

Christmas on the Danube

featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise



Highlights...

Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau
• Wachau Valley • Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera
House • Christmas Markets

9 Days • 18 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 5 Lunches • 7 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Visit and shop in the famous Christmas markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau and Vienna.
- ★ Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise.
- ★ Explore Würzburg, Germany, known as “the jewel of the Main River,” and the lovely medieval town of Rothenburg.
- ★ Cruise through the Wachau Valley, the most picturesque region of the Danube River.
- ★ Experience an up-close look at the historic cities that adorn the Danube.
- ★ Experience the benefits of personal audio devices, designed for better communication between you and your guides throughout your tour.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the ancient town of Würzburg, known as “the jewel of the Main River,” and reputed to be one of Germany’s loveliest towns. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight’s welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Würzburg. This ancient Franconian wine town is rich in historic sights, including the magnificent 18th century residence of the prince-bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. **Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany.** Enjoy free time to explore the town’s hidden treasures. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard the MS Amadeus Diamond. This beautiful ship offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, fitness center, excellent cuisine and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner on board. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Nuremberg

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring the old town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle, and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg’s Christmas Market, Germany’s most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later in the day, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. Today, enjoy a short lesson on the local language from your Tour Manager and learn key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. After a delightful dinner, the onboard orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany’s best preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights include the old Town Hall and the Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. From the 12th century 1,400-foot long medieval bridge, you will have spectacular views of the city and surrounding countryside. This afternoon, take a stroll through the 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 that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening your ship departs for Passau. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Passau

Early morning you cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairytale city, exploring the ornate baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, cathedral and charming Christmas Market. After

dinner, enjoy a delightful music concert in the ship's panorama lounge. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery or if you wish, join an optional excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. **Early afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns.** Early evening you arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. After dinner you are invited to visit Vienna's most famous Christmas Market, located near the town hall. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartnerstrasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. Celebrate the end of your trip with an enchanting musical performance in the Panorama Bar. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

After breakfast, you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Novotel Würzburg, Würzburg or Maritim Würzburg, Würzburg
Day 3 - 8	MS Amadeus Diamond, Cruise On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

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

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette 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.

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 trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 4:00 PM.

Embarkation on day 3 is after 4:00 PM; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 AM. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 AM on the last day of your tour. An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities.

Cabins are available on lower, middle and upper 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 see pricing for cost of any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) and singles are available on a very limited basis. Triple accommodations are not available.

Ice water, coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine is included with each dinner on-board the ship.

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

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

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Itinerary is also 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 trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute for another attraction if possible.

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

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit 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.

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Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be

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