

PREMIUM

12D9N

CHRISTMAS CRUISE ON DANUBE

TOUR CODE: EEPBPW

Discover the highlights dotted along Europe's longest waterway and explore the wonderful Christmas Markets of Austria on this ultimate six-night Danube River Cruise experience.



PASSAU SKYLINE DURING SUNSET, BAVARIA, GERMANY

DAY 1 HOME ► MUNICH

Meals On Board

Assemble at the airport and depart to **Munich**, the capital of Bavaria.

DAY 2 MUNICH ► PASSAU

Dinner

Arrival **Munich**, transfer to **Passau**, which will be your starting point, and board the river cruise. Check into your cabin after **16.00pm** and feel free to explore the range of facilities offered on the **AMADEUS Silver II**. Enjoy your stay on one of Europe's best ships as you embark on your **six-night cruise** along the **Danube**, Europe's most beautiful waterways. Sit back, relax and indulge in the scenic views of the river in the comforts of your cruise ship.

DAY 3 PASSAU ► SALZBURG ► LINZ

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning time may consider join the excursion to **Passau** walking tour or city tour to **Salzburg** to explore the city of Mozart. Drop by the **Christmas market** for a spot of shopping before visiting the place where

Mozart used to play his timeless pieces, the **Mirabell Palace**. Take some time to take a leisurely stroll around the old city and grab some lunch before heading to the next destination. **10.30am** cruise start sailing, you will get a chance to do additional shopping when you sail from **Passau** to **Linz**. Arrive in **Linz** at **17.30pm**, immerse yourself in the festive spirit as you visit the most popular **Christmas market of Linz**. After enjoying a sumptuous dinner, **20.00pm** cruise sail to **Melk** and **Wachau Valley**.

Stay **Passau**: Departure at **10.30am**

Stay **Linz**: **17.30pm-20.00pm**

DAY 4 MELK ► WACHAU ► DURNSTEIN

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning **6.00am** arrive at **Emmersdorf**, a town in Austria. Consider joining an **Wachau excursion**, which includes a visit to the famous **Baroque Abbey of Melk** followed by a **Gluehwein** (mulled wine) party afterwards. **13.00pm** cruise sail to **Durnstein** at **15.00pm** will reach, a small Austrian town famous for its castle ruins perched on top of cliffs, providing a panoramic view of the Danube. This place was also where the English king, **Richard the Lionhearted** was held in

captivity while he was on his way home from the Holy Land. Enjoy a Christmas celebration on board and attend a Christmas mass in **Durnstein (included in program)**. Enjoy your dinner on board while your cruise takes you to **Vienna** at **2am**.

Stay **Melk/Emmersdorf**: **6am-13.00pm**

Stay **Durnstein**: **15.00pm-2am**



CHRISTMAS MARKET IN VIENNA

HIGHLIGHTS

GERMANY

MUNICH
PASSAU

AUSTRIA

LINZ
• Christmas Market
MELK
DURNSTEIN
• Christmas mass
VIENNA

SLOVAKIA

BRATISLAVA

CZECH REPUBLIC

PRAGUE
• Prague Castle
• St. Vitus Cathedral
• Old Royal Palace
• Wenceslas Square
• Astronomical Clock
• Charles Bridge
CESKY KRUMLOV
• Cesky Krumlov Castle
• Old town

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunch, 8 Dinners

Specialities

- Captain's Gala Dinner
- Western Lunch in Prague

4★ HOTELS

6 nights at **Christmas Cruise** on the Danube

CESKY KRUMLOV Hotel Ruze

PRAGUE Hilton Hotel (2 nights)

*Note: Hotels are subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.



CRUISE SHIP

Celebrate Christmas in a whole new way – on board our festively decorated AMADEUS cruise ship. Enjoy the Christmas stories, decorating the Christmas tree, and a joyous celebration of Christmas Eve on board. On this day, the restaurant will prepare a special gourmet dinner, after which you will have the option of attending a traditional midnight mass.

Amadeus Silver II

- Services of an experienced, multilingual Cruise Director
- Gourmet dining with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner and

midnight snack) in the elegant Panorama-Restaurant, which accommodates all guests in one seating

- Free-flowing quality red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions with every dinner on board
- Coffee and tea after lunch and dinner
- 24-hour complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Special onboard entertainment including lectures, cooking demonstration, onboard music performances and nightly music by the Amadeus Duo in the Panorama Bar
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted on the Sun Deck)

DAY 5 VIENNA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning **8am** reach **Vienna**, the capital of **Austria**. May consider to Join the sightseeing tour of Vienna, which will include the city's most important sights. Walk along the **Ringstrasse**, before dropping by the **Schwarzenbergplatz** and passing by **Karlskirche**. Make a brief stop at Vienna's stunning opera house to take some pictures. The last stop of the tour will be the city's famous **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, where you will be given time to explore the confines of this well-known building. In the afternoon, you may wish to take an optional **excursion** to the **Schönbrunn Castle**, one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings. It comes with its own Christmas market, which is situated

in front of the **Palace of Versailles**- the former residence of the French government and royalty. Spend the evening watching a **Christmas concert** on board. Cruise **3am** will sail to **Bratislava**.

Stay Vienna : 8am-3am

DAY 6 VIENNA > BRATISLAVA > LINZ

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning **8am** arrive in **Bratislava**, the capital of **Slovakia**. May consider join the excursion to city tour by visiting the most important sights in the **largest city of Slovakia**. In the evening, be treated to a **Captain's Gala Dinner** and be entertainment by the on board orchestra. The cruise will depart **12.00pm** to **Linz**.

Stay Bratislava : 8am-12am

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BRIDGES ON VLTAVA RIVER IN PRAGUE

DAY 7

LINZ ▶ PASSAU

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Reach **Linz** in the afternoon **13.30pm** and may consider joining an **optional city tour of Linz** or, if you prefer relax on board. At **22.00pm**, the ship will depart to your final destination, **Passau**.

Stay Linz : 22.00pm

DAY 8

PASSAU ▶ CESKY KRUMLOV

Breakfast, Dinner

Reach **Passau** by **8am** and head to one of the country's finest medieval sites, **Český Krumlov**. A small town with history dating back to the Middle Ages, the relatively undisturbed historic architectural layout and buildings of **Český Krumlov** has earned it a place on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. Go on a guided walkthrough of its **Old Town**, an area packed with 300 protected medieval buildings, and where the **Český Krumlov Castle**, second largest castle in the **Czech Republic** and the town's crowning glory, is located.

DAY 9

CESKY KRUMLOV ▶ PRAGUE

Breakfast, Western lunch

Continue your journey towards the Capital

of **Czech Republic - Prague**, also known as **Praha**. You may also wish to make an optional trip to **The Sedlec Ossuary** is a small Roman **Catholic Chapel**, located beneath the **Cemetery Church of All Saints in Sedlec**, a suburb of **Kutná Hora** in the Czech Republic. It is **one of twelve World Heritage Sites** in the Czech Republic. The ossuary is estimated to contain the skeletons of between 40,000 and 70,000 people, whose bones have, in many cases, been artistically arranged to form decorations and furnishings for the chapel. The ossuary is among the most visited tourist attractions of the **Czech Republic** - attracting over 200,000 visitors annually.

DAY 10

PRAGUE

Breakfast, Lunch

Begin your day with a half-day walking tour of the city nicknamed, the '**City of a Hundred Spires**'. Get an up-close look at the famous **Prague Castle** and the symbolic structures housed within it – the state's spiritual symbol **St. Vitus Cathedral**, the well preserved **Romanesque church St. George's Basilica** and the **Old Royal Palace**. Cross the iconic **Charles Bridge** and proceed into the **Old Town** for a

glimpse of the **Astronomical Clock**, one of the greatest treasures of the city. Then head towards the last stop of the day – **Wenceslas Square**, the vibrant social and commercial centre of **Prague**. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

DAY 11

PRAGUE ▶ HOME

Breakfast, Meals On Board

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 12

HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with **EU Holidays** and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.

**minimum group size may apply*

- **Wachau excursion** : €52
- **City tour of Vienna + Schönbrunn castle** : €75
- **City Tour of Bratislava** : €31
- **Walking Tour of Linz** : €18
- **Kutna Hora** : €25

Tipping Guideline:

(based on 12D9N+cruise service fees)

- **€120 per person**