Paris to Prague by River Ship

13 DAYS OF DAZZLING CITIES AND RIVERS THROUGH HISTORY

* Two Cities, Three Rivers, Countless Views *
Dear Alumni, Parents, Widows and Friends:

Join Professor Dan O’Connor on a journey from Paris to Prague, sailing east on the Moselle, Rhine, and Main Rivers. Begin with a full day in the cultural mecca of Paris. Board a high-speed train toward Remich to embark on a majestic river cruise to Nuremberg. On your way, stop in the region’s most significant river-side cities, such as the Roman town of Trier, wine-growing town of Rüdesheim, Bavarian Miltenberg, and medieval Bamberg, among others. The program culminates in Prague with a full day to explore the “City of One Hundred Spires.”

With all the comforts and amenities of the 361-foot Avalon Luminary, and the added expert guidance of Dan O’Connor and your Orbridge Travel Director, there is no better way to access and explore this historic and beautiful region. Several UNESCO World Heritage Sites are on the itinerary.

Space is limited, so reserve by returning the enclosed reservation form or by calling (866) 639-0079. Or, to reserve now, visit http://williams.orbridge.com.

Warm regards,

Bob Behr
Travel-Study Coordinator
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P.S. Reserve your space by February 22, 2013 to receive a free expedition library—see inside for details!
13 Days of Dazzling Cities and Rivers Through History

Paris to Prague
by River Ship
Wend your way through enchanting countryside on a voyage along three of Europe’s most scenic rivers.

From Paris to Prague, sail the magnificent Moselle, Rhine, and Main Rivers, taking in the romance of picturesque villages and ruined fortresses full of rich history.

Program Highlights:

- See grand sights such as Notre Dame Cathedral and the Arc de Triomphe; and view the Louvre’s most renowned masterpieces alongside a local expert on a special Orbridge-included excursion.

- With two post-cruise nights in Prague, submit to the city’s other worldly charms and lofty architecture. Add even more depth to your visit with an included Orbridge excursion to an historic district in Prague.

- Along with your time in two of the world’s most romantic cities, enjoy seven nights cruising the Rhine, Main, and Moselle rivers and their tranquil tapestry of historic towns and sights.

- Enjoy your exclusive Orbridge advantages, such as a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director throughout, adding expertise and educational experiences; included transfers for guests on suggested flights, and gratuities to the Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and porters.

- Relax: Included are 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners served with complimentary wine and beer; onboard lectures, activities, entertainment, and port fees; as well as sightseeing in Paris, Trier, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, and Prague.
A Day-by-Day Guide:* 

Day 1–2: En Route from U.S. / Arrive Paris, France

Bienvenue! Check in at your hotel and start exploring the “City of Light.” Perhaps wander the Seine and browse the famous bouquinistes, or relax in a corner bistro and sip a café au lait while daily life passes you by. Overnight: Hotel du Collectionneur Arc de Triomphe

Day 3: Paris

Take in Paris’ renowned and historic sights aboard a comfortable motor coach. Alongside a knowledgeable guide, admire the architectural splendor of Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de La République, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Madeleine, the chic Champs-Elysées, and the Eiffel Tower. This afternoon, enjoy an Orbridge-included excursion to the Louvre accompanied by a local expert to view the most important pieces of its various collections, such as the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and Venus de Milo, among many others. Overnight: Hotel du Collectionneur Arc de Triomphe (B)

Day 4: Paris / Metz / Remich, Luxembourg – Embarkation

Journey east aboard a high-speed train. Enjoy a scenic drive to Remich in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to board the Avalon Luminary, and take in the Moselle River, famous for its path through rolling hills dotted with picturesque villages. Meet your crew at a welcome reception, then settle in, explore the ship, and enjoy your first dinner aboard. Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,D)

Day 5: Trier, Germany / Bernkastel

Your first stop is Trier, the oldest city in Germany and home to the most significant Roman remains north of the Rhine. Receive a FREE Orbridge Expedition Library when you reserve prior to your early reservation date. At Orbridge, we believe our Expedition Libraries—a curated collection of additional resources such as books, maps, and other treasures—are a wonderful addition to your program. See reservation form for your early reservation date. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

Day 6: Cochem / Koblenz

Day 7: Rhine Gorge / Rüdesheim

Day 8: Miltenberg

Day 9: Würzburg

Day 10: Bamberg

Day 11: Nuremberg – Disembarkation / Prague, Czech Republic

Day 12: Prague

Day 13: Prague / Depart for U.S.

Activity level:
Guests should be able to enjoy an hour or more of walking and be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces and stairs.

