The Historic Rhine
Basel to Amsterdam
Aboard the Royal Crown

Carlos Eire ’79 PhD
T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History & Religious Studies

May 6–19, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler

Cruise along the Rhine and Moselle rivers aboard the privately chartered 45-suite Royal Crown riverboat from Basel to Amsterdam, exploring the region's ancient Roman heritage and 20th-century military history. Visit classic highlights such as Strasbourg, Mainz, and the fairytale castles of the romantic Rhine; a variety of well-preserved ancient Roman cities; and important sites from World War II, including General Patton’s famous Third Army crossing in Oppenheim and Operation Market Garden at Arnhem.

On many days, participants are invited to choose the excursion activity that best suits their interests. Some excursions explore ancient Rome’s impact on the region, featuring ancient Roman archaeological and battle sites. Other excursions delve into World War II history along the Rhine and Moselle. Throughout the cruise, travelers will enjoy viewing gorgeous scenery, dining in a historic castle, visiting vineyard estates to taste regional wines, and sampling local craft brews. An optional two-night pre-cruise extension in Basel, Switzerland, and an optional two-night post-cruise extension in the Netherlands are also available.

The Royal Crown is an intimate vessel just over half the size of most riverboats, and Yale travelers will be sharing this fascinating program with participants from Princeton and Cornell. Sign up now by mailing or faxing the completed reservation form to Yale Educational Travel, or make a secure reservation online at yaleedtravel.org/rhine19. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Happy travels,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel Association of Yale Alumni

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Yale Study Leader

Carlos Eire, the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History & Religious Studies, received his PhD from Yale in 1979. He specializes in the social, intellectual, religious, and cultural history of late medieval and early modern Europe, with a strong focus on both the Protestant and Catholic Reformations; the history of popular piety; and the history of the supernatural and of death. Before joining the Yale faculty in 1996, he taught at St. John's University in Minnesota and the University of Virginia, and was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton for two years.

A past president of the Society for Reformation Research, he is currently researching attitudes toward miracles in the 16th and 17th centuries. He is the author of numerous books, the latest of which, Reformations: The Early Modern World (2016), won the R.R. Hawkins Prize for Best Book of the Year from the American Publishers Association, as well as the award for Best Book in the Humanities.

Additional Lecturers

Colonel Kevin J. Weddle, Ret., Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the U. S. Army War College, is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. Col. Weddle has led groups of visitors to significant battlefields and beachheads of World Wars I and II, as well as to crucial sites in centuries-earlier campaigns, such as Waterloo and Agincourt. He received his PhD from Princeton in history in 2003 and is the author of Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont.

Barry Strauss, the Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar Professor in Humanistic Studies at Cornell University, is chair of Cornell's Department of History, a military historian with a focus on ancient Greece and Rome, and an acclaimed author whose books include Masters of Command: Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar and the Genius of Leadership (2012), and, most recently, The Death of Caesar (2016). Educated in history at Cornell (BA ’74) and Yale (PhD ’79), he studied archaeology at the American School at Athens as a Heinrich Schliemann Fellow (1978–79).

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Itinerary
MAY 6–19, 2019

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, April 23 (tentative)
Join the group at 4pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Carlos Eire in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

HOME / BASEL, SWITZERLAND
Monday–Tuesday, May 6–7
Depart home on an overnight flight to Basel. Embark the Royal Crown and enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. Royal Crown (R,D)

BASEL
Wednesday, May 8
This morning take a tour of Basel, Switzerland’s third-largest city. In the afternoon, choose from one of two options. OPTION 1: Augusta Raurica, site of the oldest known Roman colony on the Rhine. Ongoing excavations have revealed many public structures as well as numerous commercial buildings, and the onsite museum houses important finds from the excavation. OPTION 2: The Kunstmuseum Basel, which contains the largest collection of works by the Holbein family. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE
Thursday, May 9
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. This morning explore the city by coach and on foot, then meander on local boats through the canals of Strasbourg’s “Petite France,” as the former tanners’ and fishmongers’ districts are known. OPTION 1: Fort Schoenenbourg, a Maginot Line fortification that retains all of its original structural elements. OPTION 2: A wine tasting in Alsace, an important wine-producing region in France, noted for its dry Rieslings. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

MAINZ, GERMANY
Friday, May 10
Enjoy a morning of cruising along the beautiful Rhine River to Mainz, where native son Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type printing in 1439. This afternoon, take a guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum, where you can view a replica of Gutenberg’s workshop, observe a demonstration of his printing method, and see a copy of his 42-line Bible, printed between 1452 and 1455. Then take an opportunity to stroll along the banks of the Rhine River in the shadow of Mainz’s charming architecture. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

