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## East Meets West: The Link-Up on the Elbe

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An 8-night river cruise from Berlin to Prague aboard the MS *Elbe Princesse* featuring authors and historians Alexandra Richie, DPhil and Peter Caddick-Adams, PhD

APRIL 11 – 19, 2019





## BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Dear Friend,

One of the hallmarks of The National WWII Museum's educational travel program has been helping travelers gain a deeper understanding of the many complexities of *the war that changed the world* and their lasting impact in our world today.

The Elbe River, one of the most storied waterways in military history, presents the perfect backdrop for exploring the famous Link-Up of Soviet and American troops – an important step toward ending the war in Europe and one that offers insights into the beginnings of the Cold War.

While traveling from Berlin to Prague aboard the *MS Elbe Princesse*, guests on *East Meets West: The Link-Up on the Elbe* will delve into fascinating aspects of the war that are seldom explored by Americans. After years of hard-won battles against the Wehrmacht, the Soviets – advancing from the East – and the Americans – advancing from West – met in the middle near the German town of Torgau on the Elbe River. With Germany now effectively cut in two, the Allied forces of the East and the West celebrated and posed for several photos shaking hands as comrades-in-arms against the Nazis.

COVER PHOTO: AN AMERICAN CAVALRY LIEUTENANT HOLDS A CAMERA AND HAS HIS ARM AROUND THE SHOULDER OF A FEMALE SOVIET SOLDIER WHO HOLDS A FLOWER AFTER THE TWO ARMIES LINKED UP IN TORGAU, GERMANY, APRIL 27, 1945. COURTESY OF JOHN FLOREA/THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES.

To provide historical context during this one-of-a-kind historical journey, the tour will feature best-selling author and historian Dr. Alexandra Richie, as well as British military historian and author Dr. Peter Caddick-Adams. After reading through the itinerary, I'm sure you'll agree that *East Meets West* provides a rare opportunity to sail along the Elbe River while exploring WWII sites and gaining insight into this important time in world history. We hope you'll consider joining us for what is sure to be a memorable journey.



Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson  
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum

ABOVE PHOTO: GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES, THE US FIRST ARMY COMMANDER MEETS UP WITH A SENIOR SOVIET OFFICER ON THE ELBE RIVER AT TORGAU/POPPERFOTO/GETTY IMAGES.





## A BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP

On the partially destroyed bridge over the Elbe, the Soviet and American soldiers built a new one – between countries. On this historic day, they met as comrades-in-arms, embraced, and exchanged “souvenirs” such as buttons, stars, and patches from each other’s uniforms.

## FROM OUR COLLECTION

Below are photos of artifacts from the Link-Up on the Elbe that the Museum has in its collection. Other documents and materials from the Museum’s archive will be reproduced and shared with tour participants.



### TEREK COSSACK HAT

The Soviet Union was composed of many diverse ethnic groups, and the traditional military forces of these groups were incorporated into the Soviet Army. Cossack cavalymen from the Russian Steppes region were one such group. This hat, based on a traditional Cossack design, was given to Lt. George Taulbee, Sr., of the 83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion when he met Soviet Forces on the Elbe River in 1945.

*Gift in memory of George Taulbee, Sr. 2004.185.012*



### TOKAREV “TT” PISTOL

Major General James Edward Moore, Chief of Staff, Ninth Army, linked up with Soviet forces at the Elbe River just prior to V-E Day. The pistol was presented to Maj. Gen. Moore by an unidentified Soviet general. Moore remained in the army after the war and ascended to command SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) in 1963.

*Gift of Major Robert B. Kazak 2016.415.001*

PHOTO PAGE 4: “ELBE DAY” RUSSIAN PHOTO SHOWING US ARMY’S 2ND LT. WILLIAM ROBERTSON WITH RED ARMY LT. ALEXANDER SYLVASHKO SYMBOLIZING THE MEETING OF THE TWO ARMIES ON THE RIVER ELBE NEAR TORGAU / PICTORIAL PRESS LTD / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO



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## FEATURED AUTHOR & HISTORIAN

### *Alexandra Richie, DPhil*

Alexandra Richie is a historian of Germany as well as Central and Eastern Europe, with a specialization in defense and security issues. She completed her B.A. (Hons) in Political Science at the University of Victoria and went on to study at St. Antony's College, Oxford, where she wrote her doctoral thesis, *The Political Manipulation of History in East and West Germany*.

Richie is also the author of *Faust's Metropolis: A History of Berlin*, which was named one of the top ten books of the year by *American Publisher's Weekly*, and *Warsaw 1944*, which won the *Newsweek* Teresa Torańska Prize for best non-fiction book of 2014 and the Kazimierz Moczarski Prize for Best History Book in 2015.

