



# Romantic Christmas Markets on the Danube!

**Four Spellbinding Countries All Gift-Wrapped into One Delightful Itinerary!**

**SAILING TO HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY**

**7 NIGHTS ONBOARD THE BEAUTIFUL AMABELLA PLUS ONE NIGHT IN MUNICH**

**10 DAY / 8 NIGHT CRUISE TOUR**

**DECEMBER 1-10, 2024**

**Join us to luxuriate in the holiday charms and elegance of the Danube River in its most enchanting season of the year - Christmas Market Time!**

Experience timeless holiday traditions and colorful pageantry in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. Let iconic capital cities dazzle you - Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna - all decked in holiday finery with glittering Christmas trees illuminated by thousands of lights, bells pealing from cathedral towers and children dressed as angels singing Christmas carols! Wander the stalls of Europe's most traditional and enchanting Christmas Markets, including

Regensburg and Salzburg, shopping for handcrafted toys and gifts, sipping hot mulled wine and inhaling the aromas of gingerbread and roasted chestnuts. Cherish all the glory and magic of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Danube during this festive time of the year!

**\*\*\* Don't Forget these Great Amenities that are ALL COMPLIMENTARY with AmaWaterways!! \*\*\***

**Multiple Shore Excursions at Every Stop Geared to Varied Interests (including Walking Tours, Local Food/Wine Tastings, In-Depth Historic Sites) and Mobilities (from Easy Strolling to Cycling and Hiking) - Fine Wines, Beer and Soft Drinks at Lunch and Dinner Gourmet Teas & Coffees and Bottled Water - Daily Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour - Internet Access - Current Movies-on-Demand**

## Itinerary

### **December 1 2024 - Your Journey Begins!**

Today, you'll board your international flight to Budapest, Hungary!

### **December 2, 2024 - Board the AmaBella in Budapest!**

After arriving in Budapest, you'll transfer to board the graceful **AmaBella!** This stunning 161-passenger ship is filled with all the AMA amenities you've come to expect, from free internet access and first-run Hollywood movies to beautifully-decorated staterooms. After unpacking for your 7 nights cruising the Danube, enjoy your **Welcome Dinner!** You may also take advantage of your free evening to go out and discover this great city as the ship moors here overnight. You might **sample delicious local specialties** at one of Budapest's grand cafés, or simply go exploring on your own, perhaps to shop the unique **Christmas Markets** or simply stroll the festively decorated streets. (D)

### **December 3, 2024 - Budapest's Dazzling Markets and Sail Away!**

Home to several **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, including the **Buda Castle** quarter in Castle Hill and **Heroes' Square**, your **Budapest** walking tour explores highlights of both the **Buda** (hilly) and the **Pest** (flat) sides of the river. As an alternative, you can hike to **Castle Hill**, walking along Fishermen's Bastion to take in all the city's iconic sites. In the afternoon, you'll visit **Vorosmarty Square**, the oldest, richest and most spectacular of all the Christmas Markets in Budapest. Later in the day, you'll enjoy a **scenic sail away** from Budapest to begin your **cruise of the Romantic Danube!** (B/L/D)

### **December 4, 2024 - Bratislava, Slovakia and on to Vienna!**

This morning you'll visit Bratislava, Slovakia. Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "**Coronation City of Kings,**" as you'll discover during your walking tour. You'll also have an opportunity to visit Bratislava's charming **Christmas market.** Or join a

special "**Tastes of Slovakia**" tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to **Bratislava Castle** for magnificent views of the city. You'll arrive later in Vienna, with a free evening to explore on your own. (B/L/D)

### **December 5, 2024 - Delightful Treasures of Vienna, Austria!**

The "**City of Waltzes,**" legendary home to Mozart and Strauss, offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, including the majestic **Opera House** and the former **Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs**, before exploring Vienna's iconic and historic city center. For a more active adventure, you can join a guided bike ride through Vienna. Cap the day off with a fabulous "**Vienna by Night**" **Christmas Markets** tour visiting the beautifully decorated markets in this magnificent city. (B/L/D)

