

Christmas Markets

Budapest to Prague

AmaWaterways • ms AmaMagna
November 23 - December 6, 2023
14 Days • 30 Meals • Excursions in Every Port

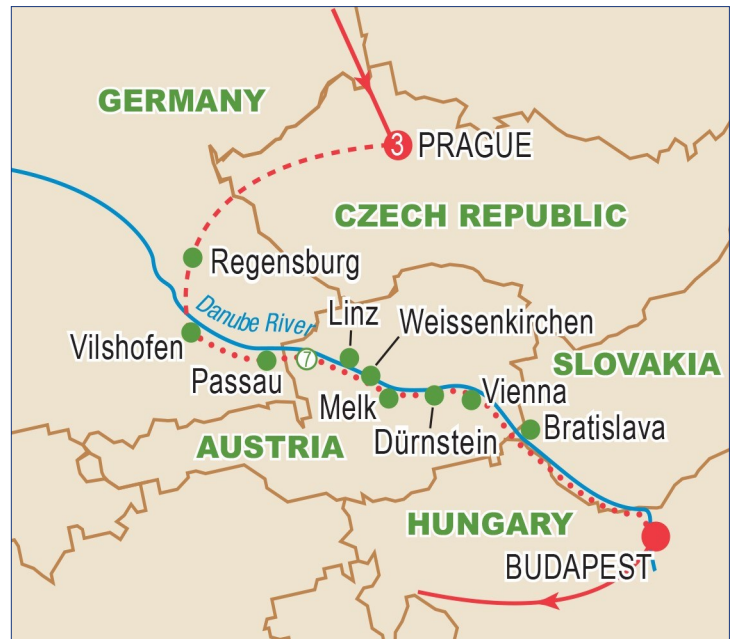


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Stare Mesto Old Square, Prague, Czech Republic

Enjoy a magical mix of history and holiday cheer on a river cruise that's filled to the brim with festive highlights along the legendary Danube River. The cities and towns along its shore herald the holiday season, hosting delightful Christmas Markets ripe with twinkling lights, festive local treats, handicrafts, unique decorations, and ornaments. Join us on this memorable voyage along the Danube, as ports take on a fairy-tale appearance and a cozy, homey, traditional Christmas vibe along the way.

Each port of call will have a choice of included shore excursion, plus carefully selected pre and post land arrangements. During our cruise enjoy included wine, beer, or soft drinks at every lunch and dinner, plus of course, the excellent cuisine for which AmaWaterways has rightly earned a reputation. We journey through the Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic in style, combining spectacular scenery with cultural enrichment while ensuring a comfortable experience. Virtually everything is included: most meals, all tips, all taxes, all gratuities, even most of your shore excursions, leaving you free to enjoy every minute of your cruise holiday.



Inclusive Features

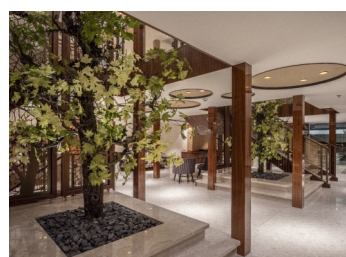
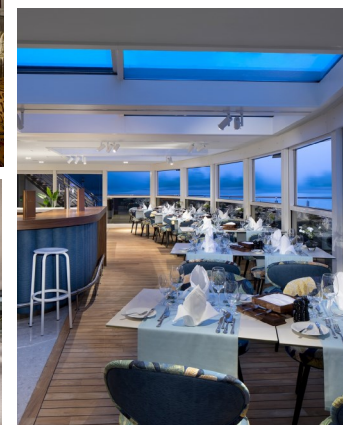
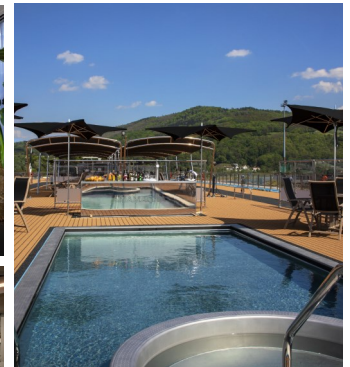
- 7 night cruise in an outside cabin on AmaWaterways *ms AmaMagna* or similar
- 2 nights accommodation in Budapest and 3 nights accommodation in Prague as indicated or similar
- Baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise plus quality European wines at every lunch and dinner
- Enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner aboard the *ms AmaMagna*
- Services of your tour escort and / or cruise director
- Escorted shore excursions in each port
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)

Air Inclusive rates also include:

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

Our Cruise Ship • *ms AmaMagna*

The extraordinary *AmaMagna* is redefining the river cruise experience while sailing on the Danube River. Experience the ultimate in luxury, whether you're exercising in the expansive Zen Wellness Studio or enjoying the views from the full balcony in your stylish stateroom. With five bars, four unique restaurants, including the *Al Fresco* restaurant and *Jimmy's*, offering a warm family atmosphere, a heated sun-deck pool and whirlpool, the *AmaMagna* has quickly become the most luxurious cruise ship on the river. Most staterooms feature balconies so you can enjoy the views, as well as Entertainment-On-Demand and luxurious marble bathrooms. Mealtimes are a feast for the senses in the Main Restaurant and at *The Chef's Table*.



