Cruise Details

Name:	Melodies on the Danube (Christmas Day Celebration)
Reference:	AMAAF281220GAM
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaReina
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	20 Dec 28
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	27 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Vilshofen
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

EMBARKATION – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Arrive in Budapest and board your luxurious river cruise ship. (D)

Arrives On: 20 Dec 28

Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST. Today you have the opportunity to visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. Start on the Buda side, following your guide through the city's Castle District where you will marvel at the fairytale turrets of Fisherman's Bastion, gaze upon the breathtaking panorama below and see Matthias Church, renowned for its striking tower and colorful mosaic roof. For a more active tour, hike to Budapest's Castle Hill. In the afternoon, explore the treasures of Pest, admiring the colossal Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes' Square and the moving "Shoes on the Danube Bank" memorial. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 21 Dec 28

Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

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. Or join a culinary host to sample traditional Slovakian specialties, as well as learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli with an opportunity to taste your own creation. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 22 Dec 28

Day 4: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. The “City of Waltzes” offers a wealth of gems and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs. Conclude your tour in Vienna’s historic city center and then visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral, or discover Vienna by bike. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 23 Dec 28

Day 5: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

WEISSENKIRCHEN – MELK. After reaching Weissenkirchen, you’ll be treated to several choices of excursions. Take a walking tour of Dürnstein and sample local wines, such as the apricot wine for which this town is renowned. For a more culinary-focused experience, enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner and sample special apricot treats such as chocolates and jams from a local boutique. If you prefer a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour to Melk where you will meet the ship. Later in the day, visit Melk Abbey. Located on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube River, the Benedictine abbey houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts as well as frescoes painted by Johann Michael Rottmayr and Paul Troger. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 28

Day 5: Melk (Austria)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 28

Day 6: Linz (Austria)

LINZ. The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. For those who love The Sound of Music, enjoy a full-day excursion to Salzburg and tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. You may also choose to join a full-day excursion to the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov, where you can stroll its cobblestone streets; marvel at the city's picturesque Baroque and Renaissance-style buildings; and tour Krumlov Castle, one of Europe's largest castle complexes. Following these full-day excursions, you may also choose to take a brief walking tour in Linz. Alternatively, join a walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or bike along the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube. In the afternoon, embark on a journey into the fascinating world of whiskey distillation on an exciting guided tour. (B,L,D) Full-day excursions not combinable with other tours on this day

Arrives On: 25 Dec 28

Day 7: Passau (Germany)

PASSAU, GERMANY – VILSHOFEN. Discover the 2,000-year-old city of Passau in one of three ways. Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Guests looking for a more active morning can choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River, or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress. Later, the ship cruises to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration with local beer, Bavarian folk music and dancing—an AmaWaterways exclusive. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 26 Dec 28

Day 7: Vilshofen (Germany)

Arrives On: 26 Dec 28

Day 8: Vilshofen (Germany)

VILSHOFEN – DISEMBARKATION. This morning, disembark your ship in Vilshofen. (B)

Arrives On: 27 Dec 28

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