



RIVER LIFE™

SAXONY ALONG THE ELBE

GOHAGAN & COMPANY EXCLUSIVES

- ◆ Offer this custom-designed Gohagan itinerary at an extremely attractive price, the **best value** in the nonprofit market, with travel aboard the exclusively chartered, superior first-class M.S. SWISS CORAL.
- ◆ Participate in a **full program of cultural and educational enrichments**, including specially arranged meeting with local residents, **private tours** and **exclusive lectures**.
- ◆ Journey along a **cultural conduit and powerfully historic region** of Europe inaccessible to Western travelers for decades during the Cold War and **largely undiscovered** by western travelers.



THIS UNIQUE NINE-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF CENTRAL EUROPE provides a perfectly balanced introduction to the region's rich historical and cultural legacies. Explore the grand palaces and opera houses of Prague and Dresden; walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther through medieval Wittenberg; see the craftsmanship of Meissen's prized porcelain; and discuss life in rural Saxony at the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM.

OCTOBER 8 TO 16, 2010

ITINERARY

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Berlin, Germany/
Embark M.S. SWISS CORAL
- 3 Magdeburg
- 4 Wittenberg
- 5 Meissen
- 6 Dresden
- 7 Pillnitz/Cruise Elbe River
- 8 Melnik, Czech Republic/Prague
- 9 Prague/Disembark M.S. SWISS CORAL/
Return to the U.S. or Canada

BERLIN PRE-PROGRAM OPTION ◆ PRAGUE POST-PROGRAM OPTION





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INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE INTIMATE M.S. SWISS CORAL

- ◆ Seven-night cruise from Berlin, Germany, to Prague, Czech Republic, with port calls at Magdeburg, Wittenberg, Meissen, Dresden and Pillnitz, Germany; and Melnik, Czech Republic.
- ◆ Comfortable, air-conditioned outside stateroom with private bathroom facilities.
- ◆ Captain's welcome reception and dinner.
- ◆ Three meals each day—breakfast, lunch and dinner—served at single, unassigned seatings—and morning bouillon, afternoon tea and late-evening snack.

All tours and excursions below are led by expert local guides:

- ◆ Visit to Otto the Great's imperial capital of **Magdeburg**, including a tour of the Gothic Cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Wittenberg**, highlighted by visits to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Martin Luther's house, the Palace Church and St. Mary's Church, featuring the 16th-century altar by Lucas Cranach.
- ◆ Visit to 15th-century Albrechtsberg Castle followed by a walking tour through well-preserved **Meissen**.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Dresden**, the "Florence of the North."
- ◆ Excursion in Pillnitz to tour the Asian-inspired **Pillnitz Castle** and stop for breathtaking views of the **Elbe Sandstone Mountains**.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Prague**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the *Staré Město* (Old Town) and *Josefov* (old Jewish quarter) to the historic Charles Bridge.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- ◆ Exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM** with local residents who will discuss daily life in Saxony.
- ◆ Learn more about the birth of the Reformation during a special guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage site **Martin Luther's restored home** in Wittenberg.
- ◆ Tour of the world-famous **Porcelain Museum in Meissen** followed by a demonstration of porcelain craftsmanship.
- ◆ Backstage visit to the exquisite **Semper Opera House** in Dresden.
- ◆ Private tasting of world-renowned **German and Czech beers** on board the ship.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.



M.S. SWISS CORAL

There is no better way to visit the towns and villages along the Elbe River than by cruising



aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. SWISS CORAL.

This intimate, fully air-conditioned, superior first-class vessel, with only 45 cabins, is perfectly suited to maneuver Europe's serpentine waterways. All cabins are outside and tastefully furnished in a classic decor with two twin beds, private bathroom with shower, individual climate controls, radio, television, minibar, safe and hair dryer. Meals are skillfully prepared by European chefs and feature international cuisine and local specialties. The inviting lounge and bar with panoramic windows, the comfortable reading area equipped with books and games and the sun deck with reclining deck chairs offer guests the perfect places to relax while enjoying the best possible views of the scenic countryside. The professional, international crew provides impeccable personal and attentive service.

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