

# CHRISTMASTIME ON THE DANUBE

WVN • VIENNA → NUREMBERG

## Meals

Breakfast: 6 Lunch: 5 Dinner: 6

## Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

## Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

## HighLights

Vienna

Melk

Passau

Regensburg

Nuremberg

Prague



## DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Austria. Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Vienna must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Indulge in traditional holiday fare and hot libations to warm your heart and soul before boarding. (D)

## DAY 2: VIENNA

Royal Collections, and Culinary Confections DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Tour of Vienna ending at magical Christmas Advent Markets! Along the way, discover the history of Austrian foods and traditions as you sample local specialties. You may join a Guided Optional Tour of Schonbrunn Palace-summer home of the Habsburg dynasty for 300 years. Spend free time on your own to enjoy the Christkindlesmarkt, or relax by the fire's glow in a Viennese cafe this evening. Alternatively, this evening, you may choose to attend an Optional Excursion to a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MELK (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: MELK-GREIN

Frescoes above the Wachau Valley CLASSIC - Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings. DISCOVERY - Enjoy an Austrian Cookie Tasting onboard while sailing to Grein. CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theater, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances. Enjoy live entertainment on board. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PASSAU (B,L,D)

**DAY4: PASSAU**

Saint Stephens, Salzburg, and the Story of Silent Night CLASSIC - Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers." You may like to join a Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg, Austria. See the setting of The Sound of Music, and learn the story behind the beloved Christmas hymn, Silent Night.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO REGENSBURG (B,L,D)

**DAY5: REGENSBURG**

Christmas Magic in Bavaria CLASSIC - Join a Guided City Walk and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria-entrance to the Castra Regina fortress built in 179 AD. Take time to browse Regensburg's sparkling Christmas markets. Enjoy hot-mulled wine, candied almonds, gingerbread, or bratwurst. Enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTH (B,L,D)

**DAY6: NUREMBERG**

Legends and History Lessons DISCOVERY - Enjoy a Christmas Traditions Lecture on board while sailing this morning. CLASSIC - Choose a Guided Tour of Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, Gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle, OR: CLASSIC - Join a Guided Tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds-used by the Third Reich. Spend free time on your own to browse the spruce stalls of the Christmas Markets of Nuremberg. Sample favorite Bavarian fare-from dozens of bratwurst varieties, gingerbread, mulled blueberry wine, and countless other culinary delights of the Christkindlmarkt. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN NUREMBERG (B,L,D)

**DAY7: NUREMBERG (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. (B) Notes: Christmas markets generally operate from late Nov until the third week of Dec, depending on the location.