



Tour Design

proudly presents

Christmas Market Cruise



Nuremberg
Christmas Market

European River Cruise

11 days from Budapest to Prague

November 29th – December 9th, 2009



11-day Christmas Market Cruise

A Magical Journey

Sunday, November 29th – Wednesday, December 9th, 2009



Embarking on the brand new 5-Star ms Amalyra for 7 nights plus 2 nights in Prague.

Celebrate the magic of the wonderful winter season with the fascinating trip from Budapest to historic Prague through the beauty and history of the Danube, Europe's second largest river. We visit many of the Danube's great cities including Budapest, Vienna, Melk, Linz, Passau, Regensburg and Nuremberg on this

cruise. We spend 7 nights travelling on the main Danube Canal and the Danube River also crossing the Continental Divide. It is these charming towns where so many Christmas traditions began and you will marvel at the captivating Wachau Valley and the enchanting towns in Bavaria. Shop at the Christmas markets where you meet the local people and their families celebrating the advent season. This is a truly magical experience.



Ice skating in Budapest



Decorated square, Vienna

11 days from Budapest to Prague

Day 1 Sunday, November 29th

DEPART CANADA

Meet your fellow travelers as we gather at Pearson International Airport in Toronto for our overnight flight to Frankfurt with connecting flight onward to Budapest. Meals will be served in flight.

Day 2 Monday, November 30th

EMBARK ON THE MS AMALYRA

Arrival into Budapest this morning where you are met by your deluxe coach. We transfer to our luxurious river cruise ship that is moored near the city center. Start exploring the city on your own before meeting your fellow travelers at the Welcome Cocktail Reception. After the Welcome Dinner, enjoy a Gypsy performance onboard. (B, D)

Day 3 Tuesday, December 1st

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

The morning city tour includes historic Buda Castle, where you have a splendid view of the twin cities of Buda and Pest spread over both banks of the river. Your tour also features 500-year-old Matthias Church, St. Stephen's Basilica, distinctive Fisherman's Bastion, the marvelous Royal Palace and much more. The balance of the day is at your leisure to explore the Christmas markets. Later in the day, we start our cruising to Vienna. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Wednesday, December 2nd

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Arrive after breakfast and enjoy a day in captivating Vienna. A sightseeing tour includes Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and visit the Christmas markets at the Town Hall. Your afternoon is free to stroll along Kärntnerstrasse, sample Vienna's famous pastries or visit a museum. Tonight, return to the Christmas market, or come along for an optional Mozart and Strauss concert. (B, L, D)

Decorated chapel, Regensburg



Day 5 Thursday, December 3rd

MELK - LINZ

Cruise through the narrow Strudengau and reach the Wachau Valley this morning. A guided tour takes you to Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. Rejoining the ship for lunch you will cruise to Linz, where you will arrive in time to visit there beautiful Christmas markets. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Friday, December 4th

LINZ – PASSAU, GERMANY

Perhaps, take the optional excursion to Salzburg. Described as "one of the most beautiful cities in Europe," Salzburg is an architectural jewel. This is also Mozart's hometown, and the setting of the world-famous movie, The Sound of Music. Join in the merriment at the beautiful Christmas Markets, renowned for local handicrafts and unusual holiday presents. For those staying on board, enjoy a relaxing day of cruising and time to explore the picturesque town of Passau, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. Take a walking tour of this fairytale city, which was founded more than 2,000 years ago and has a delightful Christmas market. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Saturday, December 5th

REGENSBURG

Arrive in medieval Regensburg. Our guided tour will show you the city's highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Pretoria – gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Then, visit the Old Kornmarkt Christmas market and shop at festive stalls adorned with fir branches. You can also visit the "royal" Christmas markets at the Thurn and Taxis Palace, a very traditional handicraft Christmas market, with artisans making the goods in front of you. Here you can sit around open fires and have hot chocolate. This evening enjoy a folklore performance on board. (B, L, D)



Passau, Germany



Prague Christmas Markets



Linz, Austria



Obendorf Chapel



Nuremberg Christmas Market



Onboard folklore entertainment



Great Christmas Shopping

11 days from Budapest to Prague

Day 8 Sunday, December 6th

NUREMBERG

This morning enter the Main-Danube Canal and relax during a leisurely cruise through the beautiful Altmühl Valley. The Main-Danube Canal straddles the Franconian Alps via 16 locks, truly a fascinating feat of modern engineering. After lunch, a short drive through the pastoral countryside brings you to Nuremberg. Enjoy a tour of this historic city with its fabulous Gothic churches and elegant patrician houses. See the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. After your tour, visit the world's largest Christmas Market, where over 100 red and white canvas-topped booths offer an assortment of unique children's toys, tinsel angels, dolls, dollhouses, gingerbread and the list goes on. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Monday, December 7th

