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Christmas Markets River Cruise - December 2025

with Girl Travel Tours

Dec 6, 2025 - Dec 18, 2025

Pre-Cruise Land Stay: Budapest ... Dec 6-8, 2025

Christmas Markets River Cruise ... Dec 8 - 15, 2025

Post-Cruise Land Stay: Prague ... Dec 15-18, 2025

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Trip Summary

	December 6 - Saturday
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	December 7 - Sunday Budapest
	Cooking Class and Lunch
	December 8 - Monday Budapest - Budapest
3:00 PM	Embarkation - AmaVerde
	December 9 - Tuesday Budapest - Budapest
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December 6 - Saturday



2:00 PM

Arrival Flights and Check into Hotel



Walking Tour of Budapest

If it's your first time in Budapest, get the lay of the land and a primer in Hungarian history on this in-depth and very affordable walking tour. Join a small group of fellow visitors and a guide who knows the city in and out for a stroll to most of the major attractions including the Hungarian Parliament, Europe's largest synagogue, and St. Stephen's Basilica. Learn about Budapest's Communist past and modern culture Great overview and orientation for first-time visitors, with plenty of local insight Tour runs on a minimal fee and tips, so it's ideal for budget travelers











December 7 - Sunday



Budapest



Cooking Class and Lunch

KITCHEN PIXIE BUDAPEST has been created so that you can also prepare or taste our local specialities, try Hungarian and Jewish food and drinks while you can learn about us and see us in a way most tourists cannot – in this private place and with an unique culinary program.





December 8 - Monday



Budapest

AmaWaterways

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures. Iconic Christmas Markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure. Nuremberg's festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas Market in Germany; Regensburg's Artisan Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic; Vienna with its impressive Christmas Markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; and Budapest, where products sold in the market are traditionally handmade. Revel in a feast for the senses: sparkling lights; festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols; and enticing smells of hot-mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, sausages and sweet treats of every kind.

Ship Information One of AmaWaterways' remarkable twin-balcony river ships, the newly reimagined AmaVerde, is full of light, love and bold artwork showcasing vibrant, modern designs. The dashing ship is considered the captivating companion of the AmaBella as both ships were totally redesigned in 2021 and sail their imagined love story on the romantic Danube River. Spacious, sophisticated staterooms set the mind at ease for a restful slumber, while warmth attracts visitors to the comfortable fireside library and AmaVerde's massage and hair salon. The Main Restaurant is the perfect home to exquisite meals and local wine pairings worthy of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs—the internationally renowned gastronomic society. The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, with its glass-enclosed kitchen and unique rolled lighting fixture, gives way to a vibrant multi-course parade of dishes with distinct regional flavors paired with hand selected wines. Enjoy a light lunch in our new "Café Bistro," a perfect al fresco spot to play cards and mingle with your fellow guests. Additional amenities on AmaVerde include unlimited high-quality complimentary Wi-Fi, movies, music and English-language TV stations in the staterooms, a specialty coffee station, gift shop, sun-deck walking track, heated swimming pool, putting green, fitness room and fleet of bikes.

Deck Plans

Sun Deck Violin Deck Cello Deck Piano Deck













Budapest



3:00 PM - Central European Standard Time

Embarkation - AmaVerde

December 9 - Tuesday



Budapest

AmaWaterways

"Queen of the Danube" tour and Christmas Markets

Budapest is one of Europe's most regal and storied cities—and many of its most iconic sights can be seen right off the banks of the Danube. Your tour through this sprawling World Heritage city offers splendid views from historic Buda Castle of the twin cities on both banks of the river. You'll also visit Fisherman's Bastion and see the marvelous Royal Palace, St. Stephen's Basilica, Heroes' Square and much more. Later, explore Vörösmarty Square Christmas Market, the largest and most popular Christmas Market in Budapest. As an alternative, you can hike to Castle Hill, walking along Fishermen's Bastion and take in all the iconic sites of Budapest with an active exploration. (B, L, D)









Budapest

December 10 - Wednesday



Vienna

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

"Imperial Vienna" tour with Maria-Theresien-Platz Christmas Markets

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Christmas Markets where you can purchase delightful delicacies and hand-made gifts. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike along the Danube River. Cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Town Hall (Rathaus), Vienna's largest Christmas Market. (B,L,D)







