

# **Christmas Market Cruise on the Danube River**

**Germany and Austria** 

**8 Days • 17 Meals** Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Danube, Europe's most popular river. We travel onboard our exclusively chartered ship exploring the wonderful Christmas Markets of Germany and Austria.

2016 Departure Date: December 3





## The Mayflower Way

- 17 Meals (6 dinners, 5 lunches, and 6 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- International Cruise Director and Mayflower Tours expert staff onboard, plus local guides for shore excursions
- Experience the Danube River aboard the exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver II river ship on a six-night cruise
- Once onboard, unpack just once in your tastefully furnished river view stateroom with a window for panoramic viewing
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau and Vienna
- Visit the festive atmosphere and Christmas Markets in Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Linz and Vienna
- All meals included onboard featuring local and international specialties served at one leisurely seating
- All onboard dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- ✓ Afternoon tea and late evening snack served daily in the lounge
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Spacious public areas with large picture windows in the lounge, bar and dining room
- ✓ Evening events and Insights onboard
- Enhanced touring experience with the use of individual audio headsets
- Walk-out balcony featured in the suites on Mozart Deck
- Drop-down French balcony featured in the staterooms on the Mozart and Strauss Decks
- \$40 in Mayflower Money

## **Local Insights**

- ✓ Insightful presentation on the history of the Danube River
- Culinary demonstration by the ship's chef
- Included guided visit of Schönbrunn Palace



Nuremberg's Christkindle Market - one of Germany's oldest

## **DAY ONE - Depart the USA**

Today we depart the USA on our overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

## DAY TWO – Munich / Nuremberg / Embark our river vessel

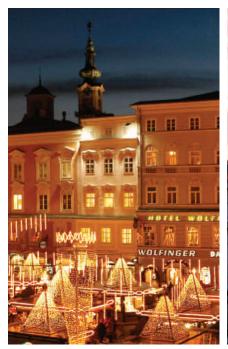
Upon arrival in Munich, transfer to our exclusively chartered river ship, the *MS Amadeus Silver II*, in Nuremberg. The afternoon is at leisure to begin exploring our new surroundings. We'll be immersed in the Christmas spirit as we stroll through Nuremberg's famous Christkindle Market on the Haupt Market Square in the center of this charming medieval city. With the majestic Alps to the south and the medieval Imperial Castle perched atop the Old Town hill, Nuremberg is a spectacular back drop for one of Germany's oldest Christmas markets. Aromas of gingerbread, sausages, roasting chestnuts and spiced mulled wine fill the air as we shop for Christmas gifts and souvenirs. (Dinner and evening snack onboard)

## **DAY THREE – Nuremberg**

Our day begins with a guided tour of Nuremberg. During the panoramic tour by coach we'll venture outside of the inner city to see the Palace Of Justice, site of the famous war trials, and one of the few buildings in Nuremberg that survived the extensive bombings of Germany. We'll also see St. John's Cemetery and the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds. Returning to the city center, we begin the walking potion of the tour. Our guide takes us through the Old Town and provides insights about the castle, fountains, churches and art as well as the city's past and present. After the tour, we'll have free time for visiting the Christkindle Market. This afternoon, the ship departs for Regensburg, Germany.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

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Christmas Markets in Vienna Austria

Vist the regal Schönbrunn Palace decorated for the Holidays

Shop for treasures at the Christmas Market in Linz

# DAY FOUR – Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities

After a leisurely morning sailing along the Danube River, we arrive in Regensburg. Following lunch onboard, we explore Regensburg on a guided walking tour. As we stroll through the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we'll experience its beauty and history firsthand. At the end of the excursion we remain in town to spend time at the magnificent Christmas Markets. Wander through the narrow streets, hidden courtyards and quaint passageways, all a twinkle with sparkling Christmas lights. This evening, the ship departs for Passau, Germany. (Breakfast, Junch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

## DAY FIVE - Passau, one of Germany's oldest cities

This morning we arrive in Passau. The day begins with an included walking tour where we admire graceful arcades, beautiful architecture, quaint alleyways and a picturesque river promenade as we wander through the cobblestone streets with our guide. We'll also see the breathtaking Baroque cathedral of St. Stephan. After the tour there is free time to visit the stalls of the local Christmas Market. Handmade ornaments and Christmas tree decorations, intricately carved nativity sets of all sizes, toys, marionettes, scented candles and other traditional handicraft items are awaiting our selection to take home and put under the Christmas tree!