NUREMBERG-PRAGUE-CZECH REPUBLIC

After breakfast we bid farewell to our ship and drive through the pastoral countryside to Karlovy Vary, better known by its German name, Carlsbad, and most famous for its Bohemian spa. After lunch, continue to Prague and check into the hotel. Balance of the day free to see the wonderful Christmas market in the Old Town of Prague. Welcome dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 10 Tuesday, December 8th

PRAGUE

This morning's sightseeing reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the thousand-year-old Hradcany Castle courtyard, St. Vitus Cathedral, and then walk over Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square. The balance of the day is free to wander through the Christmas markets with their tempting assortment of handicrafts, toys, woodcarvings, and ornaments. Mix with the locals at Wenceslas Square, or enjoy a cup of tea in one of the charming cafés or restaurants. Farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 11 Wednesday, December 9th

DEPART PRAGUE

Gather up all of your souvenirs and do any last minute shopping before we transfer to the airport for your return flight to Toronto. (B)

Meal codes: [B] Breakfast [L] Lunch [D] Dinner

EARLY BIRD BONUS!

If you book before June 19th, there is special Early Bird Booking Bonus of \$100 per person.



Christmas markets in Prague

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- * Round trip airfare with Air Canada/Lufthansa from Toronto to Budapest and Prague to Toronto
- * All transfers as per the itinerary
- * 7-night deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom
- * High-speed internet in your cabin complimentary
- * Terry bathrobes and plush linen in all staterooms
- * All meals while on the ship
- * Unlimited Quality red and white wine from Europe's great wine regions with dinner
- * Cocktail reception, welcome dinner and Captain's Gala dinner
- * 2 night's first class hotel in Prague
- * 2 dinners in Prague at selected restaurants
- * Special highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinner, Musical Performances and afternoon and evening Piano Music
- * Services of Professional Cruise Director
- * All English language spoken on board in non-smoking environment.
- * Magical Christmas markets - Budapest, Vienna, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg & Prague
- * Half-day guided tour of Budapest
- * Half-day guided tour of Vienna
- * Guided tour of Melk's Benedictine Abbey
- * Guided tour of Regensburg
- * Tour of Historic Nuremberg
- * All tipping on the ship is prepaid (\$168 pp)
- * Port taxes (\$110 pp)
- * Fully escorted from Canada

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- * Airport departure taxes of approximately \$400
- * Lunch on Day 9 and Day 10

EARLY BIRD BONUS:

If you book before June 19th, there is special Early Bird Booking Bonus of \$100 per person.

Cost per person, Canadian dollars, two to room

Category E cabin	\$3,575	Cabin with fixed window
D cabin	\$3,715	Cabin with fixed window
C cabin	\$3,875	Cabin with French Doors
B cabin	\$3,995	Cabin with French Doors
A cabin	\$4,095	Cabin with French Doors

Deposit and cancellation requirement:

Deposit: If booked by June 19th, Early Bird Discount of \$100 pp will apply.

1. \$500 per person plus insurance due within 7 days of booking.
2. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departures or by September 14, 2009

Revisions: \$50 handling fee per transaction for alterations and revisions to reservations after initial confirmation. Spelling corrections to client's names after tickets have been issued will be subject to the airline revision fees. When booking, names must be as per your passport.

Cancellation Charges: In the unfortunate event that you can not travel and need to cancel, please notify us in writing. Date of cancellation is based on the date of receipt of written notice of cancellation.

- Between date of booking and 121 days before departure (by July 31), \$200 non refundable
- For cancellations received 120-90 (Aug 1-31) days before departure, 15% of total cost
- For cancellations received 89 - 60 (Sept 1-30) days before departure, 35% of total cost
- For cancellation received 59-30 (Oct 1-30) days before departure, 50% of total cost
- For cancellation received Nov 1, - 100% of total cost.

Cancellation charges above apply to port charges, upgrades and transfers. No refunds will be made for unused services once travel arrangements have commenced. If after returning from the tour you wish to inquire about any services provided, please ensure that Tour Design receives all correspondence relating to those services within 30 days after the cruise

Christmas Market Cruise 2009

MS Amalyra, from Budapest to Prague 11 days (Nov 29 – Dec 9, 2009)

Passport Name: _____

Travel Companion _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail: _____ Passport _____

