



CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE DANUBE

8 day itinerary | Munich to Budapest | December 14-22, 2025

Emerald Destiny



⑦ Number of nights — River Cruise — Coach transfer

Map is a guide only

A classic journey on the Danube river promises spectacular landscapes, rich culture, and fascinating history, where world-class cities are complemented by romantic towns.

Experience an unforgettable cruise down the iconic Danube and through the heart of old Europe. Walking tours, invitations into the homes of locals, and sightseeing excursions showcase the magnificence of yesteryear.

Emerald is our favorite river cruiseline, with beautiful ships and wonderful crew. Maggie and Greg went on this cruise a few years ago and said it was absolutely magical and a must see experience. Plus, she was able to do much of her Christmas shopping there, too!

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E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera
C	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista
B	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista
A	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon

The EmeraldEXPERIENCE

- Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage included
- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- All Meals included while onboard our Star-Ship
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks to accompany lunch & dinner on board
- Complimentary tea & coffee on board
- Complimentary water provided on board and during excursions
- A variety of onboard evening entertainment
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- An excursion almost every day
- First-class service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Earn EmeraldEXPLORER loyalty points
- All port charges and taxes
- All gratuities are included



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Day 1 Munich - Regensburg Embarkation

Greeted by one of our Emerald Cruises representatives, you'll transfer to your contemporary Star-Ship in Regensburg, starting your festive river cruise along the Danube.



Traditional Bavarian band on board

Meal: Dinner

Please book your flight to arrive in Munich before 2:00 PM.

Day 2 Regensburg

Spend the day in Regensburg. Today, you'll have the chance to explore some of the city's architectural highlights, crossing the 12th-century bridge over the Danube. Your EmeraldPLUS excursion takes you to the heart of the Thurn and Taxis Palace Christmas market, where a row of twinkling lights adorns the quaint wooden stalls.



Visit the Christmas markets at Thurn and Taxis Palace grounds.



Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Passau - Engelhartszell

The cobblestone streets that weave through Passau resemble a picture-perfect Christmas card, especially when a thin layer of fresh snow blankets the town. Your included walking tour will finish underneath the striking green domes of St. Stephen's Cathedral, where you'll discover a charming *Christkindlmarkt* full of festive souvenirs and freshly baked goods.



Guided tour of Passau

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Dürnstein - Krems

Today, enjoy a morning sailing on your Star-Ship as it sails through the fascinating Wachau Valley, part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Cultural Landscape, and on to Krems.

This afternoon, embark on a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, a true treasure overlooking the valley from a hill covered by vineyards and forests. Built in 1083, it's one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys, attracting visitors from around the globe. Run by a community of about 45 monks, it's visible from a great distance and provides epic panoramas from the grounds.



Guided tour of Göttweig Abbey



Christmas traditions in Europe (on-board presentation)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Vienna

Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions welcome you to Vienna, a city perfectly encapsulating the extravagance of the Habsburg Monarchy and its love of ornate Baroque palaces. There is no place like the Austrian capital for art lovers, not just because the city is bursting with museums and artwork, but because of the variety. Your tour will include visiting the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in the country and one of the most important museums worldwide.



Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum



Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Bratislava

Today, enjoy learning about Slovakia as we take you into the heart of Bratislava, a capital where cultures sit side-by-side. A sightseeing tour of the city will introduce you to its architectural wonders, including the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral and the neo-Renaissance Slovak National Theatre. The Christmas markets showcase handcrafted souvenirs and traditional Christmas treats, a true seasonal delight.



Walking tour of Bratislava.



Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family



Carpathian wine route (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 Budapest

Offering an abundance of historical whimsy, Budapest is known for its architectural diversity and famed monuments that pepper both sides of the Danube. This UNESCO World Heritage-listed city is a true delight at Christmas when the locals take to thermal baths to beat the crisp chill of the season. Today, your guided coach tour will introduce you to Andrassy Avenue, the neo-Renaissance façades of the townhouses found there, and a generous scattering of Christmas decorations.

This evening, an on-board traditional Hungarian folklore show is sure to delight.



Guided coach tour of Budapest.



Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board.



Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)



Jewish Heritage Tour (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Budapest

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests. Disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport and take memories of Christmas stalls and crisp winter mornings with you.

Meal: Breakfast

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