

Mobile Chamber presents...

Christmas on the Danube

with Optional 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

December 7 – 15, 2024



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9 Days • 19 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Würzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, 6-Night Danube River Cruise, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Glühwein Party, Vienna, Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Christmas Markets

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Maritim Hotel Wurzburg, Wurzburg
Days 3 – 8	MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

Day 1: Saturday, December 7, 2024 Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven into seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted trinkets, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way through some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Germany.

Day 2: Sunday, December 8, 2024 Würzburg, Germany -

Tour Begins Start in a historic Bavarian town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy time to unwind and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner and toast to your upcoming adventure. (D)

Day 3: Monday, December 9, 2024 Würzburg - Rothenburg

- Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship Join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, an ancient wine town. Your journey takes you to Rothenburg, a town of medieval walls, fairy-tale houses, and Christmas markets. Continue on to Nuremberg to board your ship. Your home for the next six nights, this vessel has modern amenities such as the newest technology, panoramic deck café, panorama salon and bar, exceptional service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Nuremberg

After walking along the pier to your coach, join a local expert on a panoramic tour that will give you a taste of the city. Then, continue with a walking tour of Nuremberg that will take you on a stroll through the historic city for more than an hour. See Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes at Nuremberg's 17th-century Christmas market, which is Germany's oldest. Wander along the local goods and perhaps you'll shop for handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremberg's famous *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread). Cruise across the continental divide and through the Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Regensburg

With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts holding seasonal ornaments, wooden toys, and local handicrafts. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and experience the beauty and magic of the romantic Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Palace in Regensburg. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thursday, December 12, 2024 Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a leisurely paced guided walking tour of Passau, the 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city also known as the "City of Three Rivers" and take in its ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestoned streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ **-OR-** spend time at one of the largest preserved



Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,298

Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,648

Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,048

Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$4,548

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Mobile Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

castle complexes in Europe, the Veste Oberhaus, perched high above the old town of Passau. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Friday, December 13, 2024 Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Dürnstein - Vienna Cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery before visiting the cobblestone streets of Dürnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey. Enjoy some time dedicated to exploring this ancient town. Later, get a taste of local tradition at a Glühwein party before continuing through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. As the day draws to a close, say hello to Vienna, Austria's capital city. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Saturday, December 14, 2024 Vienna It is time to step off the ship and explore. After walking along the pier to

reach your coach, join a local expert and explore Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral on a panoramic city tour. Then, discover Vienna on foot while walking through the city's charming cobblestone streets. (Use caution, as these cobblestones may become slick with frost.) The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat that shines a little differently in the magical winter months. Celebrate the end of your trip at the Captain's Gala Dinner, followed by a special Christmas concert performed by the ship's orchestra. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sunday, December 15, 2024 Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends Disembark after breakfast and say goodbye to the iconic Danube. (B)

Experience It! Nuremberg Christmas Market

A Christmas market, also known as *Christkindlesmarkt*, is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. These markets originated in Germany, Austria and Alsace. The history of Christmas markets goes back to the Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe. The Nuremberg Christmas market, first held in 1628, is one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world. It attracts 2 million visitors annually and has over 250 wooden stalls offering traditional ornaments, gifts, handicrafts and fresh food. Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing, the market sells local food, drink and seasonal items from open-air stalls.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$599.00 USD per person, double, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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PLEASE NOTE:
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

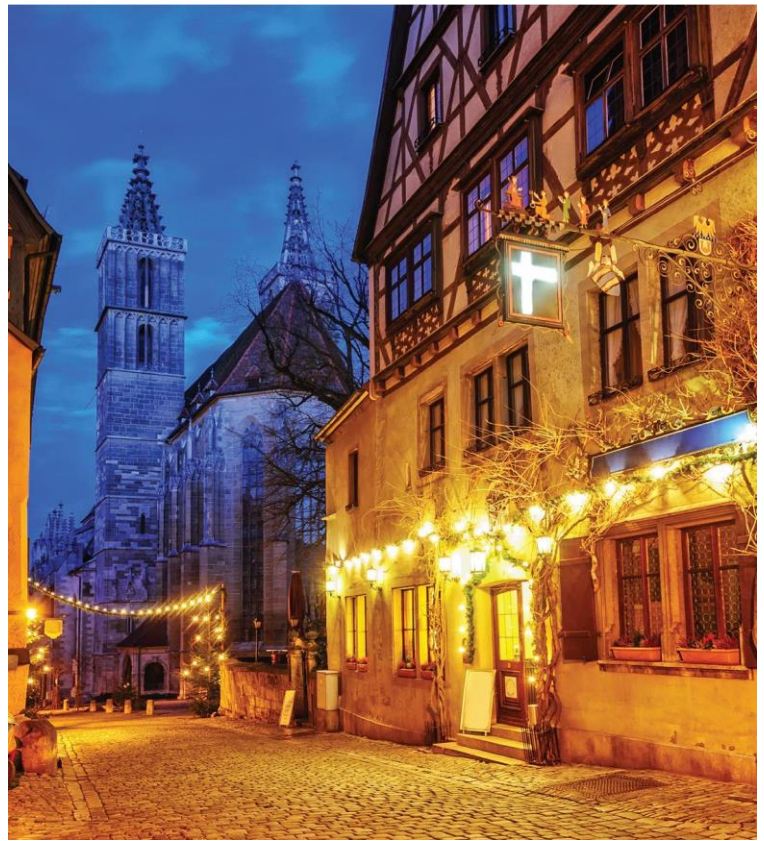
Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

Cabins are available on lower (Haydn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) are available on a very limited basis.

This tour is Activity Level 2. You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities. In Nuremberg, the waking tour will take approximately two hours. During the walking tour in Vienna, you



may expect a lot of walking and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods of time.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt, Germany airport and depart from Vienna, Austria airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities.

Embarkation on day 3 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 01, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 09, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2024.

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