Cabin Type: _____ Single: _____ Twin _____

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CHEQUE _____ VISA _____

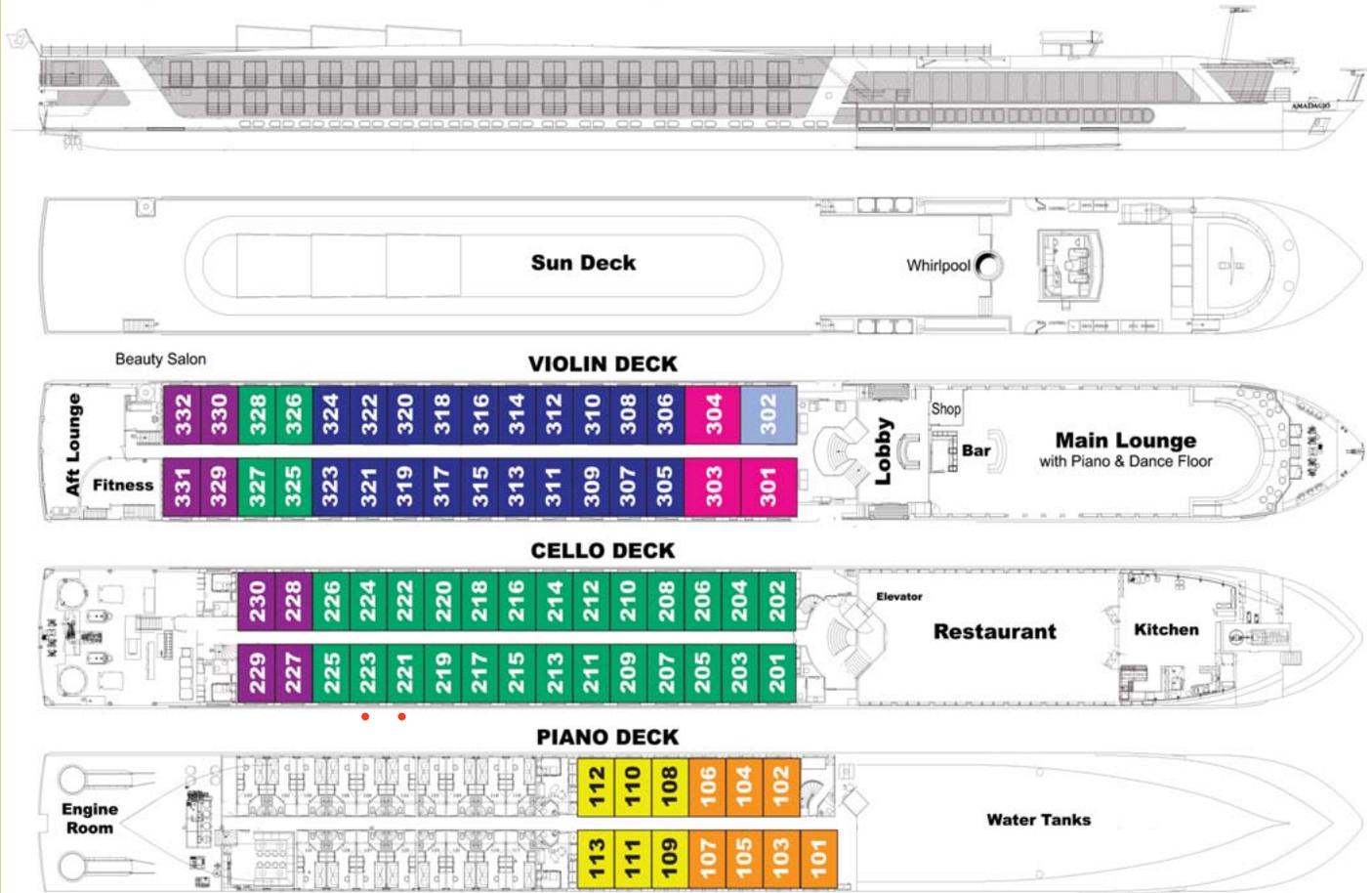
MASTERCARD _____

NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER _____

**If paying by credit card, the balance owing will be placed on your card automatically
on Sep 14, 2009, unless otherwise stated.**

Brand new 5-Star MS Amalyra



CABIN CATEGORIES

- Jr. Suite Violin Deck - French Balcony - 255 sq.ft.
- Cat. A+ Violin Deck - French Balcony - 225 sq.ft.
- Cat. A Violin Deck - French Balcony - 170 sq.ft.
- Cat. B Violin & Cello Deck - French Balcony - 170 sq.ft.
- Cat. C Violin & Cello Deck - French Balcony - 170 sq.ft.
- Cat. D Piano Deck - Fixed window - 170 sq.ft.
- Cat. E Piano Deck - Fixed window - 170 sq.ft.
- Single Cello Deck - Fixed Window- 140 sq.ft.

TECHNICAL DATA:

Built: 2009 - Amalyra & Amadolce
 2008 - Amadante
 All ships were built in Holland
 Length: 360 feet; Width: 38 feet
 Crew: 41 (European)
 Staterooms: 72
 Junior Suites: 3
 Registry: Switzerland; Home port: Basel



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