December 11 - Thursday



Melk

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent and storied abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Alternatively, go on a guided bike ride around Melk. During the evening, enjoy a scenic cruise through the Strudengau Valley. (B,L,D)







December 12 - Friday



Passau

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

Join a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old city, noted for its Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's. Go in search of Bavarian-style crafts at the Christmas Market. Or, for the active adventurer, join a guided bike tour along the Danube. Alternatively, you can travel through the serene Austrian Alps to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Your full-day excursion in Salzburg includes a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. (B,L,D)







December 13 - Saturday



AmaWaterways

Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to the base of Walhalla where there is a neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas markets at Thurn and Taxis, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)







December 14 - Sunday



Nuremberg

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise as the ship crosses the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube Canal to Nuremberg. Join a city tour of WWII highlights and then walk through Nuremberg's cobblestone streets to the Imperial Castle and 900-year-old city ramparts. Alternatively, you can taste your way through the city with a Franconian specialties tour, which introduces you to bratwurst, rotbier (red beer) and lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, you can visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas markets. (B,L,D)







December 15 - Monday



Nuremberg

AmaWaterways

DISEMBARKATION







Travel to Prague

Disembark the ship and enjoy the wonder of Nuremberg's other Christmas Markets before departing for Prague, where you will check into your hotel. (B)





Prague Food Tour - Tentative Optional Event

Connecting your taste buds with deliriously good food.

- Presents traditional Czech cuisine and local drinks
- Held in the Old Town area, its hidden alleys and shorcuts
- Walk of 3 km / 1.9 miles
- Takes 4 5 hours
- 10 different food tastings, several different alcohol tastings







Christkindlesmarkt, Nuremberg



The Nuremburg Christkindlesmarkt is one of the oldest and most famous *Christmas markets* in the world. In the wooden booths of "the little city of wood and cloth" one finds traditional, often handmade Christmas decorations and sweet treats such as gingerbread and Spekulatius almond cookies.



December 16 - Tuesday



Prague, Czech Republic

Discover Prague on a city tour or a castle hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities, with a historic city center that's recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later in the day, visit Prague's festive Christmas Markets. (B)









Christmas Markets of Prague

The Prague Christmas markets are held in various locations throughout the city, including the Old Town Square, Tylovo náměstí, Peace Square (Náměstí Míru), Republic Square (Náměstí Republiky), and many more. The Prague Christmas Market takes place from 2nd December 2023 to 6th January 2024.

We will sample traditional Czech foods such as roast pork, gingerbread, and Trdelník (a popular Czech pastry) while browsing the festive stalls. The markets are also a great place to find unique gifts and handmade crafts. One of the most popular locations is the Old Town Square market, which offers a spectacular view of the St. Vitus Cathedral and other historic buildings. The Prague Christmas markets are an unforgettable experience that should not be missed when visiting the city during the holiday season.

Visit the charming Tylovo náměstí (Tylo's Square) while exploring the festive atmosphere of the Prague Christmas Markets for a truly Czech holiday experience.







December 17 - Wednesday



PRAGUE

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery established in 993. Beer is a core part of the country's national identity, so join a Czech beer tasting and discover for yourself what makes the Czech's beer some of the very best in the world. (B)







December 18 - Thursday



DEPART PRAGUE

Bid farewell to Prague and prepare for your flight home.





Click here to book this tour:

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Deposit: \$400 per person

RIVER CRUISE PRICING:

Dec. 8-15, 2025

Pricing below includes the port charges of \$231 and the current HolidayGift of \$1,000 off per person for all double balconies valid for our group until December 31, 2023.

Please note that Categories D & E will have the group discount of \$250 off per person included in the pricing. This is live inventory and subject to change

Category	Description	Available	DBL - PP(USD)	SNG - (USD)	
SS	Suite - French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 350 sq. ft.	5	\$7,029.00	\$14,827.00	
AA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	12	\$5,729.00	\$8,978.00	
AB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	19	\$5,529.00	\$8,678.00	
BA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	8	\$5,329.00	\$8,378.00	
BB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	8	\$5,129.00	\$8,078.00	
С	French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.	10	\$5,279.00	\$7,928.00	
D	Fixed Windows, 170 sq. ft.	12	\$4,179.00	\$5,478.50	
E	Fixed Windows, 170 sq. ft.	6	\$3,880.00	\$5,104.75	

ADD THE PRE and POST RIVER CRUISE EXTENSION **PRICING:**

Budapest \$910.00*

Dec 6-8, 2025

Arrive early and enjoy 2 additional nights including accommodations, tours, farewell dinner and airport transfers.

