



Cruise Details

Name:	Iconic Christmas Markets
Reference:	AMAAE261202AHX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSonata
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	02 Dec 26
Departs From:	Nuremberg
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Arrives On:	09 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuremberg (Germany)

NUREMBERG, GERMANY – EMBARKATION. Board the ship for your *Iconic Christmas Markets* cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 02 Dec 26

Day 2: Nuremberg (Germany)

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 Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas Markets. You can also choose to spend the entire morning exploring this iconic Christmas Market. For those looking for a taste of Nuremberg, depart for Nuremberg Imperial Castle and visit City Brewery where you will delight your palate with savory Nuremberg sausage and beer. Then continue to Sebalds Kirche (church) where you will nibble on sweet and spicy lebkuchen, a baked treat similar to gingerbread.

End the day crossing the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube Canal. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 03 Dec 26

Day 3: Regensburg (Germany)

REGENSBURG, GERMANY. 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. For those in a festive mood, head 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 04 Dec 26

Day 4: Passau (Germany)

PASSAU, GERMANY. 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. (B,L,D)

**Not combinable with other tours on this day.*

Arrives On: 05 Dec 26

Day 5: Melk (Austria)

MELK, AUSTRIA – VIENNA, AUSTRIA. High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent and storied 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. (B,L,D)

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Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

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Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

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 along with an opportunity to visit the city’s Christmas Markets. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike along the Danube River. In the afternoon, visit Schönbrunn Palace Christmas Market and its spectacular festive atmosphere. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 07 Dec 26

Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

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. This morning, venture to the foot of the city’s Castle Hill for a walking tour of the “Buda” side of the city, featuring Dózsa György Square, the city’s Castle District, Fisherman’s Bastion and Matthias Church. As an alternative, you can hike to Castle Hill along Fishermen’s Bastion and take in all the iconic sites of Budapest with an active exploration. In the afternoon, Explore the treasures of the “Pest” side of Budapest, discovering its history and landmarks. Admire such sites as the colossal Hungarian Parliament Building and the “Shoes on the Danube Bank” memorial, commemorating the lives of Jewish Hungarians who perished during World War II. (B, L, D)

Arrives On: 08 Dec 26

Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship in Budapest and bid farewell to the city before preparing for your return flight home. (B)

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