Prague to Paris
OCTOBER 9–22, 2013

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Carole Fink ’68 PhD

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MAIN & RHINE RIVERS
ABOARD THE ELEGANT River Cloud II
Dear Yale Traveler,

ROMANTIC OLD WORLD VILLAGES set among picturesque winding rivers, vineyards, and rolling hills along with vibrant cities emblematic of a rapidly transforming Europe comprise the culturally rich and historically significant threads of a memorable journey in the Czech Republic, Germany, and France.

This fascinating itinerary is bookended by two of Europe’s most vibrant cities—Prague and Paris—connected by a scenic river cruise aboard the elegant River Cloud II from Nuremberg to Strasbourg and a two-hour journey on France’s high-speed train, TGV, from Strasbourg to Paris.

As you cruise along the Main and Rhine Rivers aboard the lovely 88-passenger River Cloud II, chartered for the exclusive use of Yale and Harvard travelers, you will enjoy the amenities of one of the finest river vessels in Europe, including elegant staterooms and public areas, refined cuisine, and impeccable service. A series of presentations by Yale lecturer Carole Fink ’68 PhD and Harvard music professor John Stewart will enrich your experience.

To register, please complete the reservation form in this brochure and mail or fax it to Yale Educational Travel. You may also make a secure reservation online at www.YaleEdTravel.org/rhine13. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Edersheim ’87
Senior Director, International Alumni Relations and Travel, Association of Yale Alumni

STUDY LEADERS

CAROLE FINK ’68 PhD is Humanities Distinguished Professor Emerita, The Ohio State University. A specialist in European international history, she is the author of Defending the Rights of Others: The Great Powers, the Jews, and International Minority Protection, 1878–1938, and The Genoa Conference: European Diplomacy, 1921–1922, both winners of the George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association, and Marc Bloch: A Life in History, which has been translated into six languages. Currently finishing a book on the global Cold War, 1917–1991, she is delighted to join alumni and Yale friends in exploring the past and present of some of Europe’s most beautiful and historically important cities, where she has both lived and worked.

JOHN STEWART, a composer and music theorist, earned degrees from the New England Conservatory and Harvard University and taught at the New England Conservatory before joining the Harvard faculty, where he taught harmony, counterpoint, composition, and musicianship until retiring in 2008.
Culminate a memorable journey with two nights in Paris, the “City of Light.”
Itinerary

Wednesday & Thursday, October 9 & 10
HOME / PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Prague. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. PRAGUE MARRIOTT HOTEL

Friday, October 11
PRAGUE
After a morning orientation, discover the fairy tale-like setting of Prague’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, during a guided walking tour that showcases six centuries of architectural styles lining cobbled streets. Continue to the former Jewish quarter, which preserves the oldest synagogue in Europe and the evocative Old Jewish Cemetery. Enjoy an afternoon of independent exploration before a private welcome gala at Lobkowicz Castle, a lovely ancestral palace in the heart of the city. PRAGUE MARRIOTT HOTEL (B,D)

Saturday, October 12
PRAGUE
This morning explore the ancient Prague Castle complex, which dominates a hilltop on the left bank of the Vitava River and offers lovely views over the city. Prague Castle, a royal residence in the 9th century, today comprises a rich variety of churches, gates, chapels, palace halls, and towers from every period of its history, including the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, built over a 600-year period, and the Old Royal Palace, with its beautiful late-Gothic Vladislav Hall. PRAGUE MARRIOTT HOTEL (B,L)

Sunday, October 13
PRAGUE / NUREMBERG, GERMANY (EMBARK)
Depart Prague this morning and drive through scenic countryside and across the German border to Nuremberg. After a typical Bavarian lunch, visit the Third Reich parade grounds and tour the courthouse, site of the Nuremberg trials. Embark on RIVER CLOUD II and depart Nuremberg this evening, transiting the Main-Danube Canal, an engineering triumph originally conceived by Charlemagne in the 8th century and completed in 1992. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Monday, October 14
BAMBERG
Arrive this morning in Bamberg, founded in 902 and situated on seven hills, with a network of canals winding their way around splendid baroque buildings. Enjoy a walking tour of its beautifully preserved Old Town and a private string quartet concert, followed by an afternoon of cruising the Main River. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)
Tuesday, October 15

**WÜRZBURG**
One of the most magnificent Baroque buildings in southern Germany—the Würzburg Residenz Palace—rises high above the Main. In the 16th century, the medieval castle was converted into a magnificent palace with five grand halls, 300 bedrooms, a mirrored gallery, and an enormous, recently restored ceiling painting by Tiepolo. This afternoon enjoy a children’s choir concert in a local church and a private tasting of Franconian wines in the historic cellar of the Residenz Palace.

*RIVER CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

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Wednesday, October 16

**MILTENBERG**
Dock this morning at Miltenberg along Bavaria’s famous Romantic Road, which runs through the medieval heart of Germany. Miltenberg’s strategic location on the Main River allowed it to develop into an important trading center. Enjoy a walking tour among picturesque timberwork houses followed by a private organ recital.

*RIVER CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

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Friday, October 18

**HEIDELBERG / SPEYER**
Enjoy a guided walking tour of Heidelberg, home to a number of great poets and academics, world-famous castle ruins, and Germany’s oldest university. This afternoon visit Speyer’s acclaimed Romanesque cathedral, which houses the largest crypt in Germany.

