IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF EINSTEIN

PRAGUE AND BERLIN

June 9–17, 2022

Featuring Michael D. Gordin, Professor of History and author of Einstein in Bohemia
DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

Princeton Journeys is delighted to invite you on this uniquely Princeton historic adventure, tracing the life of Albert Einstein during his years in Prague and Berlin, with the Rosengarten Professor of Modern and Contemporary History and author of *Einstein in Bohemia*, Michael D. Gordin.

During the four days in stunning Prague, former capital city of Bohemia, and three days in Berlin, Professor Gordin will reveal key sites where Einstein found his place among the thriving intellectual scene. This itinerary offers an appealing combination of historic site tours – Prague’s Opera House, Klementinum Library, the Albert Einstein Science Park, and Einstein's summer home in Caputh – with ample time for independent exploration. A scenic first-class train ride through the countryside connects the two cities. Accommodations are at the five-star Four Seasons Prague and iconic Adlon Kempinski Berlin. In addition to daily lectures and touring, travelers will enjoy a string quartet concert and private dinner party at a hillside castle in Prague as well as a festive farewell event at a special venue in Berlin.

Professor Gordin, a specialist in the history of modern science, will be the study leader on this journey. His lecture series will be drawn from his recent book, *Einstein in Bohemia* (Princeton, 2020), which follows the intertwined paths of Albert Einstein and the city of Prague (where the physicist taught from 1911 to 1912) across the twentieth century.

This bespoke itinerary is limited to just 23 participants, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting our partner tour operator, Criterion Travel at (888) 328-2089.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys

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HOME / PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Prague, arriving on June 10. Transfer and check in to the luxurious and centrally located Four Seasons Prague near the Charles Bridge on the bank of the Vltava River. Enjoy a restful afternoon at leisure. You may also choose to arrive in Prague one day early, in time for a morning guided visit to Prague Castle and the impeccably preserved library at the Strahov Monastery on June 10. Details for this optional excursion will be sent to registered travelers.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (MEALS ALOFT)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Prague

Meet your fellow travelers at a morning orientation and introductory lecture, then stretch your legs on a guided walking and coach tour featuring Einstein’s home and workplace. Explore charming Old Town Prague, including Old Town Square, home of an intricately decorated astronomical clock and the iconic pointed spires of Tyn Cathedral, and the stunning Municipal House, cultural epicenter of this city for centuries. After a free afternoon, dine together at a private hillside castle overlooking the city with a gala reception and string quartet concert.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (B,R,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Prague

This morning visit the Prague Opera House for a private guided tour to learn about its long and varied history. Then tour historic Jewish Prague with visits to some of Europe’s oldest synagogues, which are still in use. This afternoon visit the majestic Klementinum Library, an exquisite example of Baroque architecture first opened in 1722. Gather this evening for dinner featuring modern and traditional Czech cuisine and enjoy a guest briefing by an Einstein scholar.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (B,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Prague

Spend the day in Prague’s bucolic green countryside with a stop in the quaint town of Benátky nad Jizerou, where Tycho Brahe first met Johannes Kepler in 1600. Tour Benátky Castle, including the observatory that was built by Tycho Brahe. Continue to Kutná Hora, the former economic hub of 14th-century Bohemia and UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site. This evening is at leisure to further explore Old Town independently.

FOUR SEASONS PRAGUE (B,L)

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TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Prague / Berlin, Germany

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and take a first-class scenic train ride to Berlin through the Elbe River valley. Get acquainted with the lively capital city with an orientation tour. Begin to learn about Einstein’s discoveries and landmark moments during his time in Berlin, which was defined and bookended by the two World Wars. Settle into the iconic Adlon Kempinski hotel, boasting a prestigious blend of history and contemporary luxury in the shadow of the Brandenburg Gate.

