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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Embark with us on a nine-night land and river cruise journey to discover centuries of history and culture in the Czech Republic and Germany! Enjoy two nights at a centrally located hotel in Prague, five nights aboard an intimate, exclusively chartered river ship, and two nights in the heart of Dresden's baroque grandeur.

In the capital city of Prague, head off on walking tours through the old town and Josefov, the well-preserved Jewish Quarter; tour magnificent Prague Castle; and choose from included excursions to the picturesque towns of Karlovy Vary or Český Krumlov. Cruise the scenic Vltava River with stops along the way to tour the impressive castles of Konopiště and Nelahozeves; stroll through 10th-century Litoměřice, one of Bohemia's oldest cities; and try Czechia's famous beer at a brewery. In Dresden, Germany, take in the elegant royal district, tour its celebrated opera house and get a up-close look at the Green Vault's dazzling treasures.

This thoughtfully designed program features educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers, a professional Travel Director to handle the details, and ample time for independent exploration. Guarantee your spot on this fantastic journey by making your reservation today!

Sincerely,

Kirk Purdom
Chief Executive Officer

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Centre of Prague
2. Great Spa Towns of Europe: Karlovy Vary
3. Historic Centre of Český Krumlov



Mineral spring, Karlovy Vary



Discovery begins here



Immerse yourself in Bohemia's rich tapestry of beauty, history and culture on this enriching land and river journey! Explore the resplendent cities of Prague and Dresden and cruise along Czechia's picturesque Vltava River. You'll linger inside grand Bohemian castles, appreciate the serenity of stunning St. Vitus Cathedral, and be awed by the precious, glittering objects stored in Dresden's Green Vault. Enjoy fascinating walking tours, step backstage at a historic opera house and sample fresh Czech beer!

Top: Konopiště Castle | Above: Czech wine and cheese
Cover: Prague | Mail panel: Mělník on the Vltava River |
Church of Our Lady, Dresden

Inspiring Moments



- **Savor two-night stays** in the historic hearts of **Prague** and **Dresden**.
- **Cruise the Vltava River** for five nights amid Bohemia's romantic landscapes.
- Visit the 13th-century **Konopiště Castle**, a former Habsburg hunting retreat.
- Explore stately **Prague Castle** and marvel at breathtaking St. Vitus Cathedral.
- Learn about the history of Prague's storied **Jewish Quarter**.
- Admire the sumptuous baroque interiors of noble **Nelahozeves Castle**.
- Behold **Dresden's grandeur** during visits to the majestic Opera House and the Green Vault's treasure chamber.
- Discover the old royal city of **Litoměřice**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Scenery along the Vltava River

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic. 🌐

Day 2 | Prague, Czech Republic

Arrive and transfer ➡ to the Cosmopolitan Hotel Prague. Gather later for a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Prague

Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution. Learn how this non-violent 1989 uprising led to the end of communism in Czechoslovakia and the emergence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Prague Walking Tour. On a guided walk in the historic old town of the capital city, delight in the colorful baroque and Gothic architecture and the beautiful Astronomical Clock, a marvel of medieval craftsmanship installed in 1410.

Free Time: The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 4 | Karlovy Vary • Český Krumlov | Prague | Embark ship

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**
Both choices feature free time afterward in each town for lunch on your own and exploring.

- **Karlovy Vary Historic Tour.** Take a guided walk in this renowned spa town founded in the 14th century and check out the Vřídlo Geyser, its largest hot mineral spring. Ride by funicular up to the Diana Observation Tower to behold panoramic views of the lush Těpla River Valley.
- **Český Krumlov City Tour.** Stroll through this enchanting medieval town nestled along the Vltava River, filled with Gothic, Renaissance and baroque architecture, such as the Plague Column and the 13th-century town castle.

This afternoon, return to Prague and embark the ship. Your cruise kicks off with a festive Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Day 5 | Cruising | Štěchovice

As the ship cruises from Prague on the Vltava River, relish Bohemia's tranquil countryside.

Konopiště Castle. Disembark in Štěchovice for a tour of this 13th-century, French-style fortress which later became the hunting lodge of the House of Habsburg. Renovated in the 18th century, it features lavish interiors adorned with tapestries and woodwork and a large collection of medieval armor and weapons once owned by the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria.

Free Time: After dinner, relax on board or walk around Štěchovice, where the ship will dock.

Day 6 | Prague

Travel by motor coach from the ship to Prague.

Prague Castle & St. Vitus Cathedral. This vast ancient castle complex has been the seat of Czech rulers since the ninth century. Take in the Castle Gallery's impressive paintings and meander down 16th-century Golden Lane,

"Annunciation" by Peter Paul Rubens, Castle Gallery, Prague





lined with charming homes once occupied by the castle's guards, goldsmiths and servants. See the old Royal Palace and step inside St. Vitus Cathedral, the castle's crown jewel and once the coronation site for Czech kings and queens. A lunch on the castle grounds follows.

Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter. Explore Josefov on a guided walk and gain insight into Prague's historic Jewish religious life. Visit key sites of the Prague National Jewish Museum, which includes the Old-New Synagogue and the Old Jewish Cemetery, where thousands of gravestones, some dating to the 15th century, are closely layered atop one another.

