

# **Cruise Details**

Name: Majestic Capitals of the Danube (Christmas)

Reference: AMAAE241216AVRX

Operator: Ama Waterways

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: AmaSonata

Regions: Danube

Departs On: 16 Dec 24

Departs From: Vienna

Arrives On: 21 Dec 24

Arrives At: Budapest

Cruise Nights: 5

Total Vacation Days: 6

# **Itinerary**

Day 1: Vienna (Austria)

EMBARKATION – VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Board the ship for your Majestic Capitals of the Danube cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 16 Dec 24

#### Day 2: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems and your city tour showcases them, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace. Your tour concludes in the historic city center with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral. You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities of the Christmas Markets. Or if you prefer a more active tour, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. Alternatively, visit a traditional Viennese café to experience a true Vienna specialty, the Sacher Torte, and savor this treat with a piping hot Viennese Coffee. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city. Spend your evening at the "Vienna by Night"

Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Rathaus Christmas Market, Vienna's largest Christmas Market. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 17 Dec 24

## Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Arrives On: 18 Dec 24

## Day 3: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA — BRATISLAVA. Visit the UNESCO-designated Schönbrunn Palace for a visit to its magnificent Christmas Market, with a giant Christmas tree surrounded by stalls selling a great variety artisanal handicrafts, providing a spectacular festive atmosphere with the scent of mulled wine and gingerbread. Enjoy a scenic cruise in Vienna before sailing to Bratislava. In the evening, end your day with an exclusive Slovakian experience at the Primate's Palace, a striking neoclassical building heart of the old town. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 18 Dec 24

## Day 4: Budapest (Hungary)

Arrives On: 19 Dec 24

### Day 4: Bratislava (Slovakia)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA — BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. 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. Afterward, enjoy time at the local Christmas Markets. Or join a special "Tastes of Slovakia" tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city or enjoy a guided biking tour. Take in the magnificent view as we glide along the Danube River into Budapest. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 19 Dec 24

## Day 5: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST. Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Your city tour begins with a visit to the Great Market Hall before going to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. You'll see Heroes' Square and Castle Hill, home to the Fisherman's Bastion and Mattias Church. Or visit Budapest's historic Jewish Quarter, where you will visit The Great Synagogue, the Tree of Life Holocaust memorial, and the Shoes on the Danube, a poignant memorial to the Budapest Jewish community. As an alternative, you can hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. In the afternoon, spend free time at your leisure to explore the

city. Later in the day, visit shop for one-of-kind handcrafted gifts within one of Budapest's renowned Christmas Markets. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 20 Dec 24

## Day 6: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship as you prepare for your flight home. (B) Note: The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays.

Arrives On: 21 Dec 24

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