RHINE GORGE
Saturday, May 11
This morning traverse the scenic Rhine Gorge, the popular name for the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, which earned UNESCO World Heritage designation in 2002 for its unique combination of geological, historical, cultural, and industrial reasons. After lunch the Royal Crown enters the Moselle River and cruises past storybook castles and lush vineyards en route to Bernkastel and Trier. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

BERNKASTEL / TRIER
Sunday, May 12
Bernkastel-Kues is a well-known wine-growing center on the Middle Moselle. Enjoy a private tasting of wines, primarily Reislings, grown on steep-sloped vineyards. Continue to Trier, renowned for its Roman and medieval buildings. Visit the well-preserved Porta Nigra city gate, the 4th-century Basilica of Constantine (Aula Palatina), and a 2nd-century CE Roman bridge, still in use. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

KOBLENZ
Monday, May 13
After a morning of cruising, disembark in Koblenz and continue to Namedy Castle for a personal welcome by Princess Heide von...
Hohenzollern, lunch, and a private tour while the ship continues to Remagen. Continue overland to view the Bridge Towers and hear a guest lecture on the Battle of Remagen, when Allied troops unexpectedly capture the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine in March 1945 and seriously thwarted German military operations in the area. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

KOBLLENZ / COLOGNE Tuesday, May 14
Arrive in Cologne after a morning of cruising. Tour Cologne Cathedral, the city’s most famous and most beloved landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also visit the Roman-German Museum to view a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne is built. This evening, enjoy free time for independent exploration. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

DUISBERG / DUSSELDORF Wednesday, May 15
OPTION 1: Xanten archaeological park and open-air museum, built on the site of the Roman settlement of Colonia Ulpia Traiana. OPTION 2: Dusseldorf, an international business and financial center renowned for its fashion and trade fairs. Explore some of the city’s wealth of contemporary art museums and enjoy a tasting of Altbier (top-fermented “old beer”) at a local brewery. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

DEVENTER, NETHERLANDS Thursday, May 16
OPTION 1: Park Kalkriese, archaeological site of a pivotal Germanic tribes’ victory over the Romans in A.D. 9. The site museum highlights ongoing research in the area. OPTION 2: A walking tour and museum visit in Kampen, a former Hanseatic League city with one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands. Afternoon tea will be taken in Middachten Castle, a monumental Dutch manor house originally built in the 12th century. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

ARNHEM Friday, May 17
OPTION 1: Arnhem secured a place in World War II history as the site of Operation Market Garden, the failed effort by Allied forces to secure nine bridges over the Rhine. Visit Frost Bridge, named after the British officer in command at Arnhem, and the Airborne Museum, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem. OPTION 2: The Kröller-Müller Museum, a national art museum and sculpture park that boasts the second-largest collection of Van Gogh paintings and a fine assemblage of modern and contemporary sculptures. Drive to the tiny country village of Bronkhorst for free time to explore its picturesque buildings and medieval castle. All: This evening enjoy an optional sunset walk across the contemporary De Oversteek Bridge in Nijmegen, where the American soldiers who died here are honored every night with the lighting, in slow succession, of street lamps spanning the bridge. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

AMSTERDAM Saturday, May 18
Amsterdam, an important port during the 17th-century Dutch Golden Age, is one of Europe’s top financial hubs with a long history in the diamond trade. The city’s 17th-century canals and 19th- and 20th-century Defence Line of Amsterdam enjoy UNESCO World Heritage status. OPTION 1: A boat tour of the city’s extensive canal system and a walking tour of occupied Amsterdam, ending at the Resistance Museum. OPTION 2: A visit to the Rijksmuseum, a Dutch national museum dedicated to art and history, and free time for independent exploration. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner on board. Royal Crown (B,D)

AMSTERDAM / HOME Sunday, May 19
After breakfast and disembarkation, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B,L,R,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner

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**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

**PROGRAM RATES**, per person (including VAT and taxes)

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**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**
- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader Carlos Eire
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Airport transfers on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel
- Port charges
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners
- Bottled water on motor coaches
- Professional tour manager
- Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance

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- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Travel insurance
- Deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess-baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Room service
- Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges
- Other items of a personal nature

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “CRITERION TRAVEL” along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due January 6, 2019.

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WHAT TO EXPECT: The pace of this program is moderately active, with a minimum of one mile of walking each day on excursions, often on cobbled streets or uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs often are unavailable. There may be extended periods of standing outside in the elements. Temperatures will be in the 60s to low 70s F, with cool mornings and evenings. Participants must be in good health and able to walk without assistance.

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