HOTEL ADLON KEMPINSKI (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Berlin

Begin the morning with a lecture and special visit to the Einstiunturm (Einstein Tower), built to perform checks on Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity, and part of the Albert Einstein Science Park in Potsdam. Explore the Cecilienhof Palace, where Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met in 1945 to redesign the map of Europe after World War II. Then visit the lakeside village of Caputh to tour Einstein’s simple residence at which he hosted many contemporaries during his stay, including Max Planck, Heinrich Mann, and Erwin Schrödinger. This evening is at leisure to explore Germany’s cultural center.

HOTEL ADLON KEMPINSKI (B,L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Berlin

Take an architectural tour of the city that features some of Berlin’s most impressive buildings, ranging in style from Neoclassical to Brutalist to Postmodern. After a free afternoon, gather for a festive farewell dinner.

HOTEL ADLON KEMPINSKI (B,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Berlin / Home

Transfer to Brandenburg Airport for independent flights home.

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OUR STUDY LEADER

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Currently the director of the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Gordin served as acting chair of Princeton's History department in 2020-2021. He came to Princeton in 2003 after earning his A.B. and his Ph.D. from Harvard University, and serving a term at the Harvard Society of Fellows. In 2011 he was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and was named a Guggenheim Fellow. In 2019, he was elected as a member of the Leopoldina, the National Academy of Sciences of Germany. He is the author of seven books, which range across the history of science, Russian history, and the history of nuclear weapons.

HIGHLIGHTS

» Delve into the world of early 20th-century Prague, with its fairy-tale spires and cobbled streets, to learn about its influence on Einstein as a young scientist and university lecturer.

» Learn about Einstein's discoveries and landmark moments in Berlin, which was defined and bookended by the two World Wars.

» Spend four nights at the centrally-located Four Seasons Prague, with views of the Vltava River, and three nights at Berlin's historic Adlon Kempinski.

» Enjoy a day in Prague's bucolic green countryside, including the quaint town of Benátky nad Jizerou, where Tycho Brahe first met Johannes Kepler in 1600.

» Tour the Einsteinturm (Einstein Tower) in Potsdam's Albert Einstein Science Park, built to perform checks on Einstein's Theory of General Relativity, and explore the Cecilienhof Palace, where Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met in 1945 to redesign the map of Europe.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Four Seasons Prague
Set in a premium location on the picturesque Vltava River a stone's throw away from the Charles Bridge and overlooking historic Prague Castle, Four Seasons Prague interweaves Czech cultural traditions and centuries of architecture with modern comfort and convenience. Rooms immerse guests in history with a variety of design and styles from 15th-century Baroque to contemporary urban.

Adlon Kempinski Berlin
The Adlon is a legendary 5-star hotel in a central location beside the Brandenburg Gate, allowing quick access to some of Berlin's main landmarks including the Holocaust Memorial, Checkpoint Charlie and Pariser Platz. State-of-the-art facilities include a double Michelin-star restaurant, a shopping arcade, and a neoclassical indoor pool. Rooms have a sophisticated allure with antique furnishings and marble bathrooms.
GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES

Per person, double occupancy .......................................................... $6,495
Single supplement ......................................................................... $1,500

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PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE
All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including seven five-star hotel nights, seven breakfasts, three lunches, three dinners, and one wine reception.
- Two glasses of house wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group dinners
- Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations
- First-class train tickets from Prague to Berlin - Group airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates - Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for all group activities - Entrance fees - Complete packet of pre-departure information - Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. 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. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE
This exclusive program is limited to 23 participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT
The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Up-to-date information about COVID-related protocols and restrictions is being monitored and will be sent to confirmed participants in pre-departure mailings.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
For those who register after March 11, 2022, full payment is due upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. To reserve a place, please contact Criterion Travel by phone at (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is March 11, 2022. For those who register after March 11, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

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Upon payment of the $1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (March 11, 2022). Cancellations after final payment date: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Note: Neither the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
- U.S. domestic and international airfare - Passport/visa expenses - Medical expenses and immunizations - Travel and trip cancellation insurance - Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days - Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour - Airline 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

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 “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

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ITINERARY CHANGES
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