

**Join Accent on Travel's Kristen Smith for
European Christmas Markets River Cruise
On the AmaMagna – December 4th – 11th, 2022**



Our Cruise tour Includes:

- Hosted throughout by Kristen Smith
- 1 Night Precruise 1st Class Hotel Stay in Munich including breakfast, baggage handling, hotel tax
- Sightseeing Tour of Munich
- Transfers to the beautiful AmaMagna
- 7 nights of luxurious cruising on the AmaMagna unique double width river cruise ship built in 2019
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks onboard
- Dinner in any of FOUR onboard restaurants
- Evening entertainment & local craft/culinary presentations onboard
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- Standard Drink Package 24/7 includes local beer & wine, select rail drinks, bottled water, tea, cafe
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- Complimentary use of bikes
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Itinerary

Vilshofen, known as the Three River City, is a German town in the district of Passau. River cruises dock at a port located on the Danube River, not far from the town square.

Be sure to see the Benedictine Abbey Schweiklberg as well as the church of St. John.

Passau, Germany, is located 119 mi/191 km east-northeast of Munich at the convergence of three rivers: the Danube, Ilz and Inn. From high up the hill overlooking the city, you can actually see the different colors of the rivers coming together.

A number of long-distance bike routes converge in Passau as well, making it a perfect stopover for cyclists. The town was rebuilt after fires in the 17th century, giving the town the baroque—and almost Italian—flair it has today. Take a relaxed stroll—or ride—through the Old Town and monastic district to Ortspitze to get the best view of the rivers.

St. Stephen's cathedral has one of the world's largest church organs, and there are daily concerts in the summer. Passau merits a brief detour, especially if you're traveling from Germany to Vienna, Austria. The city is also a great starting point for excursion into the Bayerischer Wald (Bavarian Forest), which includes a national park where wolves and lynxes still roam free.

Linz, Austria, is set on the Danube River 95 mi/150 km west of Vienna, and this ancient industrial city is a nice place to spend the day. Some historic figures who spent time in Linz include Napoleon, medieval astronomer Johannes Kepler, and composers Beethoven, Bruckner and Mozart. The Scheissl brothers built the first all-metal airplane there, and Europe's first railway line started in Linz, as well (it connected the city to Ceske Budejovice, which is now part of the Czech Republic).

Some of the sights to see in Linz include the 16th-century Landhaus (seat of the provincial government), Schloss Linz (castle and museum), Martinskirche, which is Austria's oldest church, and Main Square (note the marble Trinity Column). Neuer Dom, a neo-Gothic cathedral with the second highest church spire in Austria, and the Stadtpfarrkirche (parish church) are also must-sees. The Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz, located by the river, is a modern and contemporary art museum with impressive works by Picasso, Matisse and others. A more unusual museum to visit is the Museum of the History of Dentistry in Upper Austria.

For those intending to visit many of the main attractions, a Linz City Ticket is a good value. It includes admission to museums, the city zoo and the botanical gardens, and can be purchased at the tourist center or at most hotels and museums.

You can also browse for antiques, stroll through the old part of town, visit the nice botanical gardens, shop on the pedestrian-only Landstrasse or take a ride to the top of Postlingberg mountain via a funicular railway. Once there, you can visit the twin-spired Pilgrimage Church and the amusing Grotto Railway (a dragon-headed train located inside a historic tower).

Don't forget to try the well-known local pastry, the raspberry-and-almond Linzer torte. If you have time, visit the baroque Florian Abbey in St. Florian and the Cistercian Abbey in Wilhering, with its rococo church. The ancient towns of Enns and Steyr are also nearby.

Melk, Perched on a bluff over the Danube 50 mi/75 km west of Vienna, Melk, Austria, is most famous for its incredibly ornate Benedictine abbey (it provided inspiration for Umberto Eco's best-selling novel *The Name of the Rose*). The abbey has a beautiful baroque library (the decorative cherubs almost outnumber the books) and 365 windows, one for every day of the year.