*Subject to change
What’s Included:

• Two nights at the Hilton Arc de Triomphe* prior to embarkation and two nights at the Prague Hilton* following the cruise

• A high speed train ticket from Paris to Metz

• Seven nights aboard the Avalon Luminary led by an Orbridge Travel Director

• Onboard lectures, activities, and nightly entertainment

• Eleven breakfasts, six lunches, and seven dinners served with regional wine and beer—including a welcome reception and farewell dinner

• Guided sightseeing in Paris, Trier, Miltenberg, Würzburg, Bamberg, and Prague

• Special Orbridge-included excursions alongside local experts for in-depth looks at the Louvre Museum and an historic district in Prague

• Visits to Reichsburg Castle in Cochem, Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rüdesheim, the Bishop’s Residenz in Würzburg, and the Astronomical Clock and Hradčany Castle grounds in Prague

• All port charges, transportation for included excursions, entrance fees to included sites, and gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, guides, drivers, and porters

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on the suggested group flights

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Day 6: Cochem / Koblenz

Learn the tales of capture, ruin, and restoration during a visit to Reichsburg Castle, perched proudly above the little town of Cochem. As you continue along the Moselle, notice the many vineyards—more than 60% Reisling—along its banks, contributing to the area’s tradition as one of the northernmost wine-growing regions in Europe. Dock in 2,000-year-old Koblenz, located on the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine Rivers, and view the impressive equestrian statue of the Prussian Kaiser Wilhelm I in the “German Corner.”

Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,L,D)

Day 7: Rhine Gorge / Rüdesheim

On your way to lovely Rüdesheim, view a stretch of river freckled with castles along the Rhine Gorge. Pass by Lorelei Rock, a geological formation with a mysterious murmuring echo that has inspired various tales. The German expression, Gemütlichkeit—describing a cheerful state of mind embracing wine, dance, and romance—is often associated with Rüdesheim, where lanes are filled with traditional wine taverns. Visit Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, the first museum collection of automated musical instruments in Germany, and enjoy some free time to explore the Drosselgasse and browse its charming boutiques.

Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,L,D)

Day 8: Miltenberg

Miltenberg’s picturesque Bavarian atmosphere invites you to visit its beautiful Medieval and Renaissance homes, and Gothic Merchant Hall. This evening, learn how to bake a local soft cookie specialty.

Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,L,D)

Day 9: Würzburg

Visit the magnificent Bishops’ Residence in elegant Würzburg. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the palace was completed in 1780 and is considered a masterpiece of the South German Baroque style. View the grand staircase, chapel, and grand salon of the building Napoleon dubbed the “nicest parsonage in Europe.”

Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,L,D)

Day 10: Bamberg

Visit the medieval town of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site where, during the Age of Enlightenment, eminent philosophers and writers such as Hegel and Hoffmann lived. Walk with your guide to view the town’s magnificent cathedral, the Old City Hall built on a bridge over the Regnitz, and its winding streets bordered by charming homes and 18th-century mansions.

Overnight: Avalon Luminary (B,L,D)

Day 11: Nuremberg (Disembarkation) / Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast, disembark in Nuremberg and cross the Czech border in the Bohemian Forest. After you arrive in Prague, enjoy a special Orbridge-included excursion to explore an historic district of the “City of One Hundred Spires.”

Overnight: InterContinental Prague (B)

Day 12: Prague

Explore this 1,000-year-old city today alongside a guide, who will lead you to such treasures as the Astronomical Clock installed in the Old Town Hall Tower in 1410; the ground of Hradčany Castle, the largest ancient castle in the world; St. Vitus Cathedral, the beautiful Gothic structure that oversaw the coronation of Czech kings and queens for centuries; and the Charles Bridge, a 14th-century structure linking the two sides of Prague. Browse shops for hand-cut crystal, meander among the locals in Wenceslaus Square, or stroll along the Vltava River.

Overnight: InterContinental Prague (B)

Day 12: Depart Prague

This morning, take your complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
The Williams College faculty leader on this trip is Daniel O’Connor, the Mark Hopkins Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. Dan is a former Director of the Williams-Oxford Programme whose connections with Germany are also strong. He was in Germany while in the Army and later as a Fulbright Scholar. He recently spent another year in Germany, visiting his daughter’s family, and he has led two alumni trips in the region, on the Elbe River and on the Rhine. He is an expert on the EU and will discuss its role during the journey.
The Avalon Luminary
Relax and enjoy the vistas from your deluxe stateroom or suite in the 361-foot Avalon Luminary, or choose to see the sites from its spacious Sky Deck. The multiple lounges, bar, whirlpool, fitness center, hair salon, and library guarantee an unforgettable voyage.

Hotel du Collectionneur Arc de Triomphe*
Spend two nights prior to embarkation at the elegant Hotel du Collectionneur Arc de Triomphe. In the heart of Paris, many of the city's most celebrated sites are just minutes away. Treat yourself in the rejuvenating spa, dine al fresco in Le Safran restaurant, and retreat to your artfully furnished room.

InterContinental Prague*
Two nights following disembarkation, enjoy the first-class comfort of the InterContinental Prague, nestled on luxurious shopping boulevard Pařížská next to historical Old Town Square. Unwind after an eventful day of exploration with a dip in the pool or Jacuzzi; and for majestic skyline views, dine in the renowned rooftop restaurant, Zlata Praha.
Cabin Preference:
1st choice________________2nd choice_________________

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**Early Reservation Bonus:**
FREE Orbridge Expedition Library when you reserve your space by February 22, 2013.

*Rates are per person, based on double occupancy in U.S. dollars. For single reservations, a 50% supplement will be added to the applicable cabin category’s discounted alumni rate. Single cabin availability is limited. Airfare and gratuities to ship’s crew and Avalon Cruise Director not included. **Place your deposit on or before the specified date (see above) and one Expedition Library per cabin reserved will be sent upon receipt of final payment.
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