



Near & Far

Adventurous Group Travel with KCUR

KCUR's Near & Far Travel Club presents...



CHRISTMAS On the Danube

Christmas On the Danube

Experience an old world holiday season with other KCUR listeners on a six night cruise along the beautiful Danube.

Rates...

Twin \$2279 pp
Single \$2779 pp (waitlisted)

December 7 - 15, 2006
9 days

****This tour will sell out early. Don't delay in reserving your spot!**

Includes...

Round Trip Air from Kansas City, Mo, Hotel Transfers, Cruise, Guided Tours, Departure Tax and fees of \$300 (subject to increase until paid in full), 19 Meals

Absorb the atmospheric days of the Christmas holiday on the first-class cruise vessel *MS Amadeus Princess*. Visit sleepy villages and romantic towns and cities permeated with Christmas aromas and magic auras. Stroll through the wintry Christmas markets, enjoy glasses of Glühwein, and inhale the seasonal scents of punch, spicy gingerbread, roasted almonds and much else.

Not included: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200

Tour Highlights:

Vienna's Palaces and Opera House
Unpack once for the Amadeus Princess Cruise
Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nurenburg, Regensburg, Passau and Vienna
Wachau Valley and the Melk Abbey
Captain's Gala Dinner and Orchestra

Land Only Prices Available

Please contact us for prices

Your Itinerary At a Glance:

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 - Vienna tour - board The MS Amadeus Princess
Day 3-7 Cruise the Danube
Day 8 Dorint Novote, Wurzburg, Germany
Day 9 Transfer to Frankfurt for flight home

Day to Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Board Cruise Ship

Our tour begins in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. There will be



time to relax and get to know your fellow Near & Far with KCUR travelers. Unpack just once for a relaxing 6-nights aboard the MS Amadeus Princess. This brand new ship offers the newest technology, 81 spacious cabins with large windows, panoramic deck, terrace cafe', salon and bar, fitness center, excellent cuisine and outstanding service. After our welcome dinner, you will visit Vienna's most famous Christmas Market, located near the town hall. (D)

***Download a printable pdf of the tour brochure and reservation form [here](#).**

**For more information or to request a tour application, please contact Sara Jane Crane
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Day 3: Vienna

Today, a local expert will join us to for an architectural tour of the lavish

Explore more:

[Germany's Christmas Markets](#)

[German and Austrian Christmas Customs](#)

Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to [explore Vienna](#), stroll along the Kartnerstrasse or sample some Viennese pastries in their famous coffeehouses. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the fanciful Schoenbrunn Palace. Tonight, we celebrate with a wonderful dinner followed by enchanting Viennese music. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Vienna - Krems - Wachau Valley

We spend the morning cruising through the [romantic Wachau Valley](#), dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. Explore the ancient town of Krems or join an optional excursion to the 900 year old [Benedictine Melk Abbey](#), one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Passau, Germany

After an early morning cruise past scenic valleys, we arrive at [Passau](#), situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a walking tour of this 2,000 year old fairytale city, exploring the ornate baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, cathedral and charming Christmas Market. After dinner, we enjoy another musical concert in the ship's panorama lounge. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Regensburg

Today we explore the [magnificent Regensburg](#), one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. On the guided walking tour we visit the old Town Hall and the Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 A.D. From a 12th century medieval bridge, we will have spectacular views of the city and surrounding countryside. Later, we take a stroll through the old town to Regensburg's charming Christmas Market where we may drink hot Glühwein, sample tasty lebkuchen and marzipan and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Here, we can also browse and shop at the wooden huts that sell ornaments, wooden toys and other local handicrafts. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Nuremberg

Our cruise continues across the continental divide to Roth, where a short transfer will bring us into picturesque [Nuremberg](#). A local expert will provide an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring the old town, the 900 year old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and The Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Tonight we celebrate the last evening of our cruise with wonderful food, music and entertainment at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Nuremberg - Disembark Ship- Rothenburg - Wurzburg

After disembarking the ship, we proceed to [Rothenburg](#), one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's many hidden treasures and its charming Christmas Market. Late afternoon, we arrive in [Wurzburg](#) where we join a local guide on a walking tour. This ancient Franconian wine town is rich in historic sights, including the magnificent 18th century residence of the prince-bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. (B, D)

Day 9: Wurzburg - Frankfurt - Tour ends

After breakfast, we transfer to [Frankfurt](#) for our journey home.

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