include “The Eastern Front: Hitler vs. Stalin” and “Politics of Memory: How Germans Recall and Memorialize World War II.”

(Below) Enjoy Prague’s whimsically spiky, medieval skyline, dominated by cathedral and church spires that have given the Czech Republic’s capital its nickname, “City of 100 Spires.” (Back cover) Nearly gutted by Allied bombing during World War II, Dresden has rebuilt many of its historic treasures and today is a cultural, educational, political, and economic center of Germany and Europe.

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 2 & 3
Home / Prague, Czech Republic
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Arrive on Thursday and transfer to your hotel, 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, 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.

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. 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. Choose an optional afternoon excursion (at additional cost) to either (1) Schloss Wackerbarth, Saxony’s oldest sparkling wine producer, or (2) Volkswagen’s Transparent Factory, a glass-walled facility designed for the production of the Phaeton, with a behind-the-scenes look at the production line of the new e-Golf. Alternatively, 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 still makes 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

Observe a wide variety of architectural treasures (above, left to right): Friedensreich Hundertwasser’s iconic Green Citadel in Magdeburg; the beautiful end of Prague’s Charles Bridge; and the Chinese House, a garden pavilion in Sanssouci Park designed in the popular 18th-century Chinoiserie style.
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. 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)
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.

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