The Historic RHINE

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM ABOARD THE ROYAL CROWN

May 6–19, 2019

With COL. KEVIN J. WEDDLE *03
Professor of Military Theory and Strategy,
U.S. Army War College
Dear Princetonian,

Cruise along the Rhine River 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 with Study Leader favorite, Col. (Retired) Kevin J. Weddle *03, Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College. Visit classic villages such as Strasbourg, Mainz and Cologne; meander through a variety of well-preserved ancient Roman cities; and trace the path of World War II history at Oppenheim, where General Patton’s Third Army crossed into Germany and Arnhem, the site of Operation Market Garden.

On many days, participants are invited to choose the activity that best suits their interests. Some excursions explore ancient Rome’s impact on the region, such as Augusta Raurica, an ancient Roman archaeological site and open-air museum, or the Roman ruins at Trier and Kalkriese, where the Germanic/Roman Battle of the Teutoburg Forest occurred in the first century. Other excursions delve into World War II history along the Rhine and Moselle, from Arnhem’s Airborne Museum and Nijmegen’s Overlord Museum to the De Oversteek Bridge where American soldiers fought for the liberation of the Netherlands. An optional pre-cruise program in Basel, Switzerland, and post-cruise program in the Netherlands are also available for those wishing extend the adventure.

The *Royal Crown* is an intimate vessel just over half the size of most riverboats in the region, with elegant public areas and staterooms, and refined cuisine and service. Princeton travelers will be sharing this fascinating program with participants from Yale, Cornell, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Archaeological Institute of America, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair

Executive Manager

Princeton Journeys
Barry Strauss, the Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar Professor in Humanistic Studies at Cornell University, is former 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 held the Lucy Shoe Merritt Invitational Residency, American Academy in Rome in 2013.

Carlos Eire, T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History & Religious Studies at Yale, 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. A past president of the Society for Reformation Research, he is currently researching attitudes toward miracles in the 16th and 17th centuries. His latest book, Reformations: The Early Modern World (2016), won the R.R. Hawkins Prize for Best Book of the Year from the American Publishers Association.

Marvel at Cologne’s stunning cathedral (COVER), an acclaimed marriage of German Catholicism and Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (THIS PAGE) Explore the Roman archaeological site of Augusta Raurica, founded around 44 B.C. and the oldest known Roman colony on the Rhine. Sample some of the fine Rhine wines made from grapes grown along the banks of the Rhine and Moselle rivers (BACK COVER).
Thursday, May 9

**STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

Like many of the region’s border cities, Strasbourg has traded hands several times between France and Germany; today, the French capital of Alsace and seat of the European Parliament reflects both cultures—linguistically, architecturally, and gastronomically. 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 cruise on small local boats through the canals of Strasbourg’s “Petite France.” This afternoon, choose from one of two options.

**OPTION 1:** Visit Ouvrage Schoenenbourg (Fort Schoenenbourg), a Maginot Line fortification. Although heavily bombarded during the Battle of France in 1940, it suffered little significant damage and retains all of its original structural elements.

**OPTION 2:** Indulge in a wine tasting in Alsace, an important wine-producing region in France, noted for its dry Rieslings.

Friday, May 10

**MAINZ, GERMANY**

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. This evening, stroll along the banks of the Rhine River in the shadow of Mainz’s charming architecture.

Saturday, May 11

**RHINE GORGE**

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 significance. After lunch the Royal Crown enters the Moselle River and cruises past storyboard castles and lush vineyards en route to Bernkastel and Trier.

Sunday, May 12

**TRIER / BERNKASTEL**

Trier is likely the oldest city in Germany and well known for its Roman and medieval buildings. Today visit the well-preserved Porta Nigra city gate, the fourth-century Basilica of Constantine and a second-century Roman bridge that is still in use. After lunch visit Bernkastel-Kues, birthplace of one of the most famous German polymaths, the medieval churchman and philosopher Nikolaus von Kues. Enjoy a private tasting of wines, primarily Reislings, grown on the steep-sloped vineyards of the Middle Moselle.

Monday, May 13

**KOBLENZ**

After a morning of cruising, disembark in Koblenz and continue to Namended Castle where you will be greeted by Princess Heide von Hohenzollern, before enjoying a private concert and tour. This afternoon, continue overland to Remagen, view the Bridge Towers and hear a guest lecture on the Battle of Remagen, when Allied troops unexpectedly captured the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine in March 1945 and thwarted German military operations in the area.

