

DEC 1-10, 2021  
10 DAYS • 23 MEALS

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From  
U.S. to Europe  
Included

## Main Street Tours Presents

# Christmas Markets River Cruise 2021 President's Charter

*Celebrate the Holiday Season along the Danube River*

Enter a real winter fairytale. Visit the best Christmas Markets along the Danube and explore delightful river towns. Embrace the aroma of roasting chestnuts and seasonal pastries. Warm up with a delicious glass of mulled wine as we immerse ourselves in the splendid traditions of the Christmas holidays. Join Main Street Tours President Laurie Lincoln for what promises to be a holiday trip of a lifetime!



Celebrate the holiest of seasons as we journey through Germany and Austria

### DAYS 1-2—LOS ANGELES/WELCOME TO FRANKFURT

Welcome to the energetic city of Frankfurt\*, with its futuristic skyline and dynamic culture. We'll travel to the village of Marktheidenfeld and settle into our hotel for the next two evenings, the Hotel Zur schönen Aussicht. This inn was built in 1848, overlooks the Main River, and is located at an ideal spot near the romantic Old Town, Franconian vineyards and romantic forests. Tonight we gather together for a welcome dinner. **L, D**

*\*Flights will be confirmed in January of 2021. Frankfurt touring contingent on flight arrival time.*

### DAY 3—WÜRZBURG

This morning, travel to the magical town of Würzburg to revel in the opulent baroque and rococo architecture of this charming city. Once the great seat of power for the prince-bishops of Germany, no visit to Würzburg is complete without a visit to the Würzburg Residence and gardens. This lavishly-appointed palace is on the UNESCO World Heritage List and illustrates the grand power of the ancient regional rulers. We'll also visit the historical and celebrated Juliusspital for lunch, followed by a stroll through its storied wine cellar. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore and discover the charismatic Würzburg Christmas Market in Würzburg. **B, L, D**

### DAY 4—ROTHENBURG/MS AMADEUS QUEEN

In Rothenburg, the local Cellar Master welcomes us with a 1600s reception, after which we take a guided stroll within the storied walls of this medieval town. Then explore the town's 500-year-old Christmas market, the Reiterlesmarkt. Enjoy roasted chestnuts and perhaps special white mulled cider while browsing the traditional local gifts. And, before leaving, we'll be treated to coffee and a Schneeballen pastry, a favorite of this region. Later a real "WOW" moment strikes as we board our home for the next six nights in Nuremberg, the *MS Amadeus Queen*. A masterpiece of engineering and ship design, the deluxe all new *Queen* was christened in 2018. The festive excitement is palpable as we board to a holiday welcome dinner hosted by CTD President Steve Uelner. Our luxury ship staterooms on the Mozart and Strauss Deck feature panoramic windows which extend across the entire front and have been specially designed for the AMADEUS ships (this state-of-the-art design



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provides more inside room versus competitor ships). All staterooms and suites offer comfortable, spacious bathrooms, infotainment systems, flat screen television, telephone, cabin safe, minibar and air conditioning which can be individually regulated. The suites also feature external balconies. **B, D**

### DAY 5—NUREMBERG

Home to the famous Nuremberg lebkuchen (gingerbread)! Our magical Advent journey to the most beautiful Christmas markets along the Danube commences with an introductory sightseeing tour through a festively decorated Nuremberg. The highlight follows—the famous Nuremberg Christmas market, where culinary specialties, artisan crafts and regional products fill the air. This afternoon, we set sail on the Danube for Regensburg. **B, L, D**

### DAY 6—REGENSBURG

As you enjoy breakfast, we reach the Bavarian town of Regensburg, which boasts one of the best-preserved medieval old towns in Germany. A guided city walking tour will showcase the city's most beautiful side, and in the afternoon a visit to the Thurn and Taxis Castle and its renown Christmas Market complements the jubilant atmosphere. On board before dinner, a local Bavarian group entertains us...and later, as we dine, we depart for Passau. **B, L, D**

### DAY 7—PASSAU

We arrive in Passau, the romantic "City of Three Rivers". After breakfast, enjoy your morning relaxing on board our *MS Amadeus Queen*, decorated up for the Yuletide season, or join in a guided walking tour through this picturesque town where the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers meet. After lunch, visit the festively decorated Christmas market in Passau. Later our ship weighs anchor and sets sail for Austria. **B, L, D**

### DAY 8—MELK ABBEY/VIENNA

We begin our day with a visit to the spectacular Melk Abbey...CTD travellers consistently rave about this

## What Is A Christmas Market

Today more than 2,500 Christmas markets across Germany offer magical wonderlands, with decorated booths that sell handcrafted gifts and regional specialties. In December 2020, we'll visit the best Christmas markets throughout our journeys.

