Journey from Prague to Paris

Cruise the Main and Rhine Rivers
Aboard River Cloud II

September 27 to October 10, 2011
We often use “romantic” to describe our Classic Journeys. The word beautifully captures the essence of this trip. Romanesque cathedrals and ancient castles bridge our journey from Prague to Paris as we cruise down winding rivers passing old-world villages set among rolling hills etched with vineyards. This itinerary goes beyond romantics, however, showcasing a rapidly transforming new Europe. Experience the rebirth of Prague since the fall of the Iron Curtain; stand in Nuremberg’s courthouse, site of the historic post-World War II trials; and visit Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament. Our journey ends in ever-romantic Paris. Historian Bob Hamrla, a favorite of Stanford travelers, joins Yale’s William Whobrey, a medieval studies expert, to provide an in-depth educational program. Join us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**ENJOY** the elegant appointments of the 88-passenger *River Cloud II* as we glide past grand cathedrals, medieval monasteries, castles and vineyards.

**DELIGHT** in specially arranged private concerts and events, including a festive evening at an ancestral palace near Prague.

**SAVOR** the diverse foods and wines of Bohemia, Bavaria, Alsace and Paris during meals and private tastings ashore.

**DELINE** into the more recent past with visits to the courthouse in Nuremberg, site of the war crimes trials, and the European Parliament in Strasbourg.
Itinerary

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28
THE U.S. / PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. MARRIOTT HOTEL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
PRAGUE
After a morning orientation and lecture, discover the fairy-tale setting of Prague's Old Town, a World Heritage site, during a guided walking tour. Spared the ravages of war, this historic quarter showcases six centuries of architectural styles lining its cobbled streets. Continue to the Josefov district, the former Jewish quarter, which preserves the oldest synagogue in Europe and the evocative Old Jewish Cemetery. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch and further independent explorations. Gather this evening for a private welcome gala at Nelahozeves Castle, a lovely ancestral palace just north of the city. MARRIOTT HOTEL (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
PRAGUE
This morning explore the ancient Prague Castle district (Hradčany), which dominates a hilltop on the left bank of the Vitava River and offers lovely views over the “City of a Hundred Spires.” Prague Castle emerged as the royal residence in the 9th century, and today comprises a rich mix of churches, gates, chapels, palace halls and towers from every period of its history. Our visit includes a guided tour of the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, built over a 600-year period, and the Old Royal Palace, with its beautiful late-gothic Vladislav Hall. After lunch at a local restaurant, stop for a private briefing at the U.S. Embassy. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. MARRIOTT HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
PRAGUE / NUERMBERG, GERMANY
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, by special arrangement, tour the courthouse, site of the Nuremberg trials. Embark 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, allowing river traffic all the way from the North Sea to the Black Sea. The canal, which has 16 locks, winds 106 miles through the scenic Franconian Alps and rural Bavaria. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
BAMBERG
Arrive this morning in Bamberg, founded in 902 and featuring the beautifully preserved Old Town, a World Heritage site. Bamberg is also the site of the only papal grave north of the Alps and is situated on seven hills, with a network of canals meandering beside splendid baroque buildings. Enjoy a walking tour and private string quartet concert, then return to the River Cloud II for an afternoon of cruising down the Main River. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
WÜRZBURG
One of the most magnificent baroque buildings in southern Germany, the Würzburg Residenz Palace is a World Heritage site rising high above the Main River. It was fully renovated in the 16th century, when the medieval castle was converted into a magnificent palace with baroque gardens, five grand halls, 300 bedrooms, a mirrored gallery decorated in the Rococo style and an enormous (recently restored) ceiling mural by the Venetian artist, Tiepolo. After lunch onboard, enjoy a children's choir concert and visit the hilltop fortress of Marienberg, surrounded by vineyards. Return to the Residenz for a private tasting of Franconian wines in its historic cellar. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4
MILTENBERG
The River Cloud II calls this morning at Miltenberg, along Bavaria's famous Romantic Road, which runs through the medieval heart of Germany. Enjoy a walking tour among the picturesque timberwork houses of this Bavarian village, then continue to Amorbach to hear a concert on its famous baroque organ. Return to our vessel for lunch, then enjoy a full afternoon at leisure in Miltenberg. Cruise overnight to Mainz, situated at the confluence of the Main and Rhine rivers. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
MAINZ / RÜDESHEIM
Arriving in Mainz, visit the Gutenberg Museum, honoring the inventor of the printing
press. The museum is housed in a reconstruction of his 15th-century workshop and features a number of priceless early books, including a Gutenberg Bible. At the gothic St. Stephen’s Church, view the evocative stained-glass windows by Marc Chagall, created to replace the church’s original stained-glass windows that were destroyed in World War II. After lunch at a local restaurant, travel by coach through the Rheingau wine-growing region and enjoy a private tasting of Rhine Valley wines in the grand rooms of the Eberbach Monastery, where scenes from *The Name of the Rose* were filmed. Re-embark the River Cloud II in Rüdesheim late this afternoon. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
HEIDELBERG / SPEYER
Heidelberg immediately conjures up images of the world-famous castle ruins and Germany’s oldest university. Learn about the city’s heritage on a guided walking tour. Continue this afternoon to Speyer, where we visit the world-famous Romanesque cathedral, site of the largest crypt in Germany. The cathedral was built in the 11th-century as a tomb, and a Christmas sermon here led to the Second Crusade. It was in Speyer that Richard the Lionheart was handed over to Henry VI. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
STRASBOURG, FRANCE
In the heart of the Alsace region, Strasbourg was built at the intersection of various Roman roads, and today is distinguished by an atmospheric old town, protected by UNESCO, with 16th-century half-timbered houses and a gothic cathedral built of red sandstone. Explore the city by coach and on foot, then journey by boat through the canals of “Petite France,” as the former tanner and fishmonger districts of the town are known. After an Alsatian lunch ashore, enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to the European Parliament and a lively panel discussion on European affairs with local leaders. RIVER CLOUD II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
DISEMBARK RIVER CLOUD II
This morning choose between guided tours of the highlights of the Louvre Museum, built and enlarged over centuries and housing one of the most important art collections in the world, and the Museé d’Orsay, a magnificently restored train station on the left bank of the Seine with a superb collection of Impressionist art from the 19th and 20th centuries. Lunch and the remainder of the afternoon are at leisure. Celebrate the end of our journey with a walking tour around the Île de la Cité and Île St-Louis, including visits inside the glorious Notre Dame Cathedral and the exquisite Ste-Chapelle. Then check in to our comfortable, centrally located hotel and take advantage of an evening at leisure to explore the City of Light on our own. HÔTEL DU LOUVRE (B,L)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
PARIS
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Optional Normandy Extension
OCTOBER 10 TO 14
Continue the journey with a four-day extension to Normandy, site of some of the most decisive and fiercely contested battles of World War II. From our comfortable chateau hotel near Bayeux, visit the D-Day beaches and pay respects at the deeply moving Peace Memorial and American Cemetery. Faculty leader Bob Hamrdla provides a full educational program of lectures on the extension. Itinerary and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
River Cloud II

