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9 DAYS • 20 MEALS • MUNICH > BUDAPEST

CHRISTMAS MARKET CRUISE ON THE DANUBE RIVER

Tour Dates: November 30 - December 8, 2027

Get into the holiday spirit with a relaxing cruise on the Danube, Europe's most popular river, during the holiday season. Explore the wonderful Christmas Markets of four countries with ports of call in the enchanting cities of Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Dürnstein, Passau and Regensburg, each specially decorated for the season. Roam the markets of each port in search of special handmade ornaments and crafts to bring home and cherish at holiday time for years to come.





Christmas Market in Vienna, Austria

DAY 1 Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

DAY 2 Munich – Passau

Welcome to Munich, where you'll be greeted by one of our Emerald Cruises representatives and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Star-Ship in Passau. A warm welcome awaits you from the captain and crew. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board. Your ship will remain docked here overnight if you would like to go ashore and visit Passau's Christmas markets at night, when they will be beautifully illuminated. [Meal: D](#)

DAY 3 Passau

This important historic trading centre, known as the 'City of Three Rivers' – where three of Europe's main waterways converge – borders Austria and showcases a distinctive blend of cultures. Its beautiful historic centre features charming Baroque buildings, stunning riverside views and narrow cobblestone streets, all infused with the aroma of freshly baked gingerbread. In front of the green-domed façade of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Passau's annual Christkindlmarkt can be found. Here, you can sample some delicious warm Glühwein and freshly baked goods. Back on board your Emerald Star-Ship tonight, enjoy live local entertainment showcasing typical Bavarian musical traditions. [Meals: B, L, D](#)



Stroll through the charming Christmas market in Bratislava

DAY 4 Linz, Austria

Today you will be docked in Linz, the capital of Upper Austria and Austria's third biggest city after Vienna and Graz. The historical old town has a mix of Baroque and Renaissance architecture, and hand-carved nativity scenes are on display in many of its churches, creating a serene and contemplative Christmas experience. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

DAY 5 Melk – Dürnstein

Situated within Austria's famed Wachau Valley, the county's premier wine-growing region, Melk is home to a 900-year-old World Heritage-listed Benedictine abbey. Melk sparkles over Christmas, from the beautifully decorated buildings to the lively festive market. Later, your Emerald Star-Ship sails through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the Wachau wine region. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

DAY 6 Vienna

Welcome to the 'City of Music', Vienna. This ornate cityscape was home to famous musicians and composers like Mozart and Beethoven, and the father of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud. It has a magical atmosphere over Christmas, with elaborate decorations and more than 20 festive markets. [Meals: B, L, D](#)



Explore Europe's magical Christmas Markets

DAY 7 Bratislava, Slovakia

Gothic architecture and fascinating tales of a Communist past welcome you to Bratislava, a capital that has seen much turbulence over the past century. Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes, this is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn medieval cobblestone streets. The Christmas season adds an extra layer to the city, where a blend of distinctive cultures comes together to showcase their handcrafted ornaments and delicious treats.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8 Budapest, Hungary

Offering an abundance of historical whimsy, Budapest is known for its architectural diversity and famed monuments that pepper both sides of the Danube. This World Heritage-listed city is a true delight at Christmas, when it becomes a magical winter wonderland of decorations, lights and festive cheer. The locals soak in the city's many thermal baths to beat the crisp chill of the season. This evening, an on board traditional Hungarian folklore show is certain to delight.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9 Budapest / USA

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 colourful Christmas markets and crisp winter mornings with you. Meal: B

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.

Additional excursions will be released approximately 180 days prior to departure.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 8 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship



EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS

- 20 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit Christmas Markets in four different countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany
- Seven night cruise on an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Onboard Activity Manager will host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Personal listening device for shore excursions
- All meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore
- Variety of onboard entertainment
- All gratuities included



Melk Benedictine Abbey

EMERALD STAR-SHIPS

Built: 2014-2026 Cabins: 91 Guests: 180 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 52



- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs*
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbecue
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool & Bar/Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 11 Lift
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite
285ft² – 315ft²

CAT SA

Grand Balcony Suite
207ft² – 210ft²

CAT S

Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite
160ft² – 189ft²

CAT A CAT B CAT C

Emerald Stateroom
153ft² – 170ft²

CAT D CAT E

Important Information: The cabin and deck plans, sizes and photographs are an indication only and are subject to variation. * Due to safety, the Sun Deck will be closed when travelling under low bridges.

Tour Code 828PC 2027 Departure Date	RIVIERA DECK		VISTA DECK		HORIZON DECK		HORIZON DECK		HORIZON DECK	
	CAT E, D		CAT C, B		CAT A		CAT S		CAT SA	
	PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
November 30	\$4,354	+ \$4,354	\$5,541	+ \$5,541	\$5,698	+ \$5,698	\$6,501	N/A	\$7,607	N/A

Pricing includes Land, Free Air promotion from Philadelphia, Roundtrip transfers available to and from Philadelphia airport with 10 or more travelers

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Passport required on this program



Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

Riviera Deck: \$499 per person Vista & Horizon Deck: \$569 per person

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 or the illness or death of an immediate family member, 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 are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

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