

DANUBE ADVENT CRUISE: FROM VIENNA TO NUREMBERG

28 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2024

FROM
£2,595
PER PERSON

Tour Leaders: Douglas Skeggs & Joanna Worsley


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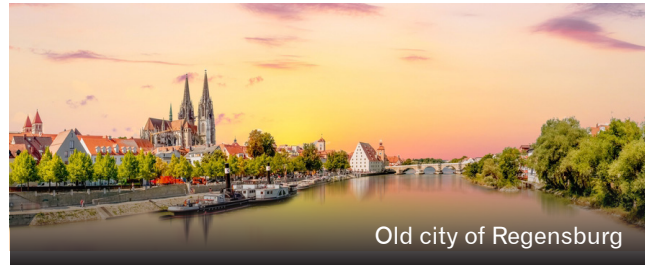


This delightful winter cruise on the Danube from Vienna to Nuremberg aboard the elegant and luxurious *MS Amadeus Cara* encompasses not only the history, culture, food, and wine of the region but also its attractive villages, proud castles, impressive churches and traditional Christmas Markets. Shore excursions will be organised exclusively for our group, guided by Douglas Skeggs, who will also give a series of captivating onboard lectures.

Our voyage begins in Vienna, city of the Habsburgs and heart of their Empire, where we explore the Imperial sights from the magnificent Hofburg to St. Stephen's Cathedral. We continue to the UNESCO World Natural Heritage and wine region of Wachau where we visit the spectacular Benedictine abbey at Melk before continuing to Passau, also known as the 'City of Three Rivers', situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers, with its colourful Christmas market in front of the spectacular cathedral. We then sail on to the medieval Bavarian city of Regensburg before ending our journey in the historic town of Nuremberg, famous for its Imperial Castle, walled Old Town and gingerbread. It promises to be a delightful festive journey.



Passau Christmas market



Old city of Regensburg

7-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 28 NOVEMBER 2024

28 November London / Vienna

Suggested flight (not included)
British Airways BA 702 departing
London Heathrow at 12.20 hrs arriving
Vienna at 15.45 hrs.

On arrival, transfer to the dock
in Vienna to board the luxury *MS
Amadeus Cara* and embark on a six-
night cruise on the Danube. Captain's
drinks followed by a welcome dinner
on board.

29 November Vienna

This morning enjoy a drive along the
famous Ringstrasse, passing several
magnificent buildings including the
stunning opera house, the parliament,
the Court Theatre and Vienna's
imposing city hall. The panoramic
drive is followed by a guided walk with
Douglas Skeggs through the city centre
beginning with the Hofburg Imperial
Palace, before continuing to walk along
the Kohl market finishing at Vienna's
iconic St. Stephen's cathedral.

Lunch on board. The remainder of
the day is spent on the ship. Enjoy
afternoon tea and dinner on board.

30 November Vienna / Emmersdorf

This morning arrive in Emmersdorf in
the UNESCO World Natural Heritage
region of the Wachau. Guided tour
with a local guide of Melk Abbey,
an Austrian Benedictine abbey built
between 1702 and 1736, and one of
the world's most famous monastic
sites, perched high above the river.
Particularly noteworthy is the Abbey
church with frescoes by Johann
Michael Rottmayr and the impressive
library with countless medieval
manuscripts and frescoes by Paul
Troger. Continue through the Abbot's
chambers, along the Emperor's

Walk, and through the marble hall,
the balconies and the library.

Lunch on board. The remainder of the
day is spent on board, where you will
have a wonderful view of the passing
winter landscapes as your cruise
ship travels towards Passau. Tea and
dinner on board.

1 December Emmersdorf / Passau

This morning arrive in Passau, also
known as the 'City of Three Rivers',
situated at the confluence of the
Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers, and enjoy
a walking tour with Douglas Skeggs
through the romantic old town with
its historic buildings including the
baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral
with its impressive pipe organ.
There will also be the opportunity to
visit the Veste Oberhaus, one of the
largest fortress complexes in Europe.
Optional visit to the traditional
Passau Christmas market in front
of St. Stephen's Cathedral offering
traditional handicrafts, gingerbread,
spices and delicious treats.

Lunch on board. Boat departs for
Regensburg. Afternoon at leisure. Tea
and dinner on board.

2 December Passau / Regensburg

This morning arrive in the historic
city of Regensburg, one of the best
preserved medieval cities in Germany.
Enjoy a walking tour of the town
with Douglas Skeggs passing the
Regensburg Cathedral, dedicated to
St. Peter, with its impressive Gothic
architecture, the town hall and the
oldest bridge to span the Danube
since the 12th century.

Lunch on board. This afternoon
there will be the opportunity to explore
the romantic Christmas market

in the Thurn and Taxis Palace in
Regensburg (bookable on board and
at a supplementary price). Revel in
the festive pre-Christmas atmosphere
filled with the aroma of lebkuchen
(gingerbread) and roasted almonds,
and stalls filled with local handicrafts.
Captain's Gala dinner.

3 December Regensburg / Roth / Nuremberg

This morning enjoy watching the
beautiful scenery as you cruise to the
Bavarian town of Roth.