After a fun-filled morning of shopping and immersion into the festive atmosphere of the Markets, we return to the ship for lunch. After lunch, the ship departs for Linz, Austria. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon onboard and watch the scenery pass by from the comfort of your stateroom or the panoramic windows of the lounge. The ship arrives in Linz this evening.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

## **DAY SIX – Linz, the European Capital of Culture**

Today is all about discovering the most popular market, Christkindlmarkt am Hauptplatz, of Linz. Join our Tour Managers for the short walk into the city center where we will have ample time for this market in the main pedestrian square of the city center. Set amongst the Baroque scenery of the city, it's a perfect place to get caught up in the festivities of the Christmas season. This afternoon, the ship departs for the final port of call, Vienna. (Breakfast, Junch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

# DAY SEVEN – Vienna, the beautiful, historic capital of Austria

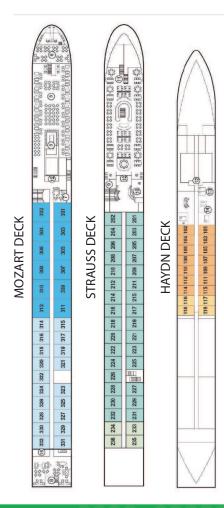
With an early morning arrival in Vienna, we have a full day ahead of us in this capital city. An included panoramic excursion shows us the highlights of Vienna before we enjoy a guided visit of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the imperial family. Due to its historic importance, unique grounds and splendid furnishings, today the palace is part of UNESCO's cultural heritage. Among the rooms we see on our guided visit are the living quarters, offices and conference rooms, all richly decorated and well-preserved. This afternoon is left free of planned activities so we can explore the local Christmas Markets on the last day of our cruise. This evening, we gather one last time with our new-found friends at the farewell dinner on-board. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

## DAY EIGHT - Vienna / USA

It's time to bid a fond 'auf widersehen' to Europe with wonderful memories of the German and Austrian Christmas Markets as we transfer to the Vienna Airport for our flight home.

(Breakfast onboard)

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## MS Amadeus Silver II

The 168-passenger *MS Amadeus Silver II* is a brand new deluxe river cruise vessel providing a stylish, spacious and unique ship from which to enjoy your river cruise! In addition to providing some of the largest staterooms and suites on river vessels, the ship also offers suites which boast a full balcony. With the friendly staff and remarkable ship it's sure to be a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Built: 2015 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 72 Suites: 12 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 46

#### Suite (284 sq. ft.): Mozart Deck

All suites have a panoramic window with walk-out balcony, two twin beds that can be separated or together, flatscreen TV, private bath with shower, telephone, hair dryer, closet, desk, chair, armchair, safe, minibar

#### Stateroom (188 sq. ft.): Haydn, Strauss and Mozart Decks

- ✔ Panoramic window with drop-down French balcony on Mozart and Strauss Decks
- Fixed window on Haydn Deck
- ✓ All staterooms feature two twin beds that can be separated or together, flatscreen TV, private bath with shower, hair dryer, closet, telephone, desk, chair, armchair, safe

#### **Public Areas and Ship Amenities**

- ✔ Dining Room
- ✔ Panorama Lounge with bar and dance floor
- ✓ Lido Bar
- Sun Deck featuring deck chairs and Game of Chess
- ✓ Fitness Room
- ✓ Massage Therapy Room

- ✔ Hairdresser
- ✓ Elevator
- ✔ Reception Lobby
- ✔ Hospitality Desk
- ✔ Gift Shop
- ✓ Amadeus Club with Internet Station
- ✓ Voltage: 220V

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2016 DEPART USA		HAYDN DECK	STRAUSS DECK **	MOZART DECK**	SUITE †	
December 3		PER PERSON TWIN	\$1,899	\$2,199	\$2,399	\$2,799
		SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$1,289	\$1,495	\$1,629	N/A

Please add \$85 per person for port charges



Call for air rates and schedules from your city to Munich, Germany and from Vienna, Austria

All staterooms offer river views and have a private bathroom and shower, hair dryer, radio, flatscreen TV, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, safe and telephone.

\*\* Staterooms on these decks feature a drop-down French balcony

† Suites feature a walk-out balcony

## FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Seven - Aboard the MS Amadeus Silver II

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**









ENERGETIC

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.