Pick up thoughtful gifts like a festive wooden nutcracker

NOV 23, Thursday **Depart Canada**
Tour members from across Canada fly to Budapest.

NOV 24, Friday

On arrival in Budapest, we are transferred to our hotel. The balance of the day is free to start exploring this beautiful city. This evening we gather for dinner.

Hotel Zenit (2 nights)

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NOV 25, Saturday

Budapest

Budapest is one of Europe's most regal and storied cities, with many of its most iconic sights just off the banks of the Danube River. Budapest is well-known for its fairytale-like Fisherman's Bastion, Buda Hill and its magnificent Hungarian Parliament building. However, this sprawling city is full of rich history and culture and offers many hidden treasures as you venture further past its river banks. During this excursion, your guide will take you deeper into the city to discover fascinating sites.

BLD

NOV 26, Sunday

Budapest / Embarkation

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore the city. Our hotel is located right downtown and within walking distance of the Danube, shopping, and even the famous Central Market Hall. When then gather and transfer to our ship.

ms AmaMagna (7 nights)

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NOV 27, Monday

Budapest

Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Buda Castle quarter in Castle Hill and Heroes' Square, Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Visit both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. Afterwards, to Vorosmarty Square, the oldest, richest and the most spectacular of all the Christmas Markets in the city.

BLD

NOV 28, Tuesday Bratislava, Slovakia / Vienna, Austria

Enjoy a walking tour of this 'Coronation City of Kings', including the Old Town Hall, Mirbach Palace, and the gothic St. Martin's Cathedral or take a foodie tour to enjoy some Slovakian Specialities. Of course we shall also visit the charming Christmas Market. Continue onto Vienna where we have a free evening to explore on our own.

BLD

NOV 29, Wednesday

Vienna

During our morning city tour of Vienna, you will see the impressive Vienna Opera House, the Imperial Palace, and the historic St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. This afternoon we visit the Schonbrunn Palace market with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. Cap the day off with the beautifully decorated Rathaus Christmas Market, Vienna's largest.

BLD

NOV 30, Thursday

Weissenkirchen / Wachau Valley / Melk

Cruise through Wachau valleys to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein. Once here, you can choose to join a walking tour in Dürnstein along its cobblestone streets and to enjoy some of the distinctive local treats including wine, apricot sweets and chocolates. Sail onward to Melk and visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey.

BLD



Christmas tree in Prague's Old Town Square



ms AmaMagna in Passau, Germany



Cozy wooden stalls display colourful decorative ornaments in the markets



Illuminated Parliament Buildings from the water, Budapest

DEC 1, Friday**Linz**

Once the ship arrives in Linz, you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House, with of course a visit to the Christmas Market. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. BLD

DEC 2, Saturday**Passau, Germany**

During the season of Advent, beautiful Passau dresses in her Bavarian holiday splendor. Our walking tour through the city will cover St Stephen's Square home to the cities magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Market. Go in search of unique crafts, including Bavarian-style glass ornaments. If you prefer a more active adventure, hike to Paulinerkloister Mariahilf or join a guided bike ride along the Danube. Later, sail for Vilshofen, where you'll be treated to an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration. BLD

DEC 3, Sunday**Vilshofen / Prague, Czech Republic**

This morning we disembark in Vilshofen and depart for Prague. Enroute we stop in Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on to Prague, taking in the scenic beauty of the countryside before arriving at our hotel in the late afternoon. **Hotel Grandior** (3 nights) B

DEC 4, Monday**Prague**

This morning's sightseeing tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities, with its historic city centre recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city before visiting the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral. Afterwards, we will walk over Charles Bridge to the Old Town Square. This evening, we will enjoy a Folklore Dinner Show to learn about Czech music, dance, and traditions. BD

DEC 5, Tuesday**Prague**

Spend a day at your leisure or take an optional tour to Terezín, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to all those who perished. This evening we gather for dinner. BD

Dec 6, Wednesday**Prague / Canada**

Our journey comes to an end as we transfer to the airport to catch our flights bound for across Canada. B

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

Cruise / Tour Only.....	\$6,455
Toronto.....	\$8,055
Montreal / Ottawa	\$8,185
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton.....	\$8,235
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$8,265
Regina / Saskatoon	\$8,375
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$8,315
Victoria	\$8,375

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat E* Outside Twin on Piano Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to Inclusive Features for details.

Supplement to upgrade to higher category:

Category/Description/Deck	Per Person
Cat D* Deluxe Twin (Piano).....	\$680
Cat AB Deluxe Twin (Cello)	\$2,290
Cat AA Deluxe Twin (Violin).....	\$2,700
Cat SB Deluxe Twin (Cello).....	\$3,090
Cat SA Deluxe Twin (Violin).....	\$3,650
Cat GS Grand Suite (Cello).....	\$7,350
Cat OS Owners Suite (Violin).....	\$10,550

*Categories E and D have fixed windows and no balcony. All other categories feature an outside balcony. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking. Book early for best choice. See deck plan for full details on various categories available. Singles are extremely limited. Please ask for rates. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective December 2022 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment will be due August 16, 2023**Deposit is \$700 per person**

To reserve your spot on this tour, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the tour you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:

CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.



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