IN THE WORLD OF
FREDERICK THE GREAT
Dresden & Berlin
With Olivier Bernier

September 15 to 24, 2012
Dear Friends,

When, for forty-six years, Frederick II ruled over the kingdom of Prussia, he astonished Europe, not just by his dramatic successes, but also by the paradoxes of his life. A great general, he was frequently defeated, although, in the end, he invariably produced a series of victories. A man of austere habits — he insisted that his old clothes be darned so that he could wear them again — he also owned an endless series of gold jeweled snuffboxes. An intellectual, whose first language was French, a friend and admirer of Voltaire, he ruled dictatorially, and, although the small retreat of Sans Souci was his favorite residence, he built the vast and sumptuous Neues Palais at Potsdam to show Europe that he could.

In September 2012, I invite you to explore with me a fascinating exhibition celebrating the tercentenary of the birth of Frederick the Great. The newly restored Neues Palais will open major areas never before available to the public. To honor this key 18th-century figure, our trip will include Frederick’s many interests and at least one of his conquests. He was a passionate art collector, one of the best of his time, and that is reflected in the Berlin Museums we will visit; he cared about embellishing his capital and we will see, not just the buildings he commissioned, but also the new architecture which has transformed Berlin. And then there will be Dresden, where our journey begins.

Because Saxony was allied to Austria, Frederick invaded it; because its rulers were exceptional collectors, Frederick watched them eagerly; and so, in Dresden, we will visit the spectacular Green Vaults, restored to their 18th-century splendor as the display center for Europe’s most spectacular collection of jewelry and precious objects, as well as the porcelain and art museums.

This will be a trip full of masterpieces; we will stay in splendid hotels; and we will look at a time when to rule meant to collect. Berlin and Dresden are among my favorite places; I have watched, over decades, as they were brought back to their original greatness. I hope that you will join me as we view the legacy of one of history’s most interesting rulers.

Sincerely,

Olivier Bernier
September 15  DEPART USA
Saturday  Depart on an overnight flight to Dresden.

September 16  ARRIVE DRESDEN
Sunday  Arrive in the baroque city of Dresden, splendidly situated on the Elbe, and transfer to the five-star Kempinski Hotel Taschenbergpalais. Following the almost complete destruction of the city at the end of World War II, Dresden has been restored and rebuilt. It is once again a treasure of architecture, art and 18th century porcelain. An afternoon walking tour in the Old Town includes the rebuilt Frauenkirche. This evening gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel with introductory remarks by Olivier Bernier.

September 17  DRESDEN
Monday  Depart on a morning cruise to Pillnitz to explore Albrechtsburg, the baroque castle built for Augustus the Strong, and the splendid Gothic cathedral. Then drive to the charming town of Meissen, once the seat of Saxon bishops, for a lunch of regional specialties and local wines. After a visit at the famous porcelain manufactory and museum, return to Dresden.

September 18  DRESDEN
Tuesday  Stroll through the Zwinger, an 18th-century pleasure palace, handsomely restored. The palace’s Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister houses one of the world’s outstanding collections of 15th- to 18th-century paintings. European porcelain was first made in Meissen: we will also visit a dazzling collection of its early production. Following lunch see the New Masters Gallery at the renovated Albertinum, dating from 1559, with an art collection including German Romantics and French Impressionists, as well as a comprehensive sculpture collection. In the evening attend a performance at the renowned Semper Opera House.

September 19  DRESDEN
Wednesday  This morning walk to the Residence Palace to view the objets d’art fashioned of precious stones and enamel in the original and reinstalled rooms of the Historic Green Vault. The afternoon is at leisure. The distinctive setting for dinner this evening is the glass-walled Volkswagen factory, whose restaurant Lesage is highly acclaimed.

September 20  DRESDEN | DESSAU | BERLIN
Thursday  A morning drive takes us to Wörlitz and the 18th-century castle built for Prince Leopold Friedrich Franz of Sachsen-Anhalt. The charming English-style garden is embellished with picturesque bridges, statues and pavilions. Continue to Dessau for lunch and a visit to the Bauhaus Museum, focusing on the architectural style developed here in the 1920s. In the late afternoon, arrive at the deluxe Regent Berlin, located in the city’s cultural center. Dinner is at leisure.
September 21  BERLIN | POTSDAM  
Friday  
This year, Germany is celebrating the tercentenary of the birth of Frederick the Great. Today will be devoted to Potsdam, the place he liked best. The Neues Palais, which he built, houses an exhibition dedicated to this greatest of Prussian kings. Rooms, never before opened to the public, will be on view and we will also see Sans Souci, Frederick’s favorite retreat. Following lunch, we will drop into Charlottenburg, the charming little palace designed by Schinkel for Frederick William IV’s queen. Return to Berlin, for an evening at leisure.

September 22  BERLIN  
Saturday  
The focus of the morning is Museum Island. View the spectacular Altar of Zeus and the Processional Way of Babylon in the Pergamon Museum and explore the restored Neues Museum, now housing the famous bust of Nefertiti. Lunch will be at the spectacular Reichstag dome, Norman Foster’s masterpiece. In the late afternoon we look forward to a private visit at the home of a distinguished diplomat with a keen interest in Frederick the Great and the impact of his reign on European history. The evening is at leisure.

September 23  BERLIN  
Sunday  
Begin the day at the Brohan Museum to see Art Deco and Art Nouveau collections, and then view the Berggruen Collection of Klee and Picassos. There will be time for lunch and strolling before our afternoon visit to the Gemäldegalerie with its extraordinary collection of Old Masters from Cranach to Rembrandt and Vermeer. Gather tonight for a special “Auf Wiedersehen” dinner in the hotel’s Michelin two-star restaurant.

September 24  DEPART BERLIN  
Monday  
Transfer to the airport for flights home.
LAND RATE $6,895 PER PERSON  SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $1,095

**RATE INCLUDES**
- Four nights hotel accommodations at the deluxe Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Dresden
- Four nights hotel accommodations at the deluxe Regent, Berlin
- Buffet breakfast daily, five lunches and three dinners
- Airport / hotel group transfers

**SIGHTSEEING VIA DELUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH AS PER THE ITINERARY**
- English-speaking national guides throughout the trip
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service and porterage fees for one suitcase

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- International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine at included meals; personal items and expenses; trip insurance; excess baggage charges; transfers for those not on suggested group flights; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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I wish to share a room with  
☐ Double  ☐ Twin  ☐ Single (with a supplement of $1,095)

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Each participant must sign below. I/we confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the **Terms & Conditions** of this Program. I/we agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure.

Signature (Required):  
Date:  
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