

# CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE DANUBE

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY - VILSHOFEN, GERMANY



Experience timeless holiday traditions and elegant pageantry in four countries—Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. Let iconic capital cities — Budapest and Vienna — decked in holiday finery with glittering Christmas trees illuminated by thousands of lights, bells pealing from cathedral towers and children dressed as angels singing Christmas carols, dazzle you. Wander the stalls of Europe's most traditional and enchanting Christmas Markets, including Nuremberg, Regensburg and Salzburg, shopping for handcrafted toys and gifts, sipping hot mulled wine and inhaling the fragrance of gingerbread and roasted chestnuts.



**DATES: 2022 - AmaSonata:** Dec 23

**AmaLea:** Nov 27\* - **AmaViola:** Dec 2, 9\*, 16

**AmaBella:** Nov 28\* | Dec 5, Dec 12\*, Dec 19

**2023 - AmaBella:** Dec 4, 11\*

**DURATION:** 8 DAYS/7NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** Budapest, Hungary

**DISEMBARK:** Vilshofen, Germany

*\*Reverse Itinerary*

**FROM:** \$2,499\* + Port Charges \$210

*\*After Savings of \$1,000 per person*



**COUNTRIES: AUSTRIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY,  
SLOVAKIA**

**RIVERS: DANUBE**

## **ITINERARY – (or reverse from Vilshofen)**

### **DAY 1- EMBARKATION – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Arrive in Budapest and board your luxurious river cruise ship. This evening, meet your fellow travelers at the Welcome Dinner. Tonight, the ship will sail a special Illuminations Cruise past the capital's glittering river front. (D)



### **DAY 2 - BUDAPEST**

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 Vorosmarty Square, the oldest, richest and the most spectacular of all the Christmas markets in Budapest. 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)

### **DAY 3 - BRATISLAVA - VIENNA**

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. Tonight, explore Vienna's splendid Rathaus (Town Hall) Christmas Market. (B,L,D)



### **DAY 4 - 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. If you prefer a more active adventure, join a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, visit 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. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 5 - WEISSENKIRCHEN – WACHAU VALLEY – MELK, AUSTRIA**

After reaching Weissenkirchen, you’ll have a choice of excursions. Join a walking tour in Dürnstein and then a visit to a local boutique where you’ll enjoy a tasting of special apricot treats. Prefer more active adventures? Join a guided bike tour from Weissenkirchen to Melk. For those not biking to Melk, you’ll sail through the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley to Melk. Once in Melk, you’ll visit its magnificent Benedictine Abbey. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6 - LINZ**

Linz is known for being the city of Christmas crèches and its ever-popular Linzer torte. While here, you have a choice of three excursions. The first is a full-day visit to Salzburg where you’ll enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one

of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. Alternatively, you can choose a morning walking tour through Linz’s old city center and by the Mozart House, where he composed the Linz Symphony in only three days, as well as visit Linz’s Christmas Markets. Or you can go on a guided bike tour through Linz and along the city’s famed “Culture Mile” and the Danube. During the afternoon, you can join a half-day excursion to Salzburg or visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7 - PASSAU**

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 Danube. Later, sail for Vilshofen, where you’ll be treated to an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 8 - VILSHOFEN – DISEMBARKATION**

This morning disembark your ship in Vilshofen. (B)

**Pre- and Post-cruise programs can be tailored to your interests.**





2022-23 RATES	Nov 27, 2022	Nov 28, 2022	2022-23	2022 – Dec 16, 19, 23	2023 – Dec 11
BASE RATES – <b>CAT E</b>	\$3,399	<b>\$2,720*</b>	\$3,499	<b>\$2,800*</b>	<b>\$2,499*</b>
Port Charges -	\$210				

**SPECIAL SAVINGS ON THESE DATES – UP TO \$1,000 PER PERSON \*SAVE 20% OFF FARE (\$699), OR RECEIVE FREE AIR.**

CABIN UPGRADE ADD	D	C	BB	BA	AB	AA	AA+	SUITE
2022-23	\$299	\$1,099	1,699	\$1,899	\$2,099	\$2,299	\$2,899	\$3,599

#### AmaBella

Violin Deck																			
330	328	326	324	322	320	318	316	314	312	310	308	306	304	302	300	298	296	294	292
331	329	327	325	323	321	319	317	315	313	311	309	307	305	303	301	299	297	295	293
Cello Deck																			
232	230	228	226	224	222	220	218	216	214	212	210	208	206	204	202	200	198	196	194
229	227	225	223	221	219	217	215	213	211	209	207	205	203	201	199	197	195	193	191
Piano Deck																			
118	116	114	112	110	108	106	104	102	100	98	96	94	92	90	88	86	84	82	80
119	117	115	113	111	109	107	105	103	101	99	97	95	93	91	89	87	85	83	81

#### AmaSonata

Violin Deck																			
332	330	328	326	324	322	320	318	316	314	312	310	308	306	304	302	300	298	296	294
331	329	327	325	323	321	319	317	315	313	311	309	307	305	303	301	299	297	295	293
Cello Deck																			
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Piano Deck																			
116	114	112	110	108	106	104	102	100	98	96	94	92	90	88	86	84	82	80	78
115	113	111	109	107	105	103	101	99	97	95	93	91	89	87	85	83	81	79	77



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#### AmaLea, AmaViola

Violin Deck																			
334	332	330	328	326	324	322	320	318	316	314	312	310	308	306	304	302	300	298	296
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Cello Deck																			
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Piano Deck																			
110	108	106	104	102	100	98	96	94	92	90	88	86	84	82	80	78	76	74	72
111	109	107	105	103	101	99	97	95	93	91	89	87	85	83	81	79	77	75	73