

Escorted Viking River Cruise Christmas Markets on the Danube



Dec 3-11, 2026 9 Days / 7 Nts
Fr \$3999pp Twin

Discover grand cities, medieval towns and quaint villages along the “Blue Danube,” highlighting three countries: Hungary, Austria and Germany. Stroll among the stalls at Budapest’s Christmas market and immerse yourself in the cheerful atmosphere of Vienna as you shop for handmade decorations. Visit the fairy-tale village of Regensburg, one of Europe’s best-preserved cities, and delight in the city’s joyful festivities.

Included Cruise Features:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach to airport
- 7 Nts onboard the Viking Var, a state of the art Viking Longship
- All onboard meals created by Swiss-trained chefs featuring fresh ingredients & regional specialty options
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service, bottled water and complimentary cappuccino, coffee and tea at the 24-hour hot beverage bar.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- 6 Guided Shore Excursions led by knowledgeable local guides utilizing an audio headset system
- Attentive Service from award-winning, English-speaking staff, plus the personalized assistance of your onboard Viking Concierge
- All Taxes and Port Fees
- Ship Shop Tour Director

Not Included: Roundtrip air—Viking air promotions are determined at the time you reserve your cabin. Call The Ship Shop for more information.



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Day 1: Fly to Munich, Germany: Board your deluxe motorcoach to the Logan Airport for your flights to Munich, Germany.

Day 2: Regensburg, Germany: Arrive in Munich and transfer to your ship in Regensburg, Germany. Feel free to explore the area in the afternoon as your ship stays docked overnight. The UNESCO World Heritage city of Regensburg is transformed during the holiday season as its medieval streets are donned with festive cheer. Narrow passageways open to hidden courtyards with stalls laden with handcrafted wares, including dolls, pottery and silk paintings. The scent of home-baked spiced gingerbread, cinnamon and *glühwein* fills the air. (D)

Day 3: Regensburg, Germany: Soak up the splendor of one of Germany's hidden gems with this magnificent walking tour of Regensburg. The city is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; its architectural charm dates back more than 2,000 years. Best explored on foot, take the opportunity to immerse yourself in Regensburg's festive atmosphere as you admire the city's twinkling lights. Witness historical sights that were untouched by World War II bombings, including the medieval stone bridge, the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and the Gothic-style St. Peter's Cathedral, where you can marvel at the superb stained-glass windows. Delight in the charm of the Christmas market in front of the cathedral and enjoy the atmosphere of an organ concert at the Cathedral Parish Church, before heading back to your ship at your leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Passau, Germany: Stroll historic Passau, watch an Advent wreath demonstration and sample a yuletide treat—gingerbread. Known as “the city of the three rivers” and founded more than 2,000 years ago, Passau is one of the oldest cities in Bavaria. Your knowledgeable guide will take you through the stunning Old Town and pause to admire its imposing baroque cathedral. Along the way, gaze up at the twinkling lights and enjoy the scent of spiced gingerbread, sausages grilling and almonds roasting from street vendors. Stop and learn tips on how to craft the perfect Advent wreath and see how gingerbread is made at a local bakery. Afterward, enjoy free time to browse the stalls of local artisan craftsmen, who display all manner of handmade gifts from unique woolens, delicate glass ornaments and traditional wooden toys. After your tour, you will return to your awaiting ship. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Scenic sailing the Wachau Valley; Krems, Austria & Göttweig Abbey : Sail through a serene tapestry of terraced vineyards, forested slopes, charming towns and castle ruins in Austria's Wachau Valley, celebrated as perhaps the most scenic stretch of the Danube. Journey 18 miles through this vast UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the river courses through picturesque hillsides. Gaze upon the prolific grapevines and quaint wine-producing villages hugging the shores—the legacy of vintners that stretch as far back as Celtic and Roman times and an echo of the more than 30 monasteries that served as vineyards in Renaissance days. Experience a Benedictine abbey where monks work and worship during a Privileged Access visit to Göttweig Abbey. Enjoy the vistas of the splendid Wachau Valley and the Danube River during a scenic drive, before arriving at the abbey, standing in all its majesty atop a hill. The oldest part of the monastery, a small chapel in the inner courtyard, dates back to 1072 and it is usually closed to visitors. However, Viking guests are invited to step inside the chapel and enjoy the nativity scene, an important work by the monks. Admire the craftsmanship and intricate carvings of the figurines as you discover more about the history of the abbey. After your delightful experience, you will return to your awaiting ship. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Vienna, Austria: The yuletide season transforms Vienna's beautiful squares into delightful Christmas markets. Festive lights illuminate the Old Town. The Schönbrunn market, set in front of the baroque Hapsburg summer palace, and Freyung market, nestled in the city center, are the perfect destinations for unique handmade decorations. Set out on a combined motor coach and walking tour that focuses on the splendid buildings along the remarkable Ringstrasse, the gracious boulevard laid out on the site of the old city walls during the mid-19th century. Step back in time as you admire these elegant public buildings, grand residences, and imposing palaces. Pay a short visit to the Christkindlmarkt at the St. Stephen's Cathedral. Afterward, you will take a stroll through the stunning Christmas Market around Maria Theresien Platz. Known for its outstanding and unique handicrafts and artistic decors, this atmospheric market will give plenty of opportunity for shopping and browsing its many stalls. After a brief orientation tour, you may enjoy free time to explore at your leisure or return to your awaiting ship. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Vienna, Austria: Vienna is considered one of Europe's greatest cultural hubs. Its art scene has long been established with the Hapsburg's collection of fine art, now housed at the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Today, Vienna's modern side showcases street art murals that don the side of buildings along the banks of the Danube. Ingrained in local life is the long-embraced tradition of coffeehouses; UNESCO includes Viennese coffeehouse culture on its list of Intangible Cultural Heritages. It is considered one of life's pleasures to while away an afternoon over an Einspänner coffee and a pastry. Viking offers optional tours to select from or enjoy the Christmas Markets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Scenic Sailing the Danube Bend; Budapest, Hungary: Take in the natural beauty of the fabled “Blue Danube” as you pass through the Danube Bend, considered one of the most beautiful sections of the river. Cruising this 40-mile stretch through northern Hungary, you will see peaceful farmland and an ancient castle that once served as hunting grounds for royals and visiting dignitaries. The Christmas season adds another layer of beauty to the already romantic charms of Budapest. Nestled in the heart of Pest lies Vörösmarty Square, home to the city's largest yuletide market. The enticing aroma of national specialties permeates the air as vendors display traditional and contemporary handicrafts. At the cozy St. Stephen's Basilica market, mulled wine keeps revelers warm as nightly light shows illuminate the church's facade. Across the Danube in Buda, Old-World allure mingles with festivities in Fő Square, where seasonal events and an outdoor ice rink entertain. Enjoy Buda and Pest on your included Panoramic Tour! (B, L, D)