Rejoin the ship in Prague for dinner on board.

Free Time: Spend the evening on the ship or head into Prague with plans of your own.

Day 7 | Cruising | Kralupy | Mělník

Cruise this morning from Prague to Kralupy, and disembark for your castle excursion.

Nelahozeves Castle. Discover the luxurious baroque-period lifestyle of a noble Bohemian family on a tour of this handsome Renaissance castle that houses a private collection of fine

furniture and paintings by legendary artists.

Return to the ship docked in Mělník, located at the confluence of the Vltava and Elbe rivers.

Free Time: If you'd like, take a stroll through Mělník's historic town square this evening.

Day 8 | Litoměřice | Mělník | Kralupy

This morning, travel to Litoměřice, one of Bohemia's oldest towns, by motor coach.

Litoměřice Walking Tour. This lovely town was built on the site of a Slavic fortress in the 10th century. See highlights including the Old Town Hall, the Romanesque St. Stephen's Cathedral and the baroque Bishop's Palace.

AHI Connects | Czech Brewery Visit & Tasting. Learn about Czechia's beer culture and try the delicate, slightly bitter Czech beers.

Return to the ship in Mělník for lunch and a leisurely afternoon of cruising to Kralupy, where the ship moors overnight.

Day 9 | Disembark ship | Dresden, Germany

After breakfast this morning, disembark the ship and take a scenic drive to Dresden.



Nelahozeves Castle



Treasures of Dresden. On a panoramic tour, see the castles along the Elbe River, the Blue Wonder cantilever truss bridge and the posh Weisser Hirsch neighborhood. Then, walk with your guide in the splendid historic district past baroque gems, including the Dresden Zwinger complex and the Church of Our Lady.

Free Time: Make your own plan for lunch.

Green Vault. Study the impeccably crafted details of Europe's largest treasure collection, which features spectacular decorative objects and jewelry amassed by August the Strong and other Saxon rulers.

Check in to the Hilton Dresden afterward.

Day 10 | Dresden

Dresden Opera House. Go behind the scenes on a guided tour of the acclaimed, elegant Semperoper in the Theaterplatz.

Free Time: Set your own agenda for lunch and exploring in Dresden this afternoon.

Tonight, celebrate your wonderful journey during a Farewell Reception at the hotel.

Day 11 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🌟 PYJ experiences are included.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features



Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **2 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the first-class Cosmopolitan Hotel Prague.
- **5 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class Elbe Princesse.
- **2 nights** in Dresden, Germany, at the first-class Hilton Dresden.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners; including a Welcome Dinner; all drinks included on board except special wines and spirits.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌟 **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- 🕒 **Elective** and free time.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Astronomical Clock, Old Town Square, Prague





Opera House, Dresden



Český Krumlov



EXTEND YOUR STAY

Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



Berlin | 3 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Take in this exciting city's famous sites, from Brandenburg Gate to the Berlin Wall Memorial, plus enjoy a full free day on your own! Includes three nights at the first-class Hilton Berlin; daily breakfasts and a lunch; a scenic/walking tour; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; gratuities for guides and drivers; deluxe motor coach transfer and baggage handling from Dresden to Berlin; and all taxes and service charges.

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2027 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **June 5-15, 2027**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **June 6-15, 2027**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land | Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
B-Main	\$6,745	\$5,995
A-Upper	\$8,245	\$7,495

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.
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Upper deck category A features a French balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass window. Main Deck category B has high-opening window.
Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).
Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.
Single accommodations are an additional \$1,995 (limited availability).

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://miss.ahitravel.com/destinations/2055A?schoolId=107>.

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- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.





MS Elbe Princesse

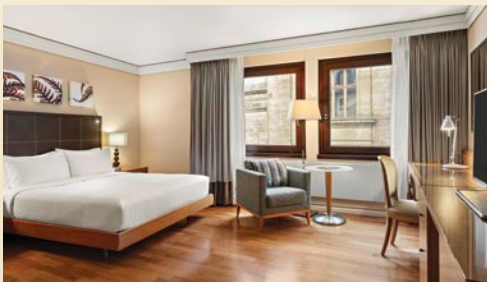
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St. Stephen's Cathedral, Litoměřice



Czechia's distinctive beer



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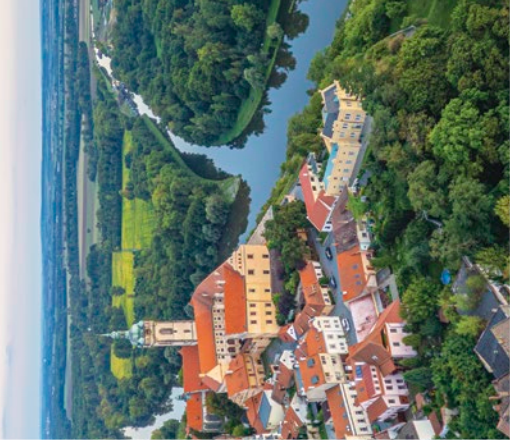
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