

DANUBE HOLIDAY MARKETS

8 Days // S.S. Maria Theresa



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Attend a **Morning with the Masters** at the Vienna Art History Museum.

Delight in a concert featuring works of Mozart and Strauss.

Experience a **Masterpiece Collection** Bavarian romantic winter walk.



Vienna, Austria

DAY 1 BUDAPEST (EMBARK) D

Arrive at the Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer, or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

DAY 2 BUDAPEST BB L WD

Located on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest each have their own distinctive character and allure. You'll get a taste of this dynamic capital city with your choice of tours, and visit Budapest's celebrated Christmas Market—one of the largest in Europe. Christmas has been celebrated in Budapest for a thousand years, since the time of St. Stephen, the king who founded the nation of Hungary and encouraged the spread of Christianity throughout his realm, but the city began as a Roman encampment almost a millennium before that. Over the centuries it was controlled by Germans, Austrians, Ottomans and Communists, all of whom have left traces.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Budapest city tour with Christmas Market or "Do as the Locals Do" Budapest walking tour with Christmas Market.

Back Onboard: Be treated to a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3 BRATISLAVA BB L D

Once hidden from the world behind the "Iron Curtain," Slovakia retains an air of mystery and intrigue, and its small capital city has an unexpectedly colorful history. You'll learn more about Bratislava's past from a local expert and also visit the local Christmas Market—a relatively new (and thoroughly delightful) tradition for Slovaks. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Slovakian? "Veselé Vanoce!" The heart and soul of Slovakia, Bratislava is full of surprises. The city straddles the mighty Danube and has played a leading role in the politics and culture of the region for many centuries. Unlike cities with venerable Christmas Markets, Bratislava just established its first holiday market in 1993. But the Slovaks have quickly embraced the seasonal traditions of their Austrian and Hungarian neighbors—and you'll get to embrace them as well.

Featured Excursion: Bratislava walking tour with Christmas Market.

DAY 4 VIENNA BB L D

Renowned for its art and architecture, its classical music, its decadent pastries and its lengthy list of famous former residents, the refined city of Vienna is a cultural treasure trove. Experience the city with your choice of tours, as well as something extra special—VIP access to an extraordinary collection of art.

Featured Excursions: "Morning with the Masters" at the Vienna Art History Museum and choice of Vienna city tour with Christmas Market or "Taste of Christmas" Vienna walking tour.

Your Call: Take your pick of a "Masterpiece Collection" visit to the dazzling Schönbrunn Palace or a concert featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss.

- Embark/Disembark
- UNESCO Site
- Motorcoach
- Flight
- Boat
- CB/BB** Cont'l Breakfast/Buffer
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- WD/FD** Welcome/Farewell Dinner

DAY 5 KREMS » MELK BB L D

One of the most beautiful abbeys in Austria is still an active Benedictine monastery, but a monastery the likes of which you've never seen—Napoleon himself once laid his head here in the lavish imperial quarters. With its 14th-century stained glass windows, the abbey's jewel box of a church is the perfect setting for a soul-stirring concert of organ music. Both the millennium-old town and the valley itself have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Benedictine Monastery Göttweig with organ concert* or Krems town visit.

DAY 6 LINZ (SALZBURG) BB L D

Your ship docks at Linz, a modern yet historic city that extends across the shimmering waters of the Danube. From there, you'll head to Mozart's birthplace of Salzburg, which is nestled in a glorious alpine setting that sparkles like a winter wonderland this time of year. Fans of "The Sound of Music" may recognize locations from the Oscar-winning film in the city's Old Town, the site of the grand cathedral and absolutely enchanting Christmas Market.

Featured Excursions: Choice of full-day Salzburg walking tour with Christmas Market** or Linz Town & Country: cider farm visit and Christmas Markets.

DAY 7 PASSAU BB L FD

Passau is a crossroads in more ways than one—three rivers meet here and three nations nearly do, making for a fascinating cultural mosaic. Get to know the town with a guided stroll, then visit the local Christmas Market on the square in front of the cathedral. You'll find a lot to enjoy here—from miniature houses and blown-glass ornaments to spun-sugar confections—in more than 70 stalls.

Featured Excursion: Passau walking tour with Christmas Market.

DAY 8 PASSAU (DISEMBARK) CB/BB

Disembark the ship in Passau. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer, or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Munich Airport for your flight home.

*The organ concert may take place in a different location if the Göttweig Abbey visit falls on a Catholic holiday.

**No lunch is included for the full-day Salzburg walking tour.

CRUISE SNAPSHOT

- 7 Nights Cruising
- 11 Included Excursions
- 20 Meals Including 1 Welcome Dinner and 1 Farewell Dinner
- 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites

Cruise Start Dates

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU **Dec 2, 9*, 16**
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