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-passerenger 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 Paulinerkloster 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.

December 10, 2024 - A Fond Farewell!

This morning, you’ll transfer to the Munich airport for your flight home. Memories of 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.**

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Book by June 30, 2023 to receive $1,000 OFF per person!

**Offer limited to double-occupancy passengers only**

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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 nonrefundable 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.

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 will not result in any change of price. Special highlights including lectures, onboard music performances, and daily complimentary Sip and Sail cocktail hour are on board.

Transfer from airport to ship in Budapest, and from ship to hotel in Munich airport.

All port charges and government taxes.

Please note river cruise itineraries are routinely subject to change.

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 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 $100.00, 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.