She has contributed to many articles, documentaries, radio, and television programs, and is the Convener of the Presidential Counselors at The National WWII Museum. She is also a member of the Senate at the Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland, and the Władysław Bartoszewski co-chair of History and International Studies at the Collegium Civitas. Dr. Richie is a favorite with our travelers and has hosted dozens of tours with The National WWII Museum to destinations in Germany, Poland, along the Elbe, and in the Baltic.

## FEATURED AUTHOR & HISTORIAN

### *Peter Caddick-Adams, TD, PhD, FRHistS*

Peter Caddick-Adams, TD, PhD, FRHistS, has lectured at the UK Defence Academy since 1999. He was educated at Shrewsbury School, Sandhurst, and Wolverhampton University, gaining First Class Honours in War Studies; he received his PhD from Cranfield University. Caddick-Adams is now widely regarded as the battlefield guide of choice for princes, peers, politicians, military commanders and senior executives, having taken thousands of British, US, and NATO troops to battlefields across the world and in 2008 led a private tour of British royals to Normandy.

With over 500 battlefield visits around the world to his credit, he covers all periods in history from the Romans to the present day, and has also led many official commemorations with serving soldiers and veterans. Caddick-Adams first visited Normandy in 1975 in a Jeep driven by a D-Day veteran, and has studied the campaign ever since.

A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he was previously a Visiting Lecturer at Oxford and Birmingham Universities, and now lectures at staff colleges around the world on military history, doctrine, terrorism, psychological and media operations, most recently in Afghanistan. He is a regular commentator on BBC and Sky for major events. His recent books include *Monty and Rommel: Parallel Lives* (Random House, 2011) and *Monte Cassino: Ten Armies in Hell* (Oxford University Press, 2012).



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 8-night river cruise experience aboard the intimate paddlewheel-driven ship *MS Elbe Princesse*
- Full time access and nightly conversations with featured historians Dr. Alexandra Richie and Dr. Peter Caddick-Adams
- Full-time logistical tour manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- 8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, and 8 Dinners
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Beer, wine, spirits, coffee, water, tea, and soft drinks throughout the cruise
- A comprehensive collection of included shore excursions
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- Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and attractions on included excursions
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum's collection
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- Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Included gratuities to shipboard crew, guides, drivers, and porters
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge
- Keepsake journal and pen to document your journey
- Complimentary bottled water included on all excursions and transfers





## East Meets West: The Link-Up on the Elbe

BERLIN TO PRAGUE | APRIL 11 – 19, 2019

The Elbe River is one of Europe's most storied waterways as well as the site of one of the most famous military link-ups in world history: the monumental meeting between the forces of the Western Allies and the Soviet Union on April 25, 1945. Join authors and historians Alexandra Richie, DPhil, and Peter Caddick-Adams, PhD, as we revisit this monumental meeting near Torgau, Germany. This convergence was the result of years of hard-won battles, and meant that the end of the war was finally near. From the east, the Soviet Union won a long and vicious battle in Stalingrad from November 1942 to February 1943, and embarked on a slow and bloody push toward Germany. In the West, American forces faced a difficult and costly 100 days

in Normandy, overcoming fierce German resistance in the Huertgen Forest and the Ardennes to cross the Rhine and push toward Berlin. Once both forces reached the banks of the Elbe, photographers spent days arranging photos of the soldiers shaking hands and celebrating.

During this river cruise, visit the rebuilt city of Dresden, site of one of the most infamous bombing raids in history; tour the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation in Wittenberg, with stops at the All Saints' Church and the Luther House; and bear witness to the Nazis' attempt to hide the true nature of their extermination policies from the world at Theresienstadt Concentration Camp.

From \$5,595 per person (double occupancy)  
when booked by December 7, 2018.

*See page 31 for details.*





HOUSE OF WANNSEE

## DAY 1

### The Experience: Berlin

April 11, 2019 – Arrive into Berlin Tegel Airport (TXL) this morning and transfer to the Sofitel Berlin Kurfürstendamm to store luggage prior to embarkation on *MS Elbe Princesse* later this afternoon. Relax in the hotel lobby, or enjoy lunch and free time to explore independently. During the years that Berlin was divided, this area was the center of West Berlin. Reminders of the city's history surround the hotel, from famous Café Kranzler to the Kaiser-Wilhelm Memorial Church and nearby Berlin Zoo. The onboard journey begins later this evening during a Welcome Reception and Dinner aboard *MS Elbe Princesse*.

