

# ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

## BUDAPEST - NUREMBERG



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. 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; Regensburg's Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic.



### DATES - 2019:

**AMA LEA** – Nov 22(B); Dec 06(B); Dec 13(N);  
**AMA VIOLA** – Nov 24(N); Dec 01(B); Dec 08(N)

**DURATION:** 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** Budapest (B) or Nuremberg (N)

**DISSEMBARK:** Nuremberg(N) or Budapest (B)

**SHIPS:** AMA LEA, AMA VIOLA

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

**COUNTRIES: AUSTRIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY,  
RIVERS: DANUBE**

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

### **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 Vörösmarty Square, the oldest, richest and the most spectacular of all the Christmas markets in Budapest. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 3 - 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, then 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 worldrenowned sights of Vienna's majestic Ringstrasse, and at the illuminated Rathaus, Vienna's largest Christmas Market. (B,L,D)



### **DAY 4 – MELK**

High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque 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 around Melk. (B,L,D)



### DAY 5 - 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 6 - REGENSBURG

Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most 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 the Old Town Christmas Market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to the base of Walhalla where there is a neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas Markets at Thurn and Taxis, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts



and crafts. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7 - NUREMBERG

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise as the ship crosses the Continental Divide via the Main- Danube Canal to Nuremberg. 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. Alternatively, you can taste your way through the city with a Franconian specialties tour, which introduces you to bratwurst, rotbier (red beer) and lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, you can visit Nuremberg's famous Christmas Markets. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8 - NUREMBERG – DISEMBARKATION

This morning, disembark your ship. (B)



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<b>2019 DATES &amp; RATES</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Nov 24; Dec 01; Dec 06; Dec 08</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>
<b>BASE RATE – CAT E</b>	<b>\$2,999</b>	<b>\$3,099</b>	<b>\$3,099</b>
<b>Early Booking Rate</b>	<b>\$2,499</b>		<b>\$2,849</b>
<b>Plus \$182 per person Port Charges</b>			

CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	CB	CA	BB	BA	AB	AA	SUITE
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