Originally held centuries ago, the Christmas Market began in the German-speaking parts of Europe and parts of eastern France and Switzerland. Local townsfolk would gather to buy and sell supplies to help survive the long winters. Now Christmas markets have become more of a social event for each town and village, focusing on the joys of the Advent season. Most markets feature numerous wooden chalets clustered together with local handicrafts, seasonal scents, mulled wine, ornaments and more. Our visits to these charming markets are sure to fill you with the Holiday Spirit!



Good Morning!



I'm pleased to personally invite you to join me to cruise the waterways and canals of Germany and Austria aboard the amazing *MS Amadeus Queen*. In partnership with our friends at Country Travel DISCOVERIES, we have chartered our luxury ship during the festive Christmas season!

Prefaced by two special days touring charming German villages, we'll board for the cruise of a lifetime. We'll experience the region's centuries-old cities, towns, countryside and cultural sites—all arranged specifically for our group. We insisted on this particular date, the perfect way to start out the Holidays! With just 70 staterooms and 12 suites, the brand-new *MS Amadeus Queen* offers an intimate atmosphere perfect for making friends, but with elegant, first-class service and amenities.

And, we've thrown in a plethora of inclusions, excursions and options that most companies don't offer—from round-trip airfare to all gratuities and all shore excursions—you'll just love the value and convenience.

Space is limited and these cruises fill fast, so please join in soon. Unlike other trips, once this program is sold out, we will not be able to add capacity, and we don't want you to miss out! I hope to host you in 2021 on this amazing trip!

Warm regards,

Laurie Lincoln

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## Sail with Us on the *MS Amadeus Queen*

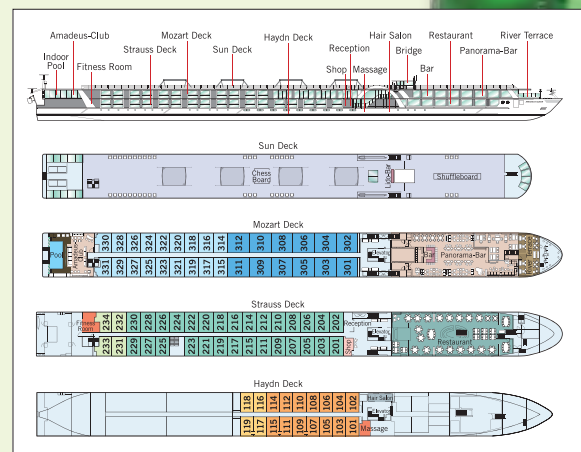
The *AMADEUS QUEEN*, a masterpiece of engineering and ship design, joined the fleet in 2018.

The new ship offers a total of 69 spacious deluxe cabins and 12 *AMADEUS Suites*. The *AMADEUS QUEEN* cabins on the Mozart and Strauss Deck also feature lowerable panoramic windows which extend across the entire cabin front and have been specially designed for the *AMADEUS* ships and offer more inside room space than competitor vessels..

All deluxe cabins and suites offer comfortable, spacious bathrooms, infotainment systems, flat screen television, telephone, cabin safe, minibar and air conditioning which can be individually regulated. The suites' also include walk-on external balconies with seating.

Like a floating luxury boutique hotel, this sleek, modern ship offers amazing views and 100% outward-facing staterooms ship-wide, and is loaded with comforts and amenities—from spa and fitness facilities to evening entertainment, gourmet meals and wine/beer/soda with dinner. **PLUS THESE ON-BOARD INCLUSIONS...**

- Country Travel DISCOVERIES has chartered the entire ship, exclusively for our travelers. We'll enjoy seven days aboard the luxury ship *MS Amadeus Queen*, christened in 2018.
- Gratuities to crew, cruise director, and local guides included—over a \$150.00 per person value (most European River Cruise companies do not include these)
- Fascinating river cruise with large, outside river-view staterooms, most with floor to ceiling windows.
- Modern, larger staterooms with more space than many Viking and AMA cabins
- Professional, English-speaking crew-to-passenger ratio of 1 to 3
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for excursions
- 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
- Included quality red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions (as well as beer and soda) with every dinner on board
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Special onboard entertainment including professional locals entertaining, cooking demonstration, festive meals, and music by the *Amadeus Duo*
- Bag handling at hotels and on ship
- Services of experienced cruise director throughout the cruise
- Onboard Concierge Service, dedicated to the independent experience seeker
- Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted in small outside area of the Sun Deck)
- Entrance fees for included attractions
- Exclusive on board Bavarian and Vienna Orchestra Quartet performance
- Round-trip air from Los Angeles to Europe, with European airport transfers



