

# DANUBE ADVENT CRUISE: FROM VIENNA TO NUREMBERG

28 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2024

FROM  
£2,845  
PER PERSON

Tour Leaders: Douglas Skeggs & Joanna Worsley

  
The Ultimate  
TRAVEL COMPANY

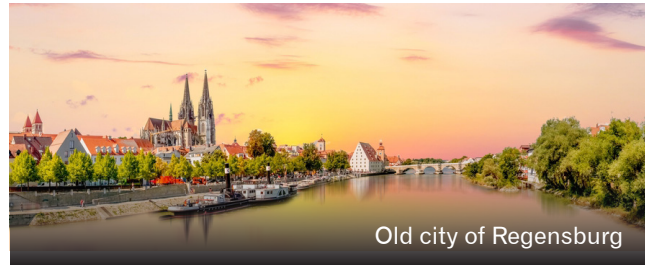


This delightful winter cruise on the Danube from Vienna to Nuremberg aboard the elegant and luxurious *MS Amadeus Cara* encompasses not only the history, culture, food, and wine of the region but also its attractive villages, proud castles, impressive churches and traditional Christmas Markets. Shore 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 700 departing  
London Heathrow at 09.55 hrs arriving  
Vienna at 13.10 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

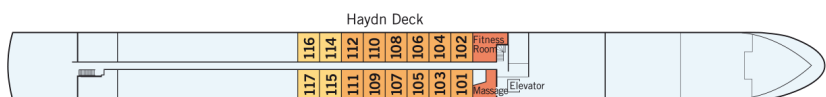
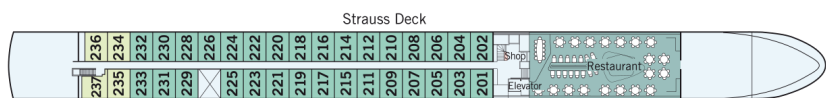
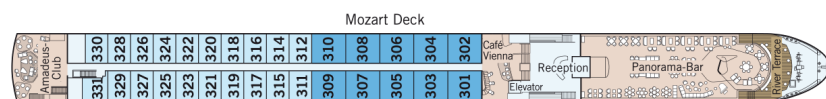
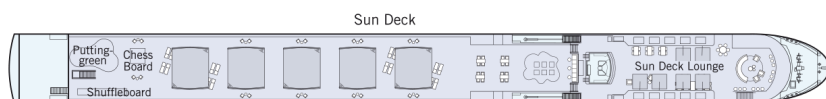
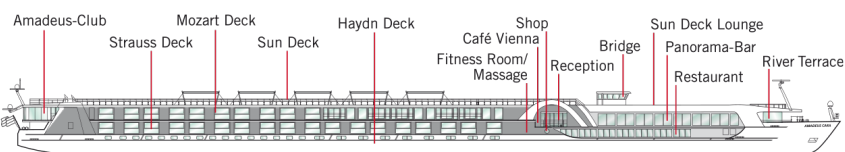
This morning disembark from the  
boat and transfer to Munich airport  
for suggested flight (not included)  
British Airways BA 951 departing  
Munich at 13.00 hrs arriving London  
Heathrow at 14.15 hrs.



# MS AMADEUS CARA

This new vessel enjoys Amadeus' elegant interiors. The popular 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

**Haydn Deck C1 Cabin: £2,845**

Single Supplement: £245

Fully Booked

**Strauss Deck B1 Cabin: £3,290**

Single Supplement: £855

Available

**Mozart Deck A1 Cabin: £3,525**

Single Supplement: £1,135

Available

**Mozart Deck Suite: £3,980**

Fully Booked

Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for 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.



020 3411 4595 | [ENQUIRY@THEULTIMATETRAVELCOMPANY.CO.UK](mailto:ENQUIRY@THEULTIMATETRAVELCOMPANY.CO.UK) | [THEULTIMATETRAVELCOMPANY.CO.UK](http://THEULTIMATETRAVELCOMPANY.CO.UK)  
25-27 VANSTON PLACE LONDON SW6 1AZ