### **December 6, 2024 - Weissenkirchen, the Wachau Valley & Melk!**

After reaching **Weissenkirchen**, you'll face a tempting choice of excursions. You can embark on a walking tour of **Dürnstein** where you'll taste some of the village's **distinctive wines.** Or visit a local boutique to sample Dürnstein's **special apricot treats**, including jams and chocolates. For a more active adventure, you might take a guided bike tour from Weissenkirchen to **Melk.** If you're not biking to Melk, you'll sail instead through the UNESCO-designated **Wachau Valley** to Melk, where you'll visit its magnificent **Benedictine Abbey.** (B/L/D)

### **December 7, 2024 - Linz & Cesky Krumlov, or Salzburg, Austria!**

**Linz** is famed as both the **city of Christmas crèches** and the ever-popular **Linzer torte!** Here you'll have a choice of three excursions. The first is a morning walking tour through **Linz's old city center** and past the **Mozart House**, where he composed the Linz Symphony in only three days, before visiting **Linz's Christmas Markets.** Or you might go on a guided bike tour through Linz, through the city's famed "**Culture Mile**" and also along the Danube. Or go on a **full-day visit to Salzburg** where you'll enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-

designated **Old Town**, with its magnificent cathedral and breathtaking **Christmas Markets**. In the afternoon, for those not on the Salzburg excursion, you'll visit the **charming Czech mountain town of Cesky Krumlov** and explore its dazzling Christmas Markets. (B/L/D)

**December 8, 2024 - Passau, Germany and on to Vilshofen!**

During the Advent season, beautiful **Passau** dresses in all her **Bavarian holiday splendor**, which you'll discover on your walking tour through the city to the **Christmas Market at St. Stephen's Square**, also home to its magnificent cathedral. Here you can find unique handicrafts, including quaint Bavarian-style houses and glass ornaments. For a more active day, you may hike to **Paulinerkloister Mariahilf** or join a guided bike ride along the Danube. Later, you'll sail for **Vilshofen**, where you'll be treated to an **exclusive Oktoberfest celebration!** (B/L/D)

**December 9, 2024 - One Last Christmas Market — in Munich!**

After breakfast and disembarkation this morning, you'll travel southwest to **Munich**. Here at the city's central **Marienplatz** you'll have a few hours to explore and shop at its **famous Christmas Market** with lunch on your own near the iconic **Munich Clocktower**. Later, you'll check

into your hotel for the evening with tonight's dinner on your own. (B)

**December 10, 2024 - A Fond Farewell!**

This morning, you'll transfer to the Munich airport for your flight home. **Memories of cruising the Danube's Romantic Christmas Markets will be with you for years to come!**



**\*\* The complimentary shore excursion choices offered at every stop may vary from those described above by the date of your sailing. \*\***

<b>Romantic Danube</b>	
<b>\$7,498.00</b>	Cat. E - Fixed Window
<b>\$7,898.00</b>	Cat. D - Fixed Window
<b>\$8,798.00</b>	Cat. C - French Balcony
<b>\$9,198.00</b>	Cat. BB - French & Outside Balcony
<b>\$9,498.00</b>	Cat. BA - French & Outside Balcony
<b>\$9,798.00</b>	Cat. AB - French & Outside Balcony
<b>\$9,998.00</b>	Cat. AA - French & Outside Balcony
<b>\$10,998.00</b>	Cat. SS - Suite with Both Balconies

**SPECIAL AMA EARLY BIRD SAVINGS!**  
**Book by June 30, 2023 to receive \$1,000 OFF per person!**  
*\*\*Offer limited to double-occupancy passengers only.\*\**

Past Ama Waterways guests receive an additional **\$100 off** per person!

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.**  
 Check with your club representative for details.

Pricing is based on double occupancy!  
 Single supplement is an additional 50% of the fares shown.

