

DANUBE HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



PASSAU, CITY OF THREE RIVERS

There's still time to make this a Christmas to remember with a festive journey along the dazzling Danube! Embark in Vienna, the City of Music, then cruise in pampered luxury through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Pass by regal riverbank castles, fortresses, and Melk Abbey, a true Baroque treasure. You also won't want to miss time in the alpine jewel of Salzburg with its connections to Mozart, "The Sound of Music" movie, and one of Europe's most breathtakingly beautiful Christmas Markets. Christmas Eve and Day are in Passau, Germany, where the three converging rivers, mighty cathedral, and beautiful Old Town will positively enchant you.

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Passau
Day 2 – Melk	Day 5 – Passau
Day 3 – Linz/ Engelhartszell/ Passau	



DATES IN 2027

22 Dec



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. For many Europeans, Christmas celebrations wouldn't be complete without Glühwein, the hot, mulled wine served at Christmas Markets, throughout the region. Attend an onboard talk to learn about the beverage's history and how recipes vary from city to city. Then, sample steaming mugs of Glühwein, with traditional Christmas Leckereien (goodies).

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart, get settled into your Suite with the help of your personal Butler, and take advantage of our convenient shuttle to visit one of Vienna's jolly Christmas Markets. Later tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to relax and appreciate the gorgeous passing scenery of the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Along the way, enjoy a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE onboard presentation about Glühwein, the region's popular hot mulled wine served at Christmas Markets far and wide. Sample three distinct varieties, accompanied by traditional Christmas treats. After lunch, arrive in Melk and embark on a RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. How about a tour of the resplendent Benedictine Melk Abbey with a gingerbread, wine, or coffee experience? Or, consider an outing to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today. For a full list of excursions available for your cruise, see our website.



VIENNA'S CITY HALL



PASSAU WINTER WONDERLAND

DAY 3 / CHRISTMAS EVE – LINZ / ENGELHARTSZELL / PASSAU

An exciting Christmas Eve Day awaits. Begin in Linz, a European Capital of Culture, where you're invited to a full-day excursion to magnificent Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and film site for "The Sound of Music" movie. You'll spend time along the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old World wrought-iron guild symbols and bustling shops and then at one of Europe's prettiest Christmas Markets. Later, rejoin the ship in Engelhartzell and cruise on to Passau as you enjoy an onboard dinner featuring delectable German-style Christmas dishes. If you like, take advantage of our shuttle tonight to attend Heiligabend (Christmas Eve) Mass at the 17th-century Italian Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ.

DAY 4 / CHRISTMAS DAY – PASSAU

Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas)! Your time in the beautiful City of Three Rivers will be a day to remember. Learn all about Bavarian Christmas traditions during a scenic winter walk that ends at a local farmstead for merry music, holiday treats, and a visit from a special VIP to wish you the merriest Christmas ever. Return to your ship in time for dinner, featuring a menu of delicious Anglo-Saxon Christmas recipes!

DAY 5 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.

This cruise has extensions available, see our website for details.