



Itinerary

Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise

Dec 9, 2019 - Dec 16, 2019

Day 1: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in historic Bavaria, in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Hotel

Ghotel Hotel & Living Würzburg
Würzburg

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 3°
Low -1°
Rain 2"

Day 2: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship



This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River." Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas store and museum where you will find a wide range of traditional German Christmas decorations. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard.

Hotel

Würzburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 3°
Low -3°
Rain 3"

Day 3: Nuremberg



A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making centre and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous "Lebkuchen" (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg.

Hotel

Nuremberg

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 3°

Day 4: Regensburg



A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a 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 that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau.

Hotel

Regensburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 3°
Low -3°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Passau



Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedral – home to Europe's largest church organ – and the charming Christmas market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own.

Hotel

Passau

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 3°
Low -3°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna



View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the "Rathaus" (City Hall).

Hotel

Wachau Valley, Austria

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

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Low -3°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Vienna



Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Karntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. A wonderful farewell evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. After a delightful dinner, the ship's orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment.

Hotel

Vienna

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 3°
Low -3°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends



After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end.