# A & R Block Travel presents... Christmas on the Danube

with Optional 2-Night Magical Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

November 27 – December 5, 2021



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9 Days ● 19 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Vienna, 6-Night Danube River Cruise, Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Wachau Valley, Glühwein Party, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Würzburg, Christmas Markets

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 7	MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam
Day 8	Maritim Hotel Wurzburg, Wurzburg
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Exploring the Rivers of the World:** Collette's River Cruises are a slower, more intimate way to explore the world. These adventures, on small 4-star vessels, are an easy way to travel through the world's beautiful waterways. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.

### Day 1: Saturday, November 27, 2021 Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven into seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted trinkets, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way though some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Austria.

**Day 2: Sunday, November 28, 2021 Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship** Your tour opens in Vienna, Austria's capital city. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing cruise along the Danube. Your home for the next 6 nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, panoramic deck café, panorama salon and bar, exceptional service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Celebrate with a welcome dinner on board, followed by a Christmas concert performed by the ship's orchestra. (*D*)

**Day 3: Monday, November 29, 2021 Vienna** Join a local expert and explore Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat, and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

**Day 4: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 Vienna - Emmersdorf -Dürnstein - Wachau Valley** Journey through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses, as you cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery before visiting Dürnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey. Take a sip of local traditions at a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. (*B, L, D*)

**Day 5: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Passau, Germany** Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city and take in the ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestone streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Take advantage of free time to discover the town and Christmas market more on your own. (*B, L, D*)

**Day 6: Thursday, December 2, 2021 Regensburg** With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through 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 holding seasonal ornaments, wooden toys, and local handicrafts. On board, attend the Captain's Gala Dinner for an evening of food, music, and entertainment. (*B, L, D*)



# Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$2,998 Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,298 Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,698 Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$4,598

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Lambert St Louis Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 7: Friday, December 3, 2021 Nuremberg** Cruise across the continental divide to Roth and make your way to Nuremberg. Stroll through the historic city with an expert guide and see Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes at Nuremberg's 17th-century Christmas market which is Germany's oldest. Wander along the local goods and perhaps you'll shop for handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremburg's famous *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread). (*B*, *L*, *D*)

Day 8: Saturday, December 4, 2021 Nuremberg - Disembark Ship - Rothenburg - Würzburg Disembark your ship in Nuremberg and continue on to Rothenburg, a town of medieval walls, fairytale houses, and Christmas markets. Join a local guide in nearby Würzburg, an ancient wine town. Embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of the city and surrounding sights. This evening, join your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner and toast to the end of your journey along the Danube. (B, D)

**Day 9: Sunday, December 5, 2021 Würzburg - Tour Ends** Say goodbye to Germany as your tour draws to a close. (*B*)

#### Experience It! Nuremberg Christmas Market

A Christmas market, also known as *Christkindlesmarkt*, is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. These markets originated in Germany, Austria and Alsace. The history of Christmas markets goes back to the Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe. The Nuremberg Christmas market, first held in 1628, is one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world. It attracts 2 million visitors annually and has over 250 wooden stalls offering traditional ornaments, gifts, handicrafts and fresh food. Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing, the market sells local food, drink and seasonal items from open-air stalls.

## **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

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For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1055648

#### PLEASE NOTE:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. 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.

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

Cabins are available on lower (Hadyn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) 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 inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites are available (Amadeus Suites) on a very limited basis and are not available to guests traveling as singles.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

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

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

Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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

Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Embarkation on day 2 is after 11:00 a.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

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

A deposit of \$800 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 21, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 30, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until June 28, 2021.

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> For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1055648. You can also find this information on your tour documents.



If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to A & R Block Travel. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

#### **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

BOOKING NUMBER: 1055648	TOUR: Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-Night Danube River Cruise				
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Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information MUST be provided. Thank you for your cooperation! If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

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Or by Fax to: (314) 576-6726

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#### BOOKING NUMBER: 1055648

TOUR: Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-Night Danube River Cruise

GROUP NAME: A & R Block Travel

DEPARTURE DATE: November 27, 2021 GRO Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Vienna

#### The Schonbrunn Palace and the Christmas Markets

Travel from the port to one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings, the Schönbrunn Palace, which was modeled after the palace of Versailles, the residence of Louis XIV (Le Roi Soleil). Here you can view the state apartments of the Habsburgs' summer residence for many years. The Schönbrunn Palace is one of Austria's treasures and a sight to be seen! Later enjoy a delightful visit to the amazing Christmas market. The above option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. Due to the nature of this option once purchased it will be nonrefundable. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Vienna by Night and featuring the Christmas Markets

Enjoy your evening in the Imperial city by experiencing the magic of Vienna by night. After dinner aboard the ship, start driving along the illuminated Ringstrasse for an opportunity to view the city's buildings from a new perspective – beautifully lit for the night. Next, enjoy a delightful visit to the amazing Christmas market featuring locally made crafts, ornaments, gifts and traditional food and drinks. The above option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. Due to the nature of this option once purchased it will be nonrefundable *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours*. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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# Extend your vacation with

## Optional 3 Days 2-Night Magical Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$599.00 USD per person, double, land only

2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

#### Day 9: Würzburg, Germany - Prague, Czech Republic

This morning, say goodbye to Germany as you continue through the lovely European countryside. Your destination is Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arrival, a local representative will meet you and help orientate you to your hotel and the surrounding city sights.

#### Day 10: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour through the city before arriving at the amazing Hradcany Castle for a stroll down the Golden Lane. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral as well as the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Then, your local guide will introduce you to the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop for ornaments. *Today breakfast will be included.* 

#### Day 11: Prague - Tour Ends

Your tour ends this morning. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Due to additional airline costs, passengers departing from Prague as part of the extension program may be assessed a fee.

A minimum of 15 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. The *minimum coverage* of the insurance has to meet the Czech Republic standards for tourist travel. These standards can be found by contacting the Czech Republic Embassy in the US. If you have *purchased our Travel Protection Plan*, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have *proof of your own coverage* for the minimum insurance requirement applicable at the time of your travel to that country. We certainly encourage you to buy our comprehensive travel protection that not only covers this requirement; but also allows a full refund for cancellation any time up to the day prior to departure.

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2.** This means you feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestones streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs.