

*FSB's Connect Club presents...*

# **Christmas on the Danube**

*featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise*

December 7 – 17, 2022



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**11 Days ● 21 Meals:** 9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Vienna, 6-Night Danube River Cruise, Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Wachau Valley, Glühwein Party, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Würzburg, Christmas Markets

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Intercontinental Hotel Wien, Vienna
Days 4 – 9	MS Amadeus Brilliant
Day 10	Maritim Hotel Würzburg, Würzburg
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

**Day 1: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 Overnight Flight**  
Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven into seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted trinkets, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way through some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Austria.

**Day 2: Thursday, December 8, 2022 Arrive Vienna, Austria**  
Your tour opens today in Vienna, Austria's capital city.

**Day 3: Friday, December 9, 2022 Vienna**  
Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. (B)

**Day 4: Saturday, December 10, 2022 Vienna - Board Cruise Ship**  
Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing cruise along the Danube. Your home for the next 6 nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, panoramic deck café, panorama salon and bar, exceptional service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Celebrate with a welcome dinner on board, followed by a Christmas concert performed by the ship's orchestra. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sunday, December 11, 2022 Vienna**  
Join a local expert and explore Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat, and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Monday, December 12, 2022 Vienna - Emmersdorf - Dürnstein - Wachau Valley**  
Journey through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses, as you cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery before visiting Dürnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey. Take a sip of local traditions at a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Passau, Germany**  
Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city and take in the ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestone streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Take advantage of free time to discover the town and Christmas market more on your own. (B, L, D)





**Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,849**

**Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,999**

**Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,599**

**Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$5,349**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Cedar Rapids Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers and Gratuities

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first serve basis.

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

#### **Day 8: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Regensburg**

With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts holding seasonal ornaments, wooden toys, and local handicrafts. On board, attend the Captain's Gala Dinner for an evening of food, music, and entertainment. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9: Thursday, December 15, 2022 Nuremberg Cruise**

across the continental divide to Roth and make your way to Nuremberg. Stroll through the historic city with an expert guide and see Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes at Nuremberg's 17th-century Christmas market

which is Germany's oldest. Wander along the local goods and perhaps you'll shop for handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremberg's famous *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread). (B, L, D)

#### **Day 10: Friday, December 16, 2022 Nuremberg -**

**Disembark Ship - Rothenburg - Würzburg** Disembark your ship in Nuremberg and continue on to Rothenburg, a town of medieval walls, fairytale houses, and Christmas markets. Join a local guide in nearby Würzburg, an ancient wine town. Embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of the city and surrounding sights. This evening, join your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner and toast to the end of your journey along the Danube. (B, D)

#### **Day 11: Saturday, December 17, 2022 Würzburg - Tour**

**Ends** Say goodbye to Germany as your tour draws to a close. (B)

**For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit**  
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#### PLEASE NOTE: IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

Effective immediately and through December 31, 2022 tour departures, **we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour.** Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

Destination-specific information may change frequently and without prior notice. It is very important that you **frequently check the entry/exit requirements for destination(s) visited on this tour**, to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may be applicable to your travel plans, including right up to your departure.

Please refer to our Online Travel Requirements Resource page [www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource](http://www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource) for detailed information.

All returning travelers to the US must complete a signed Attestation Requirement either in electronic form or paper copy. A paper copy of the form will also be provided to travelers or you may visit [www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf) for a copy.

Cabins are available on lower (Hadyen), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) are available on a very limited basis.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1.** This means you're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive into Vienna, Austria airport and depart from Frankfurt, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$800 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 23, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 11, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until June 30, 2022.**

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For important reservation information visit  
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