*RIVER CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

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Thursday, October 17

**CRUISING THE ROMANTIC RHINE**
Cruise along the most beautiful stretch of the Romantic Rhine through the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has inspired artists and composers for centuries. This afternoon, from the river port of Braubach, choose between a visit to 12th-century Marksburg Castle, considered the best-preserved medieval castle on the river, or a guided bicycling expedition along riverside paths through scenic towns and countryside.

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Saturday, October 19

**STRASBOURG, FRANCE**
In the heart of Alsace lies Strasbourg, where the European Parliament makes important decisions about the future of its 27 member countries. Built at the intersection of several Roman roads, Strasbourg features a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-designated city center with 16th-century half-timbered houses and a Gothic cathedral built of red sandstone. Explore the city by coach and on foot, and enjoy a lively panel discussion on European affairs with local leaders.

*RIVER CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

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Sunday, October 20

**STRASBOURG (DISEMBARK) / PARIS**
Disembark the *River Cloud II* and meander on local boats through the canals of Strasbourg’s “Petite France,” as the former tanners’ and fishmongers’ districts are known. After an Alsatian lunch, board the TGV (high-speed train) for Paris. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic coach tour of the city’s architectural highlights and an evening at leisure to explore on your own.

*HOTEL DU COLLECTIONNEUR ARC DE TRIOMPHE* (B,L)

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Monday, October 21

**PARIS**
This morning choose between two walking tours of Paris neighborhoods—either the stylish Marais district, including Place des Vosges and the newly renovated Picasso Museum, or the boutique-lined streets and artistic haunts of the Latin Quarter. Or, at an additional cost, choose a guided coach excursion to Giverny and visit the house where Claude Monet lived most of his life, including the lovely gardens featured in many of his most famous works. The afternoon is free for independent exploration before a festive farewell reception and dinner.

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Tuesday, October 22

**PARIS / HOME**
This morning transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
River Cloud II

Launched by the owners of the legendary Sea Cloud, the five-star River Cloud II combines nostalgic luxury with state-of-the-art marine technology to create an elegant and intimate cruising experience. The 44 outside cabins each offer a large queen or two twin beds, individually adjustable air-conditioning, minibar, TV/video, personal safe, cozy robes, fresh flowers, and private bathroom (with shower) appointed in marble with brass and gold fixtures. Cabin Deck staterooms feature brass-rimmed portholes; Promenade Deck staterooms feature panoramic arched windows. The public areas include a spacious lounge with a custom-built Steinway grand piano, paneled mahogany library, large sun deck with teak deck chairs and bar, small boutique, hair salon, and a dining room that accommodates all guests in a single, unassigned seating. Refined Italian-influenced cuisine is prepared by outstanding European chefs incorporating local ingredients fresh from the market, and a fine selection of wines from regional vintages is included with lunches and dinners on board.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**

International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare New York to Prague with return from Paris is approximately $1,109 as of December 2012 and is subject to change without notice.

**Terms & Conditions**

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
- U.S. domestic and international airfare  
- Passport and visa fees  
- Medical expenses and immunizations  
- Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance  
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour  
- Excess-baggage charges  
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included  
- Private transfers

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

The pace of this program is moderately active, with a few miles of walking each day. Most of the historic city centers have large segments that are closed to motor coaches, and city tours involve walking on cobbled streets or uneven terrain, and may involve extended periods of standing in museums and churches. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

**GROUP SIZE:**

This program is limited to 72 participants, including travelers from Yale and Harvard.
RESERVATIONS

To reserve today, fax this reservation form to Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-0587 to hold your space for one week, pending receipt of your deposit or credit card instructions. Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail it with this registration form to: Association of Yale Alumni, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. You can also make a secure reservation at www.YaleEdTravel.org/rhine13.

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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for $ ________ ($1,000 per person).

☐ to reserve _____ place(s) on Prague to Paris

OR  ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card:

☐ VISA  ☐ MC  ☐ AMEX  ☐ DINERS CLUB  ☐ DISCOVER

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CABIN CATEGORY PREFERENCE:

1st Choice _________________  2nd Choice _________________

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):  ☐ One bed  ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS:

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR  ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

SIGNATURE DATE

OR  ☐ I’d like to know about roommates.

I am a ☐ Non-smoker / ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of June 11, 2013, I will pay the single rate.

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

SIGNATURE DATE

Enjoy the picture-book scenery along the Rhine and Main rivers.
Enjoy a private children’s choir concert in Würzburg.

**Highlights**

Experience the elegant atmosphere, impeccable service, and excellent cuisine of the 88-passenger **River Cloud II**, just over half the size of most riverboats in the region.

Visit seven **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES**: the historic centers of Prague, Bamberg, and Strasbourg; the Würzburg Residenz; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley; Speyer Cathedral; and the banks of the Seine in Paris.

Sample the **DIVERSE CUISINES AND WINES** of Bohemia, Bavaria, Alsace, and Paris during meals and private tastings ashore.

Attend **PRIVATE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**—from Czech folk music and dance to the Bamberg String Quartet—in memorable settings.

Tour the **NUREMBERG** courthouse, site of the war crimes trials, and attend a panel discussion on European affairs in **STRASBOURG**, seat of the European Parliament.

Explore the picturesque timberwork houses in Miltenberg, which lies on both sides of the Main River.