The ruins of 12th-century Aggstein Castle, 10 mi/16 km north of town, can be seen high atop a steep cliff. Just north of Melk is Weissenkirchen. Set on the Danube River, this historic town has narrow streets, a unique fortified church, the beautiful Teisenhoferhof courtyard (located below the church) and the Wachau Museum. Weissenkirchen can also be seen as a boat stop during cruises on the Danube or as a day trip from Vienna.

Between Melk and Vienna (also in the Wachau wine region) is Duernstein, with the ruins of the medieval castle where Richard the Lionheart was held for ransom during the Crusades. It's perched on a rocky outcropping above a lyrical baroque monastery and a 17th-century castle.

Spitz, is located on the left bank of the Danube River, in the southern states of Austria. There are plenty of vineyards located along the town famous for its wine growth. There are plenty of activities available to the public in Spitz; this includes Segway tours, visiting the beautiful ruins of the Burgruin Aggstein castle as well as many opportunities for hiking.

Duernstein, A small municipality on the bank of the Danube River, Duernstein is one of the most visited towns in Austria's popular wine region. The vineyards and wine shops that fill the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, will delight visiting wine aficionados.

Duernstein residents are also fond of anything apricot, or *marille*, and visitors will find many tasty apricot treats in the town's quaint shops and restaurants. <https://www.duernstein.at>.

Vienna, today is robed in 18th-century charm and 19th-century grandeur. Its old-world ambience comes not only from its rich cultural traditions, but also from the history of its architecture. The Viennese invented the cafe society, and they continue to perfect the art of sophisticated relaxation.

Spend some time visiting a Vienna coffeehouse, or go to a concert of waltzes by Johann Strauss. Vienna is also where you'll find the fabled Spanish Riding School with its magnificent white Lipizzaner stallions.

Vienna is a safe, clean city, and it has an excellent public transportation system. Use it to visit the many museums, galleries, parks and restaurants that make Vienna such a pleasant place.

Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, is a charming city that sits at the point where the Carpathian Mountains meet the Danube River. The city has two personalities: The first is old-world, Hapsburg baroque, reflected in the charming row houses and the historic Old Quarter. The other is characterized by concrete block-style neighborhoods typical of former Eastern Bloc countries. Both architectural styles combine to form an interesting, urban mix.

Much of older Bratislava has been spruced up—the center of Old Town is now an attractive pedestrian zone. At the heart of Old Town is Hlavne Square, which hosts a wonderful Christmas market in December. Stands are set up to sell wooden handicrafts, Christmas ornaments, hot wine, sausages, soup and *palacinky* (crepes).

Also of interest in town are the Slovak National Gallery (modern art), the Slovak National Museum, the Clock Museum, the Museum of Jewish Culture, the Municipal Museum (of local history) and the Museum of Wine Production. Bratislava also has a few art-nouveau buildings, most notably St. Elizabeth Church (also known as the Blue Church).

It's hard to miss Novy Most, also called Most SNP (the Slovak National Uprising Bridge)—it resembles a large oil derrick. It has an observation deck and restaurant, which has nice views. (Sadly, the city's old Jewish quarter was torn down to make way for this structure.)

The best place to see totalitarian architecture is Namestie Slobody, a monumental square that was built around a giant statue of Communist President Klement Gottwald. (The statue has since been removed.) On one side of the square is the world's largest post office. When you feel the need for refreshment with traditional beer-hall ambience, visit Prazdroj, which is located on Mostova.

Budapest, Hungary, may be the capital of the landlocked country, but it's far from dry. In fact, Budapest's most seductive element is water. It springs from underground wells, filling Ottoman, neoclassical and art-nouveau pools.

It flows through the city in the broad and meandering Danube River, dividing Buda and Pest in yin-yang fashion. It even provides welcome relief after a bowl of hot paprika-spiced goulash.

Few visitors can resist the Budapest baths, but the city's allure goes beyond its spa status. As a large urban center, Budapest manages to strike a nice balance between nature and development. Hills, islands and parks coexist with hotels, theaters, cafes, monuments and other buildings in an eclectic array of architectural styles.