Prague \$1,395.00*

Dec 15-18, 2025

Stay after the cruise and enjoy 3 additional nights in Prague including accommodations, tours, and airport transfers.

Additional Deposit: \$200 per person

Travel Protection can be added to your tour package for Approx. 8% of total tour cost. Flights can be added to your tour package at 11 months prior to tour dates.

^{*}Single Supplements apply.



CRUISE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservation and Final Payment: To confirm a cruise or cruise & land reservation, we require a deposit of \$400 per person for Europe, Russia and Vietnam/Cambodia itineraries and \$2400 per person for Africa itineraries (\$4800 for Singita dates) on or before the deposit due date indicated on the confirmation. A deposit of \$300 per person is required for Intra-Africa air. Once airline arrangements have been accepted, an additional deposit of \$300 per person is required to confirm said arrangements. Hotel Extra Nights require a deposit of \$50 per person at the time of confirmation of the hotel availability. Final payment is due no later than 90 days before the land/itinerary start date. Pricing: Brochure prices are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy of a stateroom, or standard hotel room, unless stated otherwise. Single rates are available; please refer to individual itineraries. In the event that a cruise fare listed, quoted or advertised through any website, printed collateral, reservations person, travel agent or any other source is booked, but is incorrect due to an electronic error, typographical error, human error or any other error causing the fare to be listed, quoted or advertised for an amount not intended by AmaWaterways, AmaWaterways reserves the right to correct the erroneous fare by requesting the passenger to pay the correct fare intended, or by canceling the cruise. Airfares, air taxes and air surcharges quoted on your invoice or by a reservation agent are only guaranteed once airfare deposit or full payment is received by AmaWaterways. AmaWaterways reserves the right to increase prices without notice.

Prices Do Not Include: Published prices do not include vessel fuel surcharges; passport and visa fees; baggage fees; port charges, port taxes and fees; travel, health, accident or other insurance; vaccinations; laundry; additional food and beverages; optional excursions; gratuities or other items or services of a personal nature.

Cancellation Charges: In the unfortunate event a participant must cancel travel, notice to AmaWaterways must be via email, which must include a return receipt and read notation, or other writing stating clearly and correctly each guest's name, ship name, start and end date of the cruise and a brief statement of the reason for cancellation. Other forms of notice are not sufficient. The effective date of the cancellation is the date we receive the written cancellation notice. A name change or substitution of participant is also treated as a cancellation in that all cancellation charges apply. Cancellation charges are per-person, based on the cancellation date, as follows:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE	CRUISE & LAND CANCELLATION CHARGE	AIRFARE CANCELLATION CHARGE (ECONOMY CONTRACT FARES)	AIRFARE CANCELLATION CHARGE (BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS CONTRACT FARES)	OTHER CHARGES (EXCEPT INSURANCE)
	\$200 (Europe, Colombia & Asia)			
121 days or more prior to departure	\$2,400 (Seven River Journey Through Europe)	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	-
	\$600 (Egypt)			
	\$1,200 (Africa)			
120-90 days prior to departure	\$400 (Europe, Colombia & Asia)			
	\$4,800 (Seven River Journey Through Europe)	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	-
	\$1,200 (Egypt)			
	\$2,400 (Africa)			
89-60 days prior to departure	35% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	35% of all charges
59-30 days prior to departure	50% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	50% of all charges
29-7 days prior to departure	80% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	80% of all charges
6 days to 25 hours prior to departure	100% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	100% of all charges
24 hours or less	100% of cruise and land price	100% penalty	100% penalty	100% of all charges

GIRL TRAVEL TOURS LAND EXTENSION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservation and Final Payment: To confirm this land extension reservation, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person on or before the deposit due date. Final payment is due no later than 110 days before the land/itinerary start date.