



## Cruise Details

Name:	Christmas time on the Danube
Reference:	EMERALDEXVB141224-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Dawn
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	14 Dec 24
Departs From:	Vienna
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Arrives On:	18 Dec 24
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Cruise Nights:	4
Total Vacation Days:	5

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Vienna (Austria)

Fly from the UK to Vienna. Welcome to Vienna! You'll be met at the airport by a member of our welcoming team and transferred to your Emerald Cruises contemporary Star-Ship. After boarding and settling in, you'll have time to explore Vienna at your leisure.

Arrives On: 14 Dec 24

### Day 2: Vienna (Austria)

During the holiday season, Vienna's most charming squares transform into magical Christmas markets. The delightful aromas of Christmas cookies baking, hot punch, and roasted chestnuts allure many visitors at this time of the year. The Old City and shopping streets are decorated with festive lights that create a whimsical atmosphere in Vienna. Today, explore Austria's capital beginning with a drive along the Ringstrasse, where you'll see some of Vienna's world-famous sights such as the Opera House, Burgtheater, Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral,

and the Hofburg Imperial Palace. Then, you'll have plenty of free time to sample the wonderful tastes of Vienna's Christmas markets, such as sumptuous Käsekrainer sausage, sweet doughnuts, salty pretzels, and Kartoffelpuffer - a savoury potato pancake.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Vienna  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense)  
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Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Arrives On: 15 Dec 24

### Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is situated in a wonderful location between the Carpathians and the Alps, just a few kilometres from Vienna. Pre-Christmas time in Bratislava is intrinsically connected with glowing streets, warm holiday spirit, traditional dishes, and yuletide drinks. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Mirbach Palace, and the Gothic Cathedral of St Martin.

Alternatively, join an active guided hike to Bratislava Castle. Bratislava is also home to many charming Christmas markets, which are a joy to leisurely stroll through. The main Christmas Market is located at the Main Square and Hviezdoslav Square, but there are plenty of smaller ones in the city centre as well, such as the square in front of the Eurovea shopping centre. Whichever market you venture into, the irresistible scents of Christmas time and the unique festive atmosphere will get you for sure!

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Bratislava  
**EmeraldPLUS**  
Local Slovakian Entertainment on board  
**EmeraldPLUS**  
Christmas traditions in Europe (on board presentation)

Arrives On: 16 Dec 24

### Day 4: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Join a guided tour today, where you will be 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. During your free time, stroll the Christmas market on Budapest's main square near Váci Utca Street, which showcases Hungarian craft products such as glass blowing, knitting, wood carving, candle making, pottery, leather trade, traditional Hungarian embroidery and lace work to name just a few.

On the last evening of your cruise, we invite you to a special dinner and a traditional folklore show in town for a truly immersive local experience; a fantastic way to bid farewell and Merry Christmas to your fellow travellers before heading home.

**Included Excursion**

**Guided coach tour of Budapest**  
**Discover MORE**  
**Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)**  
**Emerald PLUS**  
**Dinner & folklore show in Budapest**

Arrives On: 17 Dec 24

#### Day 5: Budapest (Hungary)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of the delightful Danube at Christmas time with you.

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Arrives On: 18 Dec 24

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