Cruise Details

Name:	Christmas Markets on the Danube
Reference:	EMERALDEWXD091226-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Dawn
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	09 Dec 26
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	16 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Passau
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Welcome to Budapest. You'll be greeted by an Emerald Cruises representative at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship. After boarding, you'll have time to enjoy Budapest at your leisure.
This evening, enjoy a performance of Hungarian folk music and dance on board. EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board Please book your flight to arrive into Budapest prior to 05:00 PM.

Arrives On: 09 Dec 26

Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

Join a local guide for a tour of the Hungarian capital today, covering some of the highlights of Budapest and learn more about its stunning landscape and architecture. The history of the Hungarian capital shows a unique blend of cultures, cuisine and vibrant lifestyle. There is so much

to take in while you pass through the bustling city, which is an attractive destination for visitors from all over the world. Following your guided tour, enjoy free time to explore the stalls of Budapest’s main Christmas market, where handcrafted ornaments are plentiful and colorful strings of lights line the streets. Included Excursion
Guided coach tour of Budapest

Arrives On: 10 Dec 26

Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Across Europe, different cultures intertwine at Christmastime, sharing their traditions, treats, and unique customs. The Slovakian capital is a truly charming city whose roots can be traced across the continent. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bratislava, including its enchanting historic district and some of its many bustling Christmas markets. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Bratislava EmeraldPLUS
Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family DiscoverMORE
Carpathian wine route (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Dec 26

Day 4: Vienna (Austria)

Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions welcome you to Vienna, a city perfectly encapsulating the extravagance of the Habsburg Monarchy and their love of ornate Baroque palaces. For art lovers, there is no other place like the Austrian capital, not just because the city is packed with museums and artwork, but because of its variety. Your tour will include a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in the country and one of the most important museums worldwide. Included Excursion
Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum DiscoverMORE
Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Arrives On: 12 Dec 26

Day 5: Dürnstein (Austria)

Enjoy a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, a true treasure overlooking the Wachau Valley from a hill covered by vineyards and forests. Constructed in 1083, it’s one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys, attracting visitors from across the globe. Run by a community of about 45 monks, it’s visible from a great distance and provides epic panoramas from the grounds. As part of the tour you get to taste the delightful Göttweig wine, which is a tradition well kept by the monks throughout centuries. EmeraldPLUS
Göttweig Abbey

with wine tasting

Arrives On: 13 Dec 26

Day 6: Linz (Austria)

Today you will be docked in Linz, the capital of Upper Austria and Austria’s third biggest city after Vienna and Graz. During your walking tour, you will have the chance to see the historical old town with a mix of baroque and Renaissance architecture. Hand-carved nativity scenes are on display in many of its churches, making for a serene and contemplative Christmas experience. A festive day for the senses, as you end with a Linzer torte tasting – the local delicacy that will add flavor to your Christmas time memories of this old Austrian town. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Linz with a Linzer Torte tasting DiscoverMORE
Full day Excursion to Salzburg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 14 Dec 26

Day 7: Passau (Germany)

Embark on a guided tour to Passau. Explore its beautiful historic center, featuring charming baroque buildings, stunning riverside views, and narrow cobblestone streets, all infused with the aroma of freshly baked gingerbread. This important historic trading center, known as the City of Three Rivers—where three of Europe’s main waterways converge—borders Austria and showcases a distinctive blend of cultures. You can enjoy the magical ambience in the St. Stephen Cathedral with its special organ concert or wander through the Christmas market of Passau right in front of the St. Stephan’s Cathedral and discover the unique Bavarian delicacies. Back on board your Star-Ship, enjoy a live local entertainment showcasing typical Bavarian tradition. EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Bavarian band on board Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Passau

Arrives On: 15 Dec 26

Day 8: Passau (Germany)

After breakfast, it’s time to say farewell to your fellow guests. Disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport and take memories of handcrafted ornaments and gingerbread stalls with you. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. Please book your flight to depart out of Munich after 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 16 Dec 26

Day 8: Munich (Germany)

Arrives On: 16 Dec 26

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