

# Christmas Time on the Danube

Departure Date: December 1, 2025



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**DAY 1** Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Vienna, Austria.

DAY 2 Vienna, Austria: Welcome to Vienna! You'll be met at the airport by a member of our welcoming team and transferred to your Emerald Cruises contemporary Star-Ship. After boarding and settling in, you'll have time to explore Vienna at your leisure. Meal: D

**DAY 3** Vienna: During the holiday season, Vienna's most charming squares transform into magical Christmas markets. The delightful aromas of Christmas cookies baking, hot punch, and roasted chestnuts allure many visitors at this time of the year. The Old City and shopping streets are decorated with festive lights that create a whimsical atmosphere in Vienna.

Today, explore Austria's capital beginning with a drive along the Ringstrasse, where you'll see some of Vienna's world-famous sights such as the Opera House, Burgtheater, Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the Hofburg Imperial Palace. Then, you'll have plenty of free time to sample the wonderful tastes of Vienna's Christmas markets, such sumptuous Käsekrainer sausage, sweet doughnuts, salty pretzels, and Kartoffelpuffer - a savory potato pancake. **Meals: B, L, D** 

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense) **DiscoverMORE:** Viennese evening concert (extra expense)



**DAY 4** Bratislava, Slovakia: Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is situated in a wonderful location between the Carpathians and the Alps, just a few miles from Vienna. Pre-Christmas time in Bratislava is intrinsically connected with glowing streets, warm holiday spirit, traditional dishes, and yuletide drinks. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Mirbach Palace, and the Gothic Cathedral of St Martin.

Alternatively, join an active guided hike to Bratislava Castle. Bratislava is also home to many charming Christmas markets, which are a joy to leisurely stroll through. The main Christmas Market is located at the Main Square and Hviezdoslav Square, but there are plenty of smaller ones in the city center as well, such as the square in front of the Eurovea shopping center. Whichever market you venture into, the irresistible scents of Christmas time and the unique festive atmosphere will get you for sure! **Meals: B, L, D** 

EmeraldPLUS: Local Slovakian Entertainment onboard EmeraldPLUS: Christmas traditions in Europe (onboard presentation)

**DAY 5** Budapest, Hungary: Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Join a guided tour today, where you will be covering some of the highlights of Budapest and learn more about its stunning landscape and architecture. The history of the Hungarian capital shows a unique blend of cultures, cuisine and vibrant lifestyle.



There is so much to take in while you pass through the bustling city, which is an attractive destination for visitors from all over the world. During your free time, stroll the Christmas market on Budapest's main square near Váci Utca Street, which showcases Hungarian craft products such as glass blowing, knitting, wood carving, candle making, pottery, leather trade, traditional Hungarian embroidery and lace work, etc.

This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian dinner, and folk dancing with music in a local restaurant in Budapest. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldPLUS: Dinner & folklore show in Budapest DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)

**DAY 6** Budapest / USA: After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport and your onward or homebound flight, taking memories of the delightful Danube at Christmas time with you. **Meal: B** 

Itinerary is subject to change.

### **CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 2 through 5 - Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship



### **Exceptional Inclusions**

- 11 Meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit Christmas Markets in three different countries Hungary, Slovakia and Austria
- Four night cruise on an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Onboard Activity Manager will host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Personal listening device for shore excursions
- All meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore
- Variety of onboard entertainment
- All gratuities included

# **Emerald Cruises Star-Ships**

Built: 2014-20 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 19 Suites: 72 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 47

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Е	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$3,564	+ \$2,616
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$3,826	+ \$2,878
С	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$4,194	+ \$3,246
в	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$4,404	+ \$3,456
Α	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$4,456	+ \$3,508
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$5,349	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$6,101	N/A

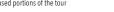
### Price includes \$399 per person roundtrip airfare from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) when booked by 12/15/2024, local roundtrip pickup from **OLLI and Travelers Protection Plan.** After 12/15/2024, phone for current airfare rates.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

#### TRAVELERS PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) FOR RIVER CRUISES - \$499 per person for cruises priced up to \$5000 (included) - \$569 per person for cruises priced \$5001 or more (included)

- Soop per person for cruises price association in the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage instance that you in the use it bindes the out or early due to personal illness. The penefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage. assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

- No refund on unused portions of the tour
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Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or manmade disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.* 





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