- Inclusions**
- Roundtrip international airfare to Budapest and from Munich (checked baggage fees are not included)
  - 7 nights onboard the AmaBella in your selected stateroom category
  - 1 night post-cruise hotel and Christmas Market visit in Munich
  - **Included shore excursions throughout your river cruise!**
  - Breakfast, lunch and dinner while aboard the AmaBella
  - Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner
  - **Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board!**
  - Special highlights including lectures, onboard music performances, and daily complimentary Sip and Sail cocktail hour
  - Transfers from airport to ship in Budapest, and from ship to hotel to Munich airport
  - All port charges and government taxes
  - Please note river cruise itineraries are routinely subject to change

**Passports are required for this tour!**

*Due to the intimate environment on river cruise vessels, once names and bookings are made, \$400.00 of your \$750.00 deposit will be non-refundable from the time of booking. However, you may elect to purchase trip cancellation and interruption Travel Protection for this smaller amount of deposit at time of deposit. This will protect your deposit in the event of cancellation for reasons deemed allowable under the terms of the trip cancellation/interruption policy (as per the insurance carrier) up until final payment should you have to cancel.*

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for **"Romantic Danube Christmas Markets"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

Optional Travel Protection is available and purchase is encouraged at time of initial trip deposit. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption and more. See Plan Document for full details. This deposit, minus \$400.00, is refundable up to July 24, 2024.

The balance of the full insurance premium is due at the time of your final payment.

**Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before July 24, 2024, as well as any balance due on the full insurance premium.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

100% of your elected cabin becomes non refundable for cancellations as of July 24, 2024.

**Prosperity Bank Travel Club**

Make checks payable to **Prosperity Bank c/o Doris Brown**

Travel Club Coordinator for South Texas / Bryan – College Station

101 S Main Victoria, TX 77901 (361) 572-6566

**Leslie Escalante** – Travel Club Director (361) 572-6504

**Luz Ramirez** – Travel Club Administrative Assistant (361) 574-8431

CST # 2057913-10



The taxes, fuel surcharges, and other fees imposed by airlines and cruise lines have been included in the cost of your tour as of printing on May 15, 2023. Any increases in these fees or baggage fees imposed by any air carriers or cruise lines are the responsibility of the individual passenger. TRIPS makes arrangements with airlines, hotels and other independent parties to provide travel services you purchase. We do not own or operate any of the accommodation, transport or other facilities used in connection with our programs. We therefore cannot accept liability for negligence of the staff of these organizations. These parties are independent suppliers over whom we have no direct control. TRIPS is not liable in the event of any failure by any person or company to render any transportation, accommodation or other travel service provided on tours, or for expenses incurred due to delays caused by weather, strikes, war, civil disturbances, natural disasters, flight delays, government actions, mechanical failures or any acts of God. TRIPS cannot assume any responsibility for flight delays, cancellations or missed connections and is not liable for any expenses or consequences resulting therefrom, and such expenses are to be borne by the traveler. Specific airline Conditions of Carriage will apply. These conditions are the subject of International Agreements and may limit or exclude liability. The participant waives any claim against TRIPS for any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, due to any act or negligence of any airlines, surface transportation companies, hotels or any person rendering any of the services or accommodations included. TRIPS cannot be held responsible for any claims, losses, damages for delay of baggage or other properties, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset and disappointment, distress or frustrations, whether physical or mental, resulting from the act or omission of any party providing services. The participant assumes and understands that all travel has inherent risk that may result in injury or death and that participation in activities, including but not limited to: driving, hiking, walking, touring, visiting archaeological sites, walking on uneven surfaces, riding on rough roads, rafting, boating, riding in helicopters, on trains, boats, swimming, horseback and any other activities. The information contained in this brochure and online has been compiled with all reasonable care, is accurate to the best of our knowledge and is given in good faith. All services are subject to the laws of the countries in which services are rendered. Payment for any TRIPS tour shall constitute consent to all provisions in these Terms & Conditions and is binding on all travel participants.