

# **Cruise Details**

Name:	Christmas Markets on the Danube
Reference:	AMAAA241209AGX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaBella
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	09 Dec 24
Departs From:	
Departs From.	Vilshofen
Arrives On:	Vilshofen 16 Dec 24
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# Itinerary

### Day 1: Vilshofen (Austria)

VILSHOFEN, GERMANY - EMBARKATION.. Board the <i>AmaMagna</i> in Vilshofen for your <i>Christmas Markets on the Danube</i> cruise. Then, join Vilshofen locals and fellow guests for a glass of beer and a traditional German pretzel ashore at a festive Oktoberfest celebration. (D)

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#### Day 2: Passau (Germany)

PASSAU, GERMANY. During the season of Advent, beautiful Passau dresses in her Bavarian holiday splendor, which you will discover on your walking tour through the city and at its Christmas market at St. Stephen's Square—also home to its magnificent cathedral. Go in search of unique crafts, including Bavarian-style houses and glass ornaments. If you prefer a more active adventure during your time in Passau, enjoy a guided hike to Paulinerkloister Mariahilf. (B,L,D)

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#### Day 3: Linz (Austria)

LINZ, AUSTRIA. Linz is known for being the city of Christmas crèches and its ever-popular Linzer torte. While here, you have a choice excursions. The first is a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House, where he composed the Linz Symphony in only three days, as well as visit Linz's Christmas markets. Or you could go on a guided bike tour along the Danube River. Alternatively, enjoy a full-day in Salzburg with a walking tour in the historic center, famous for its religious history, Baroque architecture, and as the birthplace of Mozart. While there, visit the beautiful Christmas Markets, renowned for local handicrafts and unusual holiday presents. You can also visit the charming mountain town of Český Krumlov, a guest favorite located just over the Czech-Austrian border, on a full-day excursion. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 Dec 24

### Day 4: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

WEISSENKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA. In the morning, sit back and relax as the Captain navigates the ship along the Danube River through Austria's narrow yet scenic Strudengau and Wachau Valleys. After reaching Weissenkirchen, you'll have a choice of excursions. Join a walking tour in Dürnstein and then visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk. For a more active adventure, bike through Weissenkirchen or hike up to Dürnstein Fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held captive and enjoy incredible views of the river and village below. Alternatively, you can visit a local boutique where you'll enjoy a tasting of special apricot treats. In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to a local winery where you can sample some of the Wachau Valley's finest wine. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 Dec 24

#### Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. 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 theHabsburgs, before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join aguided bike ride through Vienna. Cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Christmas Markets in this magnificent city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 Dec 24

#### Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Enjoy a Bratislava city tour, including a visit to Bratislava's charming Christmas Market, or an invigorating castle hike from Vienna up to Bratislava castle and see such sights as the tree-lined Hviezdoslav Square, the narrow House of the Good Shepherd, Michael's Gate and the Old Town Hall. As an alternative, visit the Austrian palace of Schloss Hof, located near the Slovakian border. In the evening, explore Vienna's festive Christmas Markets. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 Dec 24

## Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

ESZTERGOM – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Relax and enjoy the view during your scenic cruise into Budapest. Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Buda Castle quarter in Castle Hill and Heroes' Square, this city offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. The remainder of this tour takes you to 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 and take in all the iconic sites of Budapest with an active exploration. In the afternoon, you'll visit Vorosmarty Square, the oldest, richest and the most spectacular of all the Christmas Markets in Budapest. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 15 Dec 24

Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship in Budapest and bid farewell as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)

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