



## Iconic Danube Christmas Markets

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures.



10 days/9 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Arrive Prague, Czech Republic

Make your way from the Prague airport to your centrally located hotel, home for the next two nights.

#### Day 2 - Prague City Tour and Christmas Market

The fairytale city of Prague always enchants, but it really sparkles even more during the holiday season. Prague offers a collection of Art Nouveau, Baroque, Renaissance and Gothic architecture, which you'll get to see on your tour. You will see Rudolfinum, the National Museum, Wenceslas Square and the Dancing House, as well as visit 1,000 year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus before walking over the romantic Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square, where you will find the capital's famous Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church and the statue of Jan Hus. You will then have free time to explore Prague Old Town Square. Second overnight in Prague.

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#### Day 3 - Prague - Nuremberg

Depart from Prague via motorcoach. En route, you'll enjoy some time exploring one of Nuremberg's colourful Christmas Markets before boarding your luxury ship.

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#### Day 4 - Nuremberg City Tour - Danube Canal

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. Later, you can visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt (Christmas Market), one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas Markets. Stroll along as the aroma of mulled wine and gingerbread fill the air and browse through over 100 red and white canvas-topped booths offering an assortment of unique treasures, toys and seasonal goodies. En route to Regensburg, you'll cruise through the manmade marvel, the Main-Danube Canal.

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#### Day 5 - Regensburg

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 one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas Markets at Thurn and Taxis Castle, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts and crafts. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to Walhalla where you will see the neo-Classical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens.



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#### Day 6 - Passau

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. 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 Christmas Market, which is a feast for the senses. For the active adventurer, join a guided bike tour along the Danube.

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#### Day 7 - Melk - Vienna

Cruise to Melk, known for its magnificent Benedictine Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's largest and most revered monasteries. Visit this magnificent Benedictine Abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Alternatively, go on a guided bike ride along the Danube and through the scenic the Wachau Valley.

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#### Day 8 - 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 before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Rathaus (Town Hall) Christmas Market. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, visit the Karlsplatz (Artisans) Christmas Market, a local favorite, and the market at Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. Cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Maria Theresaplatz Christmas Market, set amongst the world-renowned sights of Vienna's majestic Ringstrasse, and at the illuminated Rathaus, Vienna's largest Christmas Market.

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#### Day 9 - Budapest

Savor the beauty of Buda and Pest on opposite sides of the Danube with a city tour that showcases many highlights, including Heroes' Square and Castle Hill, home to Fisherman's Bastion and Matthias Church. In the center of it all is the Christmas Market, where you can shop for traditional Hungarian wares and delightful holiday treats.

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#### Day 10 - Budapest Disembarkation

Bid farewell to Budapest as you prepare for your flight home.

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## Details

**Group Size:** Max 20

### 2018 Departures:

November 23 (special escorted group departure)

November 25, 30

December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 28

Availability on travel programs changes frequently, please contact us for the most up to date availability on the trip you are interested in.

### 2018 Pricing:

#### Special Pricing - November 23, 2018 escorted group cruise

- Cat. D - CA\$3,857 - Piano deck, fixed window
- Cat. CA - CA\$4,607 - Cello & Violin decks, French balcony
- Cat. BB - CA\$5,232 - Cello deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. BA - CA\$5,482 - Violin deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. AB - CA\$5,732 - Cello deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. AA - CA\$5,982 - Violin deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. SS - CA\$7,607 - Violin deck suite, French & Outside balcony



All other 2018 cruise dates, prices starting from:

- Cat. D - CA\$4,607 - Piano deck, fixed window
- Cat. CA - CA\$5,332 - Cello & Violin decks, French balcony
- Cat. BB - CA\$5,982 - Cello deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. BA - CA\$6,232 - Violin deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. AB - CA\$6,482 - Cello deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. AA - CA\$6,732 - Violin deck, French & Outside balcony
- Cat. SS - CA\$8,357 - Violin deck suite, French & Outside balcony

Prices are shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a double stateroom. Single prices may be available, on request. Prices listed include an Early Booking Bonus discount, cabin inventory is limited and rates are subject to availability.

**Trip Code:**

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**INCLUDED**

- 2 nights of accommodation in Prague, Old Town Hilton or similar
- City tours of Prague. Vienna, Budapest
- Transfer from Prague to Nuremberg with Christmas Market visit en route
- 7 nights of onboard accommodation, outside stateroom in category of your choice
- Staterooms feature entertainment systems with English-language TV stations, movies and a music library; free high-speed internet; mini-fridge, desk and sitting area; bottled water
- Onboard amenities: personalized service from a cruise manager, both during the land program and cruise; internet and Wi-fi access; sun deck with pool and swim-up bar; walking track; fitness room; massage services; hair salon; main lounge with panoramic views and bar; daily entertainment of cultural performances
- Onboard dining: all meals onboard in a variety of venues with regionally inspired cuisine, made with locally sourced ingredients; Welcome Cocktail Party; Welcome Dinner; La Chaine des Rotisseurs Dinner; Captain's Cocktail Reception; Gala Dinner; unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast; unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner; Sip and Sail daily Cocktail Hour; tapas, sandwiches and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge
- Immersive tours in every destination with gentle, regular, active and late-riser touring options with knowledgeable guides and personal headsets

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Airfare to/from Europe
- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Optional tours
- Travel extensions added on to cruise program
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature

**TOUR NOTES**

Meal codes: (B)=breakfast; (L)=lunch; (D)=dinner

Iconic Christmas Markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure: Budapest's Vörösmarty Square, where all products sold in the market are guaranteed as traditionally handmade; Vienna with its impressive Christmas Markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; Nuremberg's festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas Market in Germany; and Regensburg's Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic—along with many others throughout your journey—are yours to explore. Sparkling lights; the festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols; enticing smells of hot-mulled wine,



roasted chestnuts, sausages and sweet treats of every kind; and timeless wonders are a feast for all your senses.

On our cruises, you will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours. In many cases, you will have a choice of excursions, such as standard tours, bike tours, hikes and Special Interest Tours. We always include a large variety of activities so that you can choose how you want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder.

Christmas markets in Europe generally operate from late November until the third week of December, depending on the location.

In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary or portions of it by motor coach or to alter the program, without advance notice. Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change becomes necessary, an equivalent substitute will be offered.

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