Day 9: Flights Home: Transfer to the airport for your flights home taking with your wonderful Holiday memories of Austria, Germany & Hungary! Upon arrival home in the States, your motorcoach will be awaiting your arrival to transfer you to Connecticut.



Costs are Per Person, Twin occupancy

Cat F	Standard Outside Cabin	\$3999.
Cat E	Standard Outside Cabin	\$4099.
Cat D	French Balcony Cabin	\$4999.
Cat C	French Balcony Cabin	\$5099.
Cat B	Veranda Cabin	\$5199.
Cat A	Veranda Cabin	\$5399.

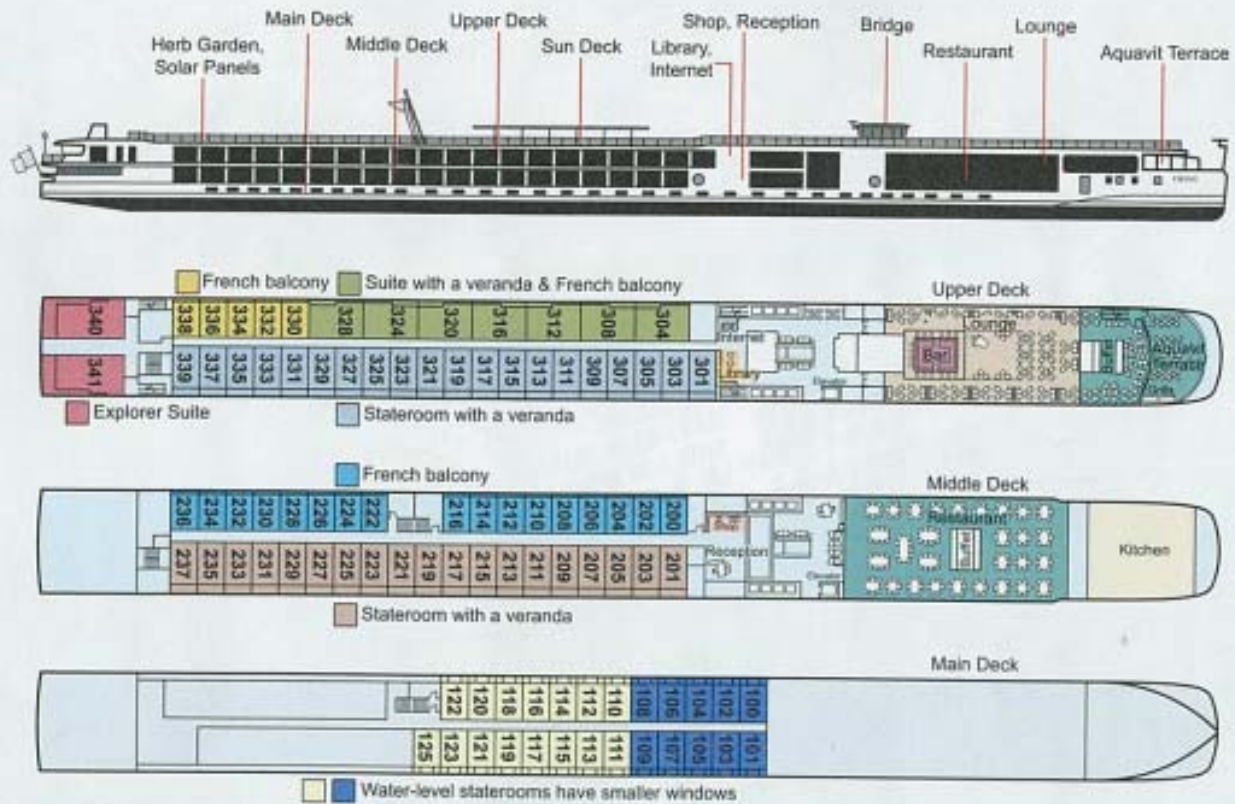
Space is subject to availability at time of booking.

Roundtrip transportation & Escort is based on a minimum # of passengers.

Roundtrip air is not included in above fares and is based on when you deposit.



VIKING LONGSHIPS DECK PLAN



Standard Cabin (E)



French Balcony (D & C)



Veranda Cabin (B & A)

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Cat E	Standard Outside Stateroom	\$4099.pp twin
Cat D	French Balcony Stateroom	\$4999.pp twin
Cat C	French Balcony Stateroom	\$5099.pp twin
Cat B	Veranda Cabin	\$5199.pp twin
Cat A	Veranda Cabin	\$5399.pp twin

Ship Shop Escort & Transportation to Airport is based on a minimum # of passengers.

Air: Air is not included in above rates. If stateroom is booked by April 30, 2025 air cost is \$649 per person roundtrip

Mobility: This tour involves moderate-level walking tours in each port, mostly on uneven surfaces. This cruise may not be suitable for passengers with mobility issues.

Deposit: \$750.pp due with reservation. Reservations are recommended ASAP for best cabins. Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. Check with the Ship Shop at any time for current availability on this sailing.

Final Payment: Nov 15, 2025. Final payments paid with E-check save 3.3 %. Ask Ship Shop for details

Cancellation Penalty: If cancelled after deposit and before July 1, 2026 fee of \$250.pp; Jul 1-Aug 1, 2026 fee of 50% of total fare; Aug 2-20, 2026 fee of 75% of total fare; No refunds after Aug 21, 2026. Air penalties are not included in above and may be additional.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Friendship Tours offers Travel Protection insurance through two providers: NTA Travel Protection Plan and Travel Insured International. Travel Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for Covered Medical Reasons, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical Services, Travel Delay, & more. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage can be purchased from either provider (see timing guidelines below) and will reimburse up to 75% of prepaid nonrefundable trip costs if canceled at least 48 hours prior to your trip for a non-covered reason.

Insurance Premiums are non-refundable. Terms and conditions apply.

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To enroll: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> **Tour Operator Location #076068** OR call AON 1-800-388-1470.

Travel Insured International Worldwide Trip Protector (WTP) plans are based on each person's age as well as the cost of the trip and offer several levels of coverage including Platinum and Deluxe. Emergency medical coverage is primary coverage. Policy must be purchased within 14 days (for Deluxe) or 21 days (for Platinum) of your initial payment to have the pre-existing medical condition exclusion waived and to purchase CFAR coverage. Bundles for cruises and flights are also available.

To enroll: <https://www.friendshiptours.net/protection-plan> **Agency #18649**

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Proof of Citizenship:

U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required—must be valid 6 months past the return date

Non U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop is not responsible for passengers not having proper documentation for travel

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