



Iconic Christmas Markets on the Danube River (12 days)

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures. Iconic Christmas markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure. Nuremberg's festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas market in Germany; Regensburg's Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic; Vienna with its impressive Christmas markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; and Budapest's Vörösmarty Square, where products sold in the market are traditionally handmade are yours to explore. Sparkling lights; the festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols; enticing smells of hot-mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, sausages and sweet treats of every kind; and timeless wonders are a feast for all your senses.

COUNTRIES: Austria, Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic

RIVER: Danube

SHIP: AmaLea

Book before April 30, 2023 and receive an Early Booking Savings of \$300 pp

Optional "Travel Waiver Plus Protection" available for \$175 per person

Dates

November 22 - December 03, 2023

Highlights

Itinerary

DAY 1 - November 22, 2023

Flight from Halifax, NS to Prague, Czech Republic (not included; available for an additional cost)

Note - should you wish not to join us for the Prague Land Program, you would depart on November 25, 2023 and arrive in Prague on November 26, 2023

DAY 2 - November 23, 2023

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Check into your hotel in Prague for the beginning of your hotel/land extension.

DAY 3 - November 24, 2023

PRAGUE

The fairytale city of Prague always enchants, but it really sparkles even more during the holiday season. Prague offers a collection of Art Nouveau, Baroque, Renaissance and Gothic architecture, which you'll get to see on your tour. You will visit 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus before walking over the romantic Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square, where you will find the capital's famous Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church and the statue of Jan Hus. You may also hike to Prague Castle. Later in the day, you will have free time to explore Prague's renowned Christmas markets in the Old Town Square. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 4 - November 25, 2023

PRAGUE

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery established in 993. Beer is a core part of the country's national identity, so join a Czech beer tasting and discover for yourself what makes the Czech's beer some of the very best in the world. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 5 - November 26, 2023

PRAGUE - PILZEN - NUREMBERG, GERMANY - EMBARKATION

Check out of your hotel in Prague and drive through the pastoral countryside to head to Nuremberg where you will board the ship for your Iconic Christmas Markets cruise. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

DAY 6 - November 27, 2023

NUREMBERG

Join a city tour of WWII highlights and then walk through Nuremberg's cobblestone streets to the Imperial Castle and 900-year-old city ramparts, followed by a visit to some of the local Christmas markets. Later, you can visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas markets. You will also cross the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube Canal as the day ends. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

DAY 7 - November 28, 2023

REGENSBURG

Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to the base of Walhalla where there is a neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas markets at Thurn and Taxis, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts and crafts. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

DAY 8 - November 29, 2023

PASSAU

Join a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old city, noted for its Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's. Go in search of Bavarian-style crafts at the Christmas Market. Or, for the active adventurer, join a guided bike tour along the Danube. Alternatively, you can travel through the serene Austrian Alps to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Your full-day excursion in Salzburg includes a

walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

DAY 9 - November 30, 2023

MELK, AUSTRIA - VIENNA

High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent Benedictine Abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Alternatively, go on a guided bike ride around Melk. Afterward, enjoy a scenic cruise of the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley before arriving in Vienna and exploring the local Christmas markets. **(Breakfast, Lunch Dinner)**

DAY 10 - December 1, 2023

VIENNA

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Christmas Markets. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike along the Danube River. During the afternoon, visit the Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. This market presents a glittering and stellar Christmas experience. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

DAY 11 - December 2, 2023

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Budapest is one of Europe's most regal and storied cities—and many of its most iconic sights can be seen right off the banks of the Danube. Your tour through this sprawling World Heritage city offers splendid views from historic Buda Castle of the twin cities on both banks of the river. You'll also visit Fisherman's Bastion and see the marvelous Royal Palace, St. Stephen's Basilica, Heroes' Square and much more. Later, explore this beautiful city's Christmas Markets. As an alternative, you can hike to Castle Hill, walking along Fishermen's Bastion and take in all the iconic sites of Budapest with an active exploration. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

DAY 12 - December 3, 2023

BUDAPEST - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship in Budapest and bid farewell to the city before preparing for your return flight home. **(Breakfast)**

Rates

CRUISE ONLY

Category E - Piano Deck - Window - \$4959

Category D - Piano Deck - Window - \$5353

Category CB - Violin Deck - French Balcony - \$6013

Category CA - Violin & Cello Deck - French Balcony - \$6409

Category BB - Cello Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$7200

Category BA - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$7464

Category AB - Cello Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$7728

Category AA - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$7992

Category SS (Suite) - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$9707

LAND PROGRAM & CRUISE

Category E - Piano Deck - Window - \$6216
Category D - Piano Deck - Window - \$6610
Category CB - Violin Deck - French Balcony - \$7270
Category CA - Violin & Cello Deck - French Balcony - \$7666
Category BB - Cello Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$8457
Category BA - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$8721
Category AB - Cello Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$8985
Category AA - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$9249
Category SS (Suite) - Violin Deck - French/Outside Balcony - \$10964

- Rates are Per Person, based on Double Occupancy, and in Canadian Funds.
- Rates include port charges, tax and Onboard gratuities.
- Rates do not include airfare or gratuities for neither shore excursions nor local guides for daily excursions.

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