

Cruise Details

Name: Magna on the Danube (Christmas)

Reference: AMAAM241208BEX

Operator: Ama Waterways

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: AmaMagna

Regions: Danube

Departs On: 08 Dec 24

Departs From: Budapest

Arrives On: 15 Dec 24

Arrives At: Vilshofen

Cruise Nights: 7

Total Vacation Days: 8

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARKATION. Arrive in Budapest and board the luxurious AmaMagna. This evening, meet your fellow travelers at the Welcome Dinner. (D)

Arrives On: 08 Dec 24

Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Buda Castle quarter in Castle Hill and Heroes' Square, Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Your city tour begins with a visit to the vibrant Great Market Hall. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. Afterwards, you'll visit one of the city's festive Christmas Markets. 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 09 Dec 24

Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA - VIENNA, AUSTRIA. 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, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 Dec 24

Day 4: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tourshowcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of theHabsburgs, before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Following your city tour, you'll visit the beautifully decorated Maria Theresaplatz Christmas market. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join aguided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, visit the market at Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. Later, explore Vienna's famous Illuminated Christmas Markets and enjoy the twinkling lights of the season. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 Dec 24

Day 5: Krems (Austria)

KREMS, AUSTRIA – SPITZ, AUSTRIA. Krems, gateway to the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley, is your starting point for a visit to the lovely Baroque village of Dürnstein. Stroll along Dürnstein's cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, with its famed church tower on a walking tour. For a more culinary-focused experience in Dürnstein, enjoy an apricot liqueur and brandy tasting and special apricot treats from a local boutique. Those who wish a more active adventure of the area can hike to historic Dürnstein Fortress or cycle from Krems to Dürnstein and back for lunch. During the afternoon, you can visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube; or get active with either a bike tour from Krems to Spitz or a hiking adventure in Spitz. During the evening, be treated to an exclusive wine tasting experience where you'll enjoy some of the region's famous wines, including Grüner Veltliner and Riesling. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 Dec 24

Day 5: Spitz (Austria)

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Day 6: 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 of excursions. Take a full-day trip to Salzburg, known as the setting of <i>The Sound of Music</i>, where the distinctive city's Christmas Markets also beckon. 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 Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House, where the famous musician composed the Linz Symphony in only three days, as well as visit Linz's Christmas Markets. For the more active explorers, try a guided bike tour around Linz. (B,L,D)

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Day 7: Passau (Germany)

PASSAU – VILSHOFEN. 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, join a guided bike ride along the picturesque River Inn. Later, sail to Vilshofen, where you'll be treated to an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 Dec 24

Day 7: Vilshofen (Austria)

Arrives On: 14 Dec 24

Day 8: Vilshofen (Austria)

VILSHOFEN - DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to the ship and prepare for your flight home. (B)

Arrives On: 15 Dec 24

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