

A MERRY DANUBE CHRISTMAS GETAWAY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



VIENNA IN WINTER

When twinkling lights decorate the cities and the aroma of gingerbread fills the air, there is simply no better place to be than the Christmas Markets of Austria and Germany. Spend five memorable days cruising the Danube River, with unforgettable visits to Vienna, Melk, Mauthausen, Linz, and Passau. Visit traditional Christkindlmarkts (Christmas Markets), both big and small, where you can immerse yourself in the jolly atmosphere of charming towns and bustling cities. Raise a mug of Glühwein (warm mulled wine) with new friends; sample sizzling sausages – hot off the grill; and stroll among the inviting wooden huts to find the perfect trip memento or a holiday gift or two for loved ones back home!

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

DATES IN 2026

22 Nov, 6 Dec



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to breathtaking Belvedere Palace. Bask in the ornate Baroque atmosphere as you are treated to a private musical performance and the opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt’s masterful “The Kiss”.

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart, relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled in, and explore your ship's many amenities. Tonight, meet your fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner, then afterward, take advantage of our convenient shuttle to Vienna's dazzling nighttime Christmas Markets.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Plenty of excitement awaits in the City of Music! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district with time at one of the Christmas Markets; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace or imperial Hofburg Palace and Treasury; and other fantastic options. Go to the Riverside website to see a complete listing of excursions available on your cruise. Return to the ship for dinner, then tonight, join us for an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 3 – 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. You'll definitely want to have your camera as the ship cruises by countless castles, fortresses, and monasteries. Arrive in Melk after lunch and embark on a RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion.



WINTERY LAKE WOLFGANG



BENEDICTINE ABBEY OVER OLD TOWN MELK

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.

DAY 4 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen, where you might enjoy a visit to the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery; Austria's picture-perfect Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart; or to lovely lakeside St. Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, wonderful highlights and Christmas Markets in scenic settings await! The ship continues to Linz, Austria's third-largest city, for a guided sightseeing walk that includes the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz.

DAY 5 – PASSAU

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