Launched by the owners of the legendary Sea Cloud, the five-star River Cloud II is regarded as one of the finest river vessels in Europe, combining nostalgic luxury with state-of-the-art marine technology to create an elegant and intimate cruising experience. The river yacht is meticulously designed with a 1930s Mediterranean ambience, light woods and warm colors. The 44 outside cabins each feature a large double or two twin beds, individually adjustable air-conditioning, mini-bar, TV/video, personal safe, cozy robes, fresh flowers and private bathroom (with shower) appointed in marble with brass and gold fixtures. Cabin Deck staterooms (118 sq. ft.) feature brass-rimmed portholes and twin beds. Promenade Deck staterooms (150 sq. ft.) feature panoramic arched windows and a queen bed. Additional bed configurations may be available. 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, sauna/fitness area, small boutique, hair salon and a dining room that accommodates all guests in a single, unassigned seating. Panoramic windows let the sun and the scenery in and add to a sense of easy living in the dining room, the lounge, the bar and the computer-equipped library. Refined Italian-influenced cuisine is prepared by outstanding European chefs, with local ingredients fresh from the market, and a fine selection of wines from regional vintages is included with lunches and dinners on board.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted.

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*Association nonmembers add $200 per person.
**Single accommodations are limited at this rate.
**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Journey from Prague to Paris. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Stanford alumni may become Annual ($75) or Life ($495) Members. Stanford parents, faculty, staff, interns, residents and fellows may become installment Members ($90 down, $115/year for four years) or Life Members ($495). Nonalumni may become Life Affiliates (one-time fee, $650). Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/benefits or call (650) 725-0692.

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The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
We consider this to be an active program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Most of the historic city centers we visit have large segments that are close to motorcoaches. Daily programs involve one to two miles of walking, often on cobblestone streets, and may involve extended periods of standing in museums and churches. Participants must be able to walk up and down hills. In many instances, tours will begin on foot directly from the ship where taxis are unavailable. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/ interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**NOT INCLUDED**
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/ interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**FUEL COSTS**
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

**SIZE**
Limited to a total of 75 participants, including travelers from Stanford and the Association of Yale Alumni.
Stanford Faculty Leader

G. ROBERT HAMRDLA, ’60, MA ’64, has been teaching at Stanford for more than 35 years, most recently in the Continuing Studies Program. Fluent in German and a specialist on Central Europe and Nazi Germany, as well as the former German Democratic Republic, Bob has introduced thousands of Stanford students and alumni to Central and Eastern Europe. He has visited these areas – in particular eastern Germany – virtually every year for the past 50 years, and his unfettered enthusiasm for the region is infectious. A former assistant to the president of Stanford and secretary to the board of trustees, Bob also served as the director of Stanford’s Overseas Study Centers in Beutelsbach, Berlin and Kraków. He has led more than 40 Travel/Study programs in Central Europe. Bob is most excited about the combination of rivers we’ll encounter on our journey. “First, the Vltava in Prague, the subject of Smetana’s music in Ma Vlast ‘My Country,’” says Bob. “Then the smaller Main (pronounced mine in German) lined with towns and villages and fabled cities like Würzburg and Regensburg. And finally the storied Rhine, the border between France and Germany, that leads us to our water journey’s end in Strasbourg.”

Yale Study Leader

An expert in Medieval Studies, Professor WILLIAM WHOBREY, PHD ’91, joined the Yale faculty in 1994. He has done extensive research in Germany and other parts of Europe, with a special emphasis on medieval German literature and the history of monastic libraries and their manuscripts. He has taught numerous courses at Yale on the history of Germanic languages, Old Norse sagas and various medieval German texts such as the Nibelungenlied.

Reservation Form

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them. Signature _________________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
√ I wish to have single accommodations.
OR □ I plan to share accommodations with __________________________
OR □ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Category Preference:
1st choice: ____________________________ □ Twin Beds □ Double Bed
2nd choice: ____________________________ □ Twin Beds □ Double Bed

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ___ space(s) on the program.

□ Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR □ Charge my deposit to my: □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express

CARD # EXPIRES

AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip/prague2011.

Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
“Bob Hamrdla’s knowledge of Central Europe was a highlight. He made history and politics come alive!”

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