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moving experience. Later this morning, we'll return to our ship and cruise this afternoon amongst one of the most beautiful landscape regions in Austria – the Wachau Valley. Following dinner, you'll be in awe as we take a ride into the heart of Vienna's City Centre to experience its colourful kaleidoscope of lights and decorations, along with Vienna's illuminated display of parliament and museums. A perfect atmosphere for the Yuletide Season! **B, L, D**

### DAY 9—VIENNA

Today will be devoted to the magical Danube city of Vienna. Enjoy a sightseeing trip which will take you to see more of the most beautiful sights and elegant buildings in Vienna. This afternoon, you may wish to return to the famous Christmas village on Maria-Theresien-Platz, set between the Museums of Natural History and Art. The aromas of Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and roasted almonds combine for a savoury Advent experience. Tonight, our captain's Gala Dinner takes place, capped off by an exclusive on-board quartet holiday performance by members of Vienna's Philharmonic Orchestra. **B, L, D**

### DAY 10—AUF WIEDERSEHEN

After breakfast on board, we head to the airport for our included flight back home. We are sure you will return home with long-lasting memories of our travels amongst the most festive Christmas Markets in the world! **B** 



## BOOK by February 26, 2021 to SAVE!

Special: **SAVE** if you reserve with code **CMC21A** by February 26, 2021!

Note: This tour is NOT eligible for Travel More, Save More discount pricing.

Stateroom Category	Price	Early Booking Discount	Price with Discount
C Window, Haydn	<del>\$4,497</del>	<b>-\$250</b>	<b>\$4,247</b>
B Drop-Down Panoramic Windows*, Stern, Strauss	<del>\$5,397</del>	<b>-\$500</b>	<b>\$4,897</b>
B Drop-Down Panoramic Windows*, Mid, Strauss	<del>\$5,497</del>	<b>-\$500</b>	<b>\$4,997</b>
B Drop-Down Panoramic Windows*, Forward, Strauss	<del>\$5,597</del>	<b>-\$500</b>	<b>\$5,097</b>
A Drop-Down Panoramic Windows*, Stern, Mozart	<del>\$5,797</del>	<b>-\$500</b>	<b>\$5,297</b>
A Drop-Down Panoramic Windows*, Mid, Mozart	<del>\$5,897</del>	<b>-\$500</b>	<b>\$5,397</b>
Suite, Mid, Mozart	<del>\$6,497</del>	<b>-\$750</b>	<b>\$5,797</b>
Suite, Forward, Mozart	<del>\$6,597</del>	<b>-\$750</b>	<b>\$5,847</b>
Singles, Hayden	<del>\$5,497</del>	<b>-\$250</b>	<b>\$5,247</b>

Port taxes (per person): \$165 \*About Our Panoramic Windows: State-of-the-art, floor-to-ceiling windows provide spectacular views, open air options and improved stateroom sizes over "French Balconies" common on some ships. These drop-down floor-to-ceiling windows allow you to experience river cruising like never before.

## Discoveries Experience

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Price Per Person:

See pricing table below

Depart/Return: Los Angeles, CA

## Highlights & Inclusions

- Included sightseeing tours of Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Passau, Vienna and more
- Seven days aboard the luxury ship *MS Amadeus Queen*
- Gourmet dining with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner and midnight snack) in the elegant Panorama-Restaurant, accommodating all guests in one seating
- Included quality red & white wines from Europe's wine regions (as well as beer and soda) with every dinner on board
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Exclusive on board Bavarian and Vienna Orchestra Quartet performance
- Gratuities to crew, cruise director, and local guides included—over a \$150.00 per person value (most European River Cruises do not include these)
- 24-hour emergency call service while en-route to/from our tour, round-trip airfare from Los Angeles

## Quality Accommodations

**Nights 2-3:** Marktheidenfeld

**Nights 4-9:** *MS Amadeus Queen*



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