Accommodations: *MS Elbe Princesse* (R, D)

## DAY 2

### The Experience: Potsdam

April 12, 2019 – Dock in Potsdam this morning for a visit to the House of the Wannsee Conference. This lakeside villa is where Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich and other high-ranking Nazis gathered in 1942 to devise the “Final Solution,” the extermination of the Jewish population of Europe. In 1992, on the 50th Anniversary of the Conference, the Wannsee House reopened as a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Continue to Cecilienhof Palace, site of the post-war Potsdam Conference where Truman, Attlee, and Stalin discussed the partition of Germany and the trials of Nazi war criminals in 1945. Return to the ship this afternoon to enjoy a late lunch and a leisurely afternoon sailing towards Magdeburg. A conversation with Dr. Richie and Dr. Caddick-Adams during an evening reception recaps the day's touring.

Accommodations: *MS Elbe Princesse* (B, L, D)





AERIAL VIEW OF MAGDEBURG

## DAY 3

### The Experience: Magdeburg

April 13, 2019 – This morning, enjoy cruising and attend an optional lecture regarding this afternoon's tour. Magdeburg has the unfortunate distinction of having been destroyed twice in its history. During the Thirty Years' War, the important Protestant city was attacked by a force estimated to have been 40,000 strong. After a day of heavy artillery attacks and several days of looting, many buildings and homes were destroyed, and the city

retained only a small fraction of its population following the battle. It never fully regained its former standing as an equal in importance with the cities of Hamburg and Cologne. In January 1945, a raid by the Royal Air Force again destroyed most of the city. The Magdeburg Cathedral stands as one of only a few structures to have withstood both attacks.  
Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L, D)





THE MARTIN LUTHER MEMORIAL ON THE  
MARKET SQUARE IN WITTENBERG

## DAY 4

### The Experience: Wittenberg

April 14, 2019 – As the cruise continues south, visit the city of Wittenberg, famous for Martin Luther’s 95 *Theses* and spared destruction by the Allies during World War II. The catalyst for the Protestant Reformation, Luther’s protests against policies and corruption in the Catholic Church had wide-

ranging and long-term effects on the region. Visit the All Saints’ Church where the doors commemorate Luther’s actions and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Luther House.

Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L, D)





AERIAL VIEW OF TORGAU

## DAY 5

### The Experience: Torgau

April 15, 2019 – In Torgau, the story turns to the monumental meeting on the Elbe between American and Soviet forces. The tour visits both sides of the river: the western side where the American advance was ordered to halt, and the eastern side where the Soviets stopped. At the time of the meeting, plans were already underway to split Germany into occupation

zones, and the Red Army was attacking Berlin. During the Cold War, this river would form a portion of the boundary between East Germany and West Germany.

Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L, D)





VIEW OF DRESDEN FROM THE ELBE RIVER

## DAY 6

### The Experience: Meissen & Dresden

April 16, 2019 – This morning, an optional cultural tour of Meissen is offered. Meissen is famous for the manufacture of porcelain, based on extensive local deposits of china clay and potter's clay. Meissen porcelain was the first high-quality porcelain to be produced outside of the Orient. This afternoon, dock in Dresden, one of the most important centers of modern art and dance in early 20th century Germany. Tragically, the Allies firebombed Dresden in 1945, almost completely destroying its architecture, paintings, theaters, and museums. During the attack, POW Kurt Vonnegut survived by securing himself in an underground meat locker. The experience became the inspiration for his acclaimed work

Slaughterhouse-Five. The creative heart of Dresden's residents remained intact, and painstaking restorations of the buildings continue to this day. Pay a visit to the Bundeswehr Military History Museum, located inside a former arsenal. Continue on to Frauenkirche, the Church of Our Lady. Destroyed during the firebombing of Dresden in 1945, the ruins of the church sat for almost 50 years as a monument to World War II. A conversation with Dr. Richie and Dr. Caddick-Adams during an evening reception recaps the day's touring.

Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L\*, D)

*\*If participating in the Meissen tour, lunch is on own while touring.*





KÖNIGSTEIN FORTRESS

## DAY 7

### The Experience: Bad Schandau

April 17, 2019 – Dock near the Czech Republic border and travel to one of the largest hilltop fortifications in Europe. The Königstein Fortress has been declared impregnable at several times throughout its history. Saxon kings would retreat to this fortress in times of war or instability, and cultural treasures would be hidden inside. During World War II, the fortress

served as a prison – first for Polish POWs, and later for French officers and generals. In April 1942, French General Henri Giraud escaped the prison by lowering himself down the outer walls and jumping onto a train headed to France. He then traveled to North Africa via a British submarine. Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L, D)





CEMETARY AT THERESIENSTADT

# THROUGH THEIR EYES

MARK RUBIN, *Holocaust Survivor*



Born in Czechoslovakia, Mark Rubin spent his early childhood in hiding with his family. He states, “We were like bounty, my mother, brother, and me. My father was in a different hiding place...so not to all get captured at the same time.” The daughter of the family who was hiding the Rubin family turned them in to the Gestapo for a reward. His father was captured the day before. The Rubin family was sent first to Sered, a transit camp, after which Mark’s father was able to bribe the Nazi officer to have the family sent to Terezín or Theresienstadt (north of Prague), which at that time had become a “model” Red Cross camp. The Germans had invited the Red Cross to inspect this camp to prove that Jews were not being systematically murdered, but instead, were just isolated from the general population. In reality, large deportations to Auschwitz prior to the Red Cross visit left the false impression that the camp was spacious with plenty of room for recreation and activities.

The family spent four days traveling across the country in a cattle car. Although Mark was only 7 years old at the time, he says, “you become an adult very quickly.” While in the camp, he had no knowledge of what was happening in the war. In May 1945, Terezín was liberated by the Russian forces after the fall of Berlin. Only 100 of the 35,000 children who were there during the war survived—Mark, his brother, and his two cousins were four of the survivors. After liberation, Mark and his family settled in Bratislava, now the capital of Slovakia, and then in Presov, also in present-day Slovakia. When it became apparent that Communism was threatening the livelihood of the Rubin family, they emigrated to the United States and arrived in New York on March 18, 1948.

PHOTO: RUBIN FAMILY, MARK RUBIN  
PICTURED AS YOUNG BOY ON RIGHT





AERIAL VIEW OF THERESIENSTADT

## DAY 8

### The Experience: Litoměřice

April 18, 2019 – Outside the town of Litoměřice, visit the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, which primarily housed Jews from Bohemia, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany, and later was a transfer point to the death camps in Poland. To the outside world, the Nazis presented Theresienstadt as a model for Jewish resettlement. Propaganda films showed Jews living a comfortable life under the protection of the Third Reich with art and cultural activities available to all. Included in the films was the children's opera *Brundibár*, written in 1938 and first performed by child inmates of the camp. A farewell reception, dinner, and special Q&A session with our featured historians this evening provides a meaningful end to a memorable voyage.

Accommodations: MS *Elbe Princesse* (B, L, R, D)

## DAY 9

### The Experience: Litoměřice/Prague

April 19, 2019 – Disembark the MS *Elbe Princesse* this morning and transfer to the Vaclav Havel Airport in Prague or continue on the optional, post-cruise extension program, *Prague: Repression and Revolt*. (B)



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PHOTO: CZECH UPRISING  
VICTORY PARADE

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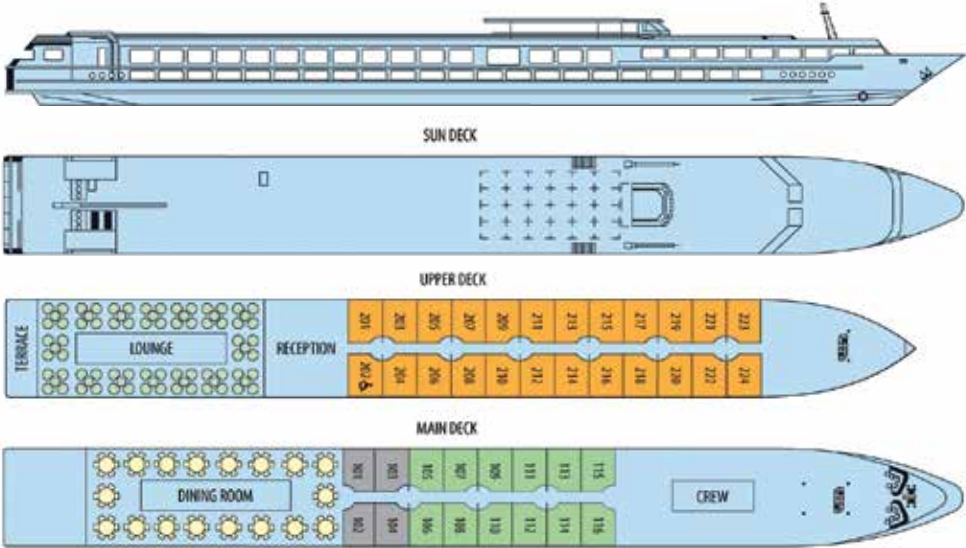
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