



## Christmas Markets Along the Danube

9 days - Limited to 24 guests

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Embark on a festive Danube River cruise, staying in handpicked boutique hotels in the heart of Vienna and Munich, and visiting Christkindlesmarkts, historic Melk Abbey and the Imperial Treasury in Vienna.

### Itinerary

#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Arrive in Vienna, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your dedicated Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner.

*The Ring | Meals: Dinner*

#### **DAY 2 VIENNA | HANDCRAFTED PORCELAIN**

Travelling by small group, visit the Belvedere, seeing the stately palace complex, tranquil gardens and a Christmas market. View works by Austrian painter Gustav Klimt. Then, enjoy lunch at a Viennese café before a privately guided tour of the Augarten Porcelain Factory. Transfer to your vessel, with priority embarkation. After settling into your premium cabin or suite with an openair French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail, dinner and a festive holiday concert.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 3 VIENNA | A CITY'S CHRISTMAS BEST**

Your walking tour in Vienna visits St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Imperial Treasury at Hofburg Palace. Take a private Viennese waltz lesson — exclusive to Connections guests. After lunch, visit Schönbrunn Palace and its Christmas markets. Tonight, visit the main Christmas market at the Rathausplatz.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 4 MELK | PALATIAL ABBEY**

Arrive in Melk, where you visit the Benedictine abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Originally constructed as a palace, the abbey boasts soaring gilded towers, an elaborately frescoed church and a vast library of medieval manuscripts. Pause for lunch ashore at a local restaurant in the scenic Wachau Valley. Later, enjoy a private pre-dinner cocktail party in the Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 5 PASSAU, GERMANY | HISTORIC CHRISTKINDLESMARKT**

Arrive in Passau. Take a guided city walk by small group, visiting the Christkindlesmarkt and St. Stephen's Cathedral to hear its organ. Linger over an authentic Bavarian lunch with a glass of wine at a charming restaurant, only for Connections guests. Then, explore the old historic center at leisure.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 6 REGENSBURG | WALKING TOUR & MARKET VISIT**

On today's Connections-exclusive excursions, walk through Regensburg and visit one of its oldest breweries for a tasting. Tour St. Emmeram's Palace and stroll its Christmas market. Join the captain for a gala dinner back on board.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 7 NUREMBERG | HEART OF THE OLD CITY**

Transfer to Nuremberg and see its 900-year-old ramparts, Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice. Privately visit a World War II art bunker with Connections guests. Explore the Christkindlesmarkt in the old city, with time to shop or savor homemade gingerbread.

*'Amadeus Star' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**DAY 8 MUNICH | BAVARIAN CAPITAL**

Disembark in Nuremberg. Drive with your group to Munich. Take a guided walking tour of its old town. Visit the Frauenkirche cathedral and Marienplatz with its bustling Christmas market.

*Platzl Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

**DAY 9 DEPART MUNICH**

Transfer to Munich airport to depart.