



DIRECT TRAVEL®

Personalized Experiences

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

River Cruise from
Budapest to Regensburg

DECEMBER 5 – 14, 2026

Experience the magic of Europe during the holiday season as you journey through Hungary, Austria, and Germany aboard Viking Vidar. Discover festive Christmas markets, grand cities, charming medieval towns and breathtaking river scenery while enjoying the traditions, history & warmth that make Christmas along the Danube so unforgettable.

Spend time exploring Budapest, Vienna, Krems, Passau, and Regensburg, each offering its own unique holiday celebrations, local traditions and seasonal charm.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Europe's Christmas Markets
- Scenic sailing through the Danube Bend & Wachau Valley
- Hosted by Direct Travel
- 1 Hotel Night in Budapest
- 7 Nights aboard Viking Vidar
- Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites



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DETAILS!

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8-NIGHT PACKAGE
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ITINERARY:

DAY 1 | DECEMBER 5 | FLIGHT TO BUDAPEST

Travel by motorcoach to Chicago O'Hare International Airport & board your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary, where your unforgettable Christmas journey along the Danube begins.

DAY 2 | DECEMBER 6 | ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST

Arrive in Budapest in the morning and check in at the W Hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring this beautiful city before embarking on your river cruise.

DAY 3 | DECEMBER 7 | BUDAPEST • EMBARKATION

Embark your ship and settle into your stateroom as your Christmas journey along the Danube begins. Budapest comes alive with festive lights, historic streets and Christmas traditions. Visit the markets of Vörösmarty Square, browse handcrafted gifts and local specialties, and admire the illuminated St. Stephen's Basilica before exploring Buda's charming holiday squares and outdoor ice rink.

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DAY 4 | DECEMBER 8 | BUDAPEST • DANUBE BEND

Discover Vienna during the holiday season as its historic squares and landmarks come alive with Christmas traditions. Visit the Schönbrunn Christmas Market, where handmade decorations and seasonal treasures fill the stalls. Throughout the city, enjoy festive lights, holiday music and local Christmas markets.

DAY 5 | DECEMBER 9 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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DAY 6 | DECEMBER 10 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Continue exploring one of Europe's great cultural capitals, where centuries of artistic heritage blend with modern expression. Discover world-renowned museums & experience Vienna's famous UNESCO-recognized coffeehouse culture, where an afternoon spent enjoying an Einspänner coffee & pastry is a cherished local tradition.

DAY 7 | DECEMBER 11 | KREMS • WACHAU VALLEY

Discover the charming town of Krems, once an important medieval trading center whose historic streets, welcoming taverns & surrounding vineyards reflect its rich heritage. Later, relax as you sail through the spectacular Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape of rolling vineyards, charming villages, forested hillsides & castle ruins overlooking the Danube.

DAY 8 | DECEMBER 12 | PASSAU, GERMANY

In Passau, the "City of Three Rivers," historic streets and Christmas traditions come together beautifully. Visit magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest pipe organ, then stroll through the Christkindlmarkt for handcrafted gifts, seasonal specialties and festive music.

DAY 9 | DECEMBER 13 | REGENSBURG, GERMANY

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage city of Regensburg, where medieval streets and hidden courtyards come alive with festive Christmas stalls offering handcrafted gifts and local traditions. The aromas of gingerbread, cinnamon and warm glühwein fill the air, while the city's rich musical heritage lives on through the renowned Regensburger Domspatzen boys' choir.

DAY 10 | DECEMBER 14 | REGENSBURG • DISEMBARKATION

Bid farewell to your fellow travelers as your Christmas journey along the Danube comes to an end. Return home with lasting memories of festive markets, medieval towns, scenic sailing and the timeless traditions of Christmas in Europe.



YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

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- Round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare with group transfers between Bloomington & Chicago and all in-destination transfers
- One pre-night in Budapest and 7 nights aboard Viking Vidar
- Complimentary shore excursion in every port
- Port taxes & fees
- All onboard meals, beer, wine & soft drinks with lunch & dinner, plus specialty coffees, teas, bottled water & free Wi-Fi
- Visits to 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, enrichment lectures & destination performances
- Direct Travel Host with 30+ guests

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals & drinks not listed
- Personal expenses
- Baggage fees
- Airline upgrades
- Land & cruise gratuities
- Travel insurance

Final payment is due at the time of booking. All payments are non-refundable. Travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect your investment.

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Space is limited. Reservations confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

