

# 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: 2025 – AmaBella:** Nov 24 | Dec 1\*  
**AmaMagna:** Dec 7\*, 14

**2026 – AmaBella:** Nov 23, 30\*  
**AmaSofia:** Nov 29\*, Dec 6, 13\*, 20  
\*Reverse Itinerary

**DURATION:** 8 DAYS/7NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** Budapest, Hungary  
**DISEMBARK:** Vilshofen, Germany

**SHIPS:** AMA BELLA, AMA SOFIA, AMA MAGNA  
**FROM:** \$3,099\*

**\*After \$1,250 Early Booking Savings**



**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. (D)



### **DAY 2 - BUDAPEST**

Today you have the opportunity to visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. Start on the Buda side, following your guide through the city's Castle District where you will marvel at the fairytale turrets of Fisherman's Bastion, gaze upon the breathtaking panorama below and see Matthias Church, renowned for its striking tower and colorful mosaic roof. You will also visit the city's famed Christmas Markets. For a more active tour, hike to Budapest's Castle Hill. In the afternoon, explore the treasures of Pest, admiring the colossal Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes' Square and the moving "Shoes on the Danube Bank" memorial. (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. Enjoy a free evening to explore Vienna on your own. (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 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 River. Or go on a full-day visit

to Salzburg where you'll enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its breathtaking Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can visit the charming mountain town of Český Krumlov, a guest favorite located just over the Czech-Austrian border, on a full-day excursion. In the afternoon, embark on a journey into the fascinating world of whiskey distillation on an exciting guided tour. (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.**





DATES	2025			2026		
RATES	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 7, 14	Nov 23, 30 – Dec 13, 20	Nov 29	Dec 6
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$3,939	\$4,139	\$4,439	\$4,349	\$4,449	\$4,649
CATEGORY UPGRADE	<b>D</b>	<b>C/CA/AB*</b>	<b>BB/SB*</b>	<b>BA/AA*</b>	<b>AB/SA*</b>	<b>AA/GS*</b>
2025 SUPPLEMENT ADD	\$299	\$1,399	\$1,999	\$2,199	\$2,399	\$2,599
2026 SUPPLEMENT ADD	\$299	\$1,499	\$2,099	\$2,299	\$2,499	\$2,699
*AMA MAGNA SUPPLEMENT	\$799	\$2,399	\$2,999	\$2,599	\$3,599	\$6,999
						\$9,999

#### AMA BELLA

Violin Deck		350	328	326	322	320	318	316	314	312	310	308	306	304	302	
		331	329	327	325	323	321	319	317	315	313	311	309	307	305	303
Cello Deck		229	232	230	228	226	224	222	220	218	216	214	212	210	208	206
		227	225	223	221	219	217	215	213	211	209	207	205	203	201	202
Piano Deck		119	117	115	113	111	109	107	105	103	101					

#### AMA MAGNA

Violin Deck																							
343	341	339	337	335	333	331	329	327	325	323	321	319	317	315	313	311	309	307	305	303	301	302	
342	340	338	336	334	332	330	328	326	324	322	320	318	316	314	312	310	308	306	304	302			
Cello Deck																							
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Piano Deck																							
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