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Christmas Market Cruise on the Danube River

Tour Dates: November 30 – December 8, 2026



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Shop for handmade holiday ornaments and crafts



Stroll through the charming Christmas market in Bratislava

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

DAY 2 Munich / Passau, Germany: Welcome to Germany! All flights must arrive Munich by 2:00pm. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred from the airport to your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship in Passau. After boarding, explore the ship and become acquainted with the amenities. Later, enjoy dinner onboard. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Passau: Embark on a guided tour to Passau. Explore its beautiful historic center, featuring charming baroque buildings, stunning riverside views, and narrow cobblestone streets, all infused with the aroma of freshly baked gingerbread. This important historic trading center, known as the City of Three Rivers—where three of Europe’s main waterways converge—borders Austria and showcases a distinctive blend of cultures. You can enjoy the magical ambience in the St. Stephen Cathedral with its special organ concert or wander through the Christmas market of Passau right in front of the St. Stephen’s Cathedral and discover the unique Bavarian delicacies. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Bavarian Band onboard

DiscoverMORE: Bavarian Traditions (additional expense)

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. During your walking tour, you will have the chance to see the historical old town with a mix of baroque and Renaissance architecture. Hand-carved nativity scenes are on display in many of its churches, making for a serene and contemplative Christmas experience. A festive day for the senses, as you end with a Linzer torte tasting – the local delicacy that will add flavor to your

Christmas time memories of this old Austrian town. **Meals: B, L, D**
DiscoverMORE: Full day Excursion to Salzburg (additional expense)

DAY 5 Dürnstein: 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. 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. As part of the tour you get to taste the delightful Göttweig wine, which is a tradition well kept by the monks throughout centuries. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Göttweig Abbey with wine tasting

EmeraldPLUS: Christmas traditions in Europe (onboard presentation)

DAY 6 Vienna: This capital city is comprised of grand boulevards, ornate palaces, amazing architecture and storied history. Also famous for art exhibitions and museums, your included tour visits the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in the country. After the tour, enjoy free time to visit the wonderful Christmas Markets throughout the city. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Exclusive Viennese concert (additional expense)

DAY 7 Bratislava, Slovakia: Learn about Slovakian culture during a visit to Bratislava, capital of the Republic of Slovakia. Enjoy a walking tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Slovak National Theater and the Episcopal Summer Palace. Bratislava is also home to charming Christmas markets where you can shop for handmade ornaments and holiday craft items. This



Christmas market on Budapest's main square

afternoon, a highlight of the day may be a home-hosted visit where you are treated to tasty home-made specialties in the home of local Slovaks. What a unique opportunity to meet the locals and learn about life in Slovakia! **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Home Hosted Coffee and Cake with Slovaks

DiscoverMORE: Carpathian wine route (additional expense) (instead of EmeraldPLUS)

DAY 8 Budapest, Hungary: Budapest, Eastern Europe's most cosmopolitan capital, is known for the rich architecture and historic monuments along both sides of the Danube. This UNESCO World Heritage city is a true delight during the season with its Christmas Market and festive display of holiday decorations. Your guided coach tour will introduce you to the city as it passes the ornate Parliament Building and travels along Andrassy Avenue – the main shopping area lined with spectacular Neo-Renaissance townhomes, cafés, boutiques and theaters, among them the State Opera House. This evening you'll be delighted by a traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: A traditional Hungarian folklore show

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Szentendre (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE: Jewish Heritage Tour (additional expense)

DAY 9 Budapest / USA: After breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow travelers as you disembark the ship. Transfer to the Budapest airport, taking home warm memories of Europe at Christmastime.

Meal: B

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.



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**

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

Built: 2014-2026 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

SUN DECK



HORIZON DECK



VISTA DECK



RIVIERA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

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



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

315ft²

CAT SA



Grand Balcony Suite

210ft²

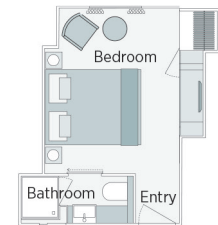
CAT S



Panorama Balcony Suite

180ft²

CAT A CAT B CAT C



Emerald Stateroom

162ft²

CAT D CAT E

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CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	PER PERSON TWIN: \$4,099; SINGLE ROOM ADD: + \$2,925
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	PER PERSON TWIN: \$4,439; SINGLE ROOM ADD: + \$3,179
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	PER PERSON TWIN: \$5,185; SINGLE ROOM ADD: + \$3,739
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	PER PERSON TWIN: \$5,385; SINGLE ROOM ADD: + \$3,889
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	PER PERSON TWIN: \$5,525; SINGLE ROOM ADD: + \$3,995
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	PER PERSON TWIN: \$6,275; SINGLE ROOM ADD: N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	PER PERSON TWIN: \$7,309; SINGLE ROOM ADD: N/A

Pricing includes Round trip airfare out of MSP, airport transfers, hotel baggage handling, gratuities to guides, drivers and ship staff wine & beer with lunches and dinners on ship.

Free air is from any major mainland US city. All cancellations will be subject to a service fee of \$100.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$649 per person OPTIONAL

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:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 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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