

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:

2023 – AmaBella: Dec 4, 11*

2024 – AmaMagna: Nov 24, Dec 1*, 8, 15*

AmaBella: Dec 2, 9*

AmaSonata: Dec 21

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7NIGHTS

EMBARK: Budapest, Hungary

DISEMBARK: Vilshofen, Germany

***Reverse Itinerary**

SHIPS: AMA BELLA, AMA MAGNA, AMA SONATA

FROM: \$2,960* + Port Charges

***After 20% savings on Select 2024 dates**

**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 - WEISENKIRCHEN – 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

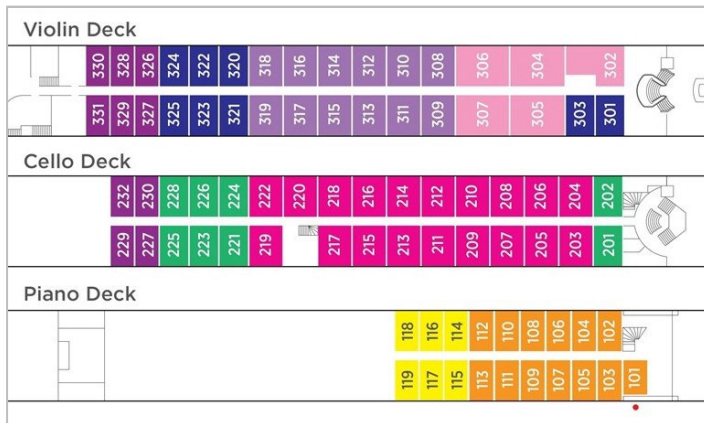
This morning disembark your ship in Vilshofen. (B)

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

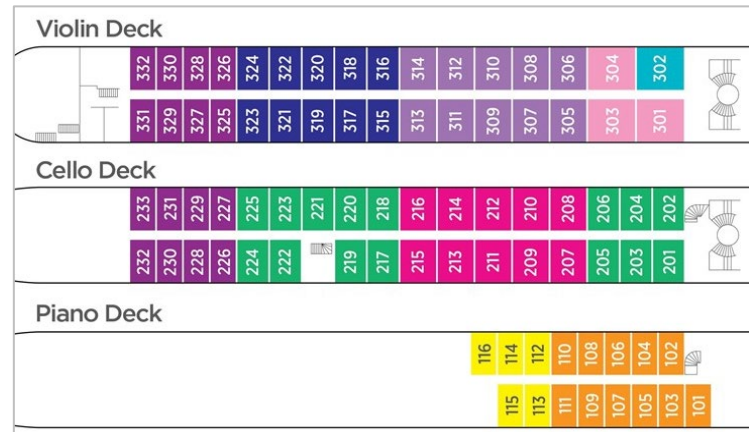


2023 DATES	December 4, 11							
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$3,499							
2024 DATES	Nov 24		Dec 01, 08, 15			Dec 02, 09, 21		
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$3,999		\$4,099			\$3,699		
Plus Port Charges - \$210 per person 2023 / \$224 per person 2024								
CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	C/AB	BB/SB	BA/AA	AB/SA	AA/GS	AA+	SUITE
2023 SUPPLEMENT ADD	\$229	\$1,099	\$1,699	\$1,899	\$2,099	\$2,299	N/A	\$3,599
2024 SUPPLEMENT ADD	\$229	\$1,299	\$1,899	\$2,099	\$2,299	\$2,499	\$3,099	\$3,799
AMA MAGNA SUPPLEMENT	\$699	\$2,299	\$2,899	\$2,499	\$3,499	\$6,999	-	\$9,999

AmaBella



AmaSonata



AMA MAGNA



SAVE 20% ON SELECT
2024 DATES – Nov 24, Dec 15, 21



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