Lunch on board. Afternoon drive to
the historic town of Nuremberg, the
second largest city in Bavaria and the
capital of Franconia, for a city tour.

During the reconstruction work
following the devastation of the
Second World War, the style of the
Old Town was maintained. Ringed
walls, towers and the castle provide
a vivid image of the town as it may
have looked during medieval times.
After passing the Palace of Justice,
the venue of the Nuremberg trials,
continue to the old town at the
heart of Nuremberg. Stroll through
the narrow medieval alleyways and
visit the Christmas market selling
world-famous Nuremberg lebkuchen
(gingerbread) and Glühwein before
returning to the ship. Dinner on board.

4 December Nuremberg / Munich / London

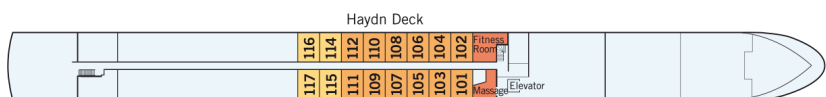
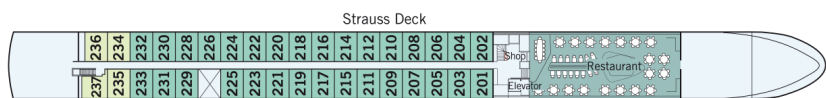
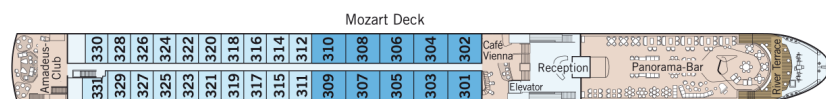
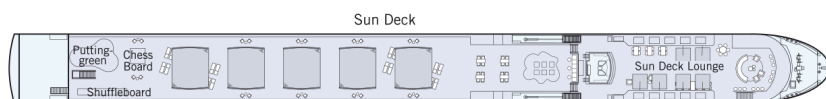
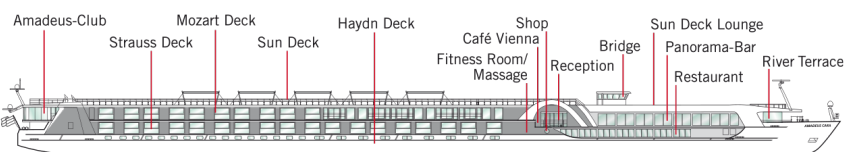
This morning disembark from the
boat and transfer to Munich airport
for suggested flight (not included)
British Airways BA 951 departing
Munich at 12.40 hrs arriving London
Heathrow at 13.40 hrs.



MS AMADEUS CARA

This new vessel enjoys Amadeus' elegant interiors. The popular deck concept of spaciousness has been maintained. This includes not only generous public areas but also spacious cabins: 10 large suites impress with an outdoor balcony and a cosy reading corner whilst the 71 standard cabins mainly have panoramic window fronts which can be automatically lowered and luxurious bathrooms.

The 71 cabins and 10 suites of the *Amadeus Cara* offer spacious accommodation for passengers on the vessel. While cabins on all decks have panoramic windows that provide stunning views of the passing scenery; the cabins on the Mozart and Strauss decks have special drop down panoramic windows, and the 10 suites offer a walk-out exterior balcony that offer unimpeded views of the charming countryside. All cabins include modern hospitality amenities such as a comfortable bed, flat-screen TV, separate area for WC/shower, walk in wardrobe and a safe to secure valuables. All staterooms and suites offer a choice in bed configuration – please specify your preference on booking.



TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTED COSTS
available until end of November 2023

Haydn Deck C1 Cabin: £2,845 £2,595
Single Supplement: £245 £210

Strauss Deck B1 Cabin: £3,290 £2,985
Single Supplement: £855 £735

Mozart Deck A1 Cabin: £3,525 £3,190
Single Supplement: £1,135 £975

Mozart Deck Suite: £3,980 £3,590

Please note that the price excludes the cost of international flights.

When the flight schedule has been released (Dec 2023) we will be able to confirm prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Full board including daily breakfast, lunch, dinner, and midnight snack
- Coffee, tea and ice water with all meals on board
- Free flowing regional red and white wines, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions and transportation as per the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- Gratuities to staff onboard
- Gratuities to guide/s
- Gratuities to bus driver/s
- Portage
- Services of a professional cruise director
- The services of your tour leader and guest lecturer throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights, currently approximately £350 per person based on 2023 fares and subject to change
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 27/10/23



YOUR TOUR LEADERS



JOANNA WORSLEY

After leaving school, Joanna travelled extensively through Asia working in Hong Kong and Delhi and developing a passion for India. She then spent several years in Los Angeles producing film and music videos. Being half-Greek she has a particular love for Greece too and has a house on the island of Skyros. She has previously led several tours to India for The Ultimate Travel Company.



DOUGLAS SKEGGS

Douglas Skeggs read fine art at Magdalene College, Cambridge and since 1980 has been a lecturer on the history and techniques of painting. He has made several art documentaries and written and advised on many more. An accomplished painter in his own right, he has held three one-man exhibitions of his work. His biography of Monet, *River of Light: Monet's Impressions of the Seine*, sold 65,000 copies, and he has also written several novels.



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