Tuesday, May 14

**KOBLENZ / COLOGNE**

This morning arrive in Cologne, once the largest city of the Holy Roman Empire, today considered the cultural hub of Germany. Tour Cologne Cathedral, the city’s most famous and most
beloved landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Next visit the Romano-Germanic Museum and marvel at the large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne is built. This evening is at leisure for independent exploration in Cologne. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, May 15**

**DUISBERG / DUSSELDORF**

Cruise to Duisberg and choose one of two options for this afternoon's activity. **OPTION 1:** Discover Xanten Archaeological Park, Germany's largest open-air archeological museum, built on the site of the Roman settlement of Colonia Ulpia Traiana. **OPTION 2:** Journey to 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)

**Thursday, May 16**

**DEVENTER, NETHERLANDS**

Today choose from two optional activities. **OPTION 1:** Tour Park Kalkriese, an archaeological site that commemorates the Germanic tribes’ victory over the Romans in A.D. 9. The museum on site highlights ongoing research in the area. **OPTION 2:** Enjoy 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)

**Friday, May 17**

**ARNHEM**

Today choose from one of two full-day options. **OPTION 1:** Explore Arnhem, a 19th-century genteel resort town turned World War II history site, home to 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. Also explore the Overloon War Museum in Nijmegen, located on the site of the Battle of Overloon, a World War II tank and infantry battle between Allied and German forces that occurred in September and October 1944, in the aftermath of Operation Market Garden. **OPTION 2:** Explore the Kröller-Müller Museum, a national art museum and sculpture park that boasts the second-largest collection of van Gogh paintings in the world and a superb assemblage of modern and contemporary sculptures. Those who wish may enjoy optional cycling in the surrounding Park Hoge Veluwe. After the museum drive to the tiny country village of Bronkhorst, population approximately 150, for time at leisure to explore its picturesque buildings and medieval castle. **ALL:** This evening enjoy an optional walk at sunset across the modern De Oversteek Bridge in Nijmegen, where the American soldiers who died here fighting for the liberation of the Netherlands are honored every night with the lighting in slow succession of street lamps spanning the bridge. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

**Saturday, May 18**

**AMSTERDAM**

Today arrive in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, although not the seat of government. An important port during the 17th-century Dutch Golden Age, it is one of Europe’s top financial centers and has 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. This morning delight in a classic boat tour of the city’s extensive canal system, then choose from one of three optional afternoon activities. **OPTION 1:** Discover “occupied” Amsterdam on foot during a walking tour, ending at the Resistance Museum. **OPTION 2:** Visit the world-renowned Rijksmuseum, the Dutch national museum dedicated to art and history. **OPTION 3:** Enjoy an afternoon of independent exploration. **ALL:** Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. Royal Crown (B,L,D)

**Sunday, May 19**

**AMSTERDAM / HOME**

After breakfast and disembarkation, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
Royal Crown

With the nostalgic charm of a glamorous 1930s yacht and the comfort and service of a four-star vessel, the elegant 45-stateroom Royal Crown is perfect for cruising European waterways. Spacious teak decks blend with elegant public rooms and staterooms appointed with mahogany, rosewood, and marble, rich fabrics, and specially designed furniture. All passenger cabins have a view with picture windows (Panorama Deck) or two large portholes (Select Deck). The cabins are fully air-conditioned and heated with individual climate control, have a flat-screen television, ample wardrobe space, bedside drawers for storage, and a small combination safe. En suite bathrooms are equipped with a shower and hair dryer. Public amenities include a library, boutique, elegant Art Deco-inspired lounge with panoramic views, and a dining room with open seating. The Lido Deck features a large sun deck running almost the entire length of the vessel, the Lido bar, a putting green, and a large-scale chessboard.

PROGRAM RATES, per person (including VAT and taxes)

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AIR ARRANGEMENTS

Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can provide 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. Please note: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Basel, Switzerland, with return from Amsterdam, Netherlands, is approximately $650 per person as of August 2018 and is subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE:
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations
- 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

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Private 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
- Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

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.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS

Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 75 participants, including travelers from Princeton, Yale, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Cornell and the Archaeological Institute of America.
INSURANCE
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip-cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

Terms & Conditions

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due January 6, 2019. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise twelve nights aboard the privately chartered Royal Crown from Basel to Amsterdam, enjoying the SCENIC RHINE GORGE and the hillside vineyards and historic castles of the Moselle.

Enjoy carefully curated excursion options throughout the cruise, all included in the tour price, for SMALL-GROUP EXPERIENCES and the opportunity to focus on what most interests you.

Explore some of Europe’s best-preserved ROMAN RUINS, including Augusta Raurica, Xanten, and Kalkriese, where an epic battle between the Romans and Germanic tribes was fought.

Visit important WORLD WAR II SITES, among them Fort Schoenenbourg, a Maginot Line fortification; strategically critical Allied Rhine River crossings; and Arnhem, where the unsuccessful Operation Market Garden unfolded.

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