



THE MAGIC OF ADVENT

Cruise from Regensburg to Vienna, including the famous Christmas markets and music concert.

Leave behind the scramble of the days preceding Christmas, escape from the turmoil and discover the season of Advent in a completely new way by taking an atmospheric cruise, visiting the very best Christmas markets in southern Germany and Austria.

For a whole week in Advent you can store up pleasurable anticipation for the prettiest festival of the year, and no doubt think back to your own childhood when you became more and more excited as the day for the giving of presents drew closer. You will leave the ship in Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Salzburg and Vienna and head straight for the Christmas markets in the city centres, absorb the style of their magnificent decorations, and warm yourself up with a glass of punch or Glühwein.

The great thing is, though, that for once you have all the time in the world to find pretty little things and Christmas presents for your loved ones. You will, however, also have plenty of opportunities aboard our Amadeus vessels to enjoy the magic of this wondrous period before Christmas – you will breathe in calmness, admire nature in its peaceful hibernation, and at night look up at the starry skies above you.

Day 1

We depart from O.R.Tambo airport to Nuremburg, with anticipation of what is awaiting us!

Overnight on the aircraft.

Day 2

After clearing customs we will drive to the port for embarkation in the afternoon. Our tour manager welcomes us with a cocktail before the welcome dinner on board. The ship leaves Nuremburg in the evening.

Day 3

In the morning we enjoy an included *sightseeing tour* of Nuremberg. See the storybook 900-year-old ramparts, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. The city tour leads us to the major sites and sights of the city, from the medieval beginnings to the present. We visit the world famous *Christmas market* in the old quarter. In the afternoon, the vessel casts off downstream towards Regensburg.

Day 4

The vessel arrives in Regensburg in the morning. Regensburg is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Germany, and its historic buildings (about 1,400) are most impressive. Among this architectural treasures are cathedrals, churches, monasteries, the town hall, and one of Europe's oldest bridges that has spanned the Danube since the 12th century. During an included city walk recognize the former power and wealth of this city, which once controlled the trade route to the Orient. Visit the Christmas market before the vessel leaves the town in the evening.

Day 5

In the morning our cruise ship reaches the Bavarian city of Passau, which lies at the confluence of three rivers the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz. Why not join the morning's included city walk to get to know this charming historical city and also visit the Christmas market in the 3-river-town. The vessel will leave Passau in the later afternoon.

Day 6

This morning the ship moors in Melk/Emmersdorf . An interesting excursion through the Wachau (€ 40) is planned. The excursion starts in Duernstein, one of the best-known wine villages in the Wachau. A walk through it allows us to appreciate its glorious position. Thereafter we drive through the picturesque landscape of this district to the 900-year old Benedictine abbey of Melk. During a guided tour we see the rooms of the prelatore, the emperor aisle, the marble hall, the altars and the library. Afterwards, depending on the availability, listen to an organ concert at the church. At the end of the tour we invite you for a glass of Gluehwein at a local restaurant. Participants will join the ship in Weissenkirchen again. The vessel heads off in the direction of Vienna during lunch. Spend a pleasant afternoon on board, letting the fascinating scenery of the Wachau float by. In time for dinner our ship reach the world famous Danube metropolis of Vienna. In the evening you can enjoy Vienna at night – a highlight will be the visit of the Christmas market near Vienna's city hall.

Day 7

A Vienna sightseeing tour includes an overall impression of the most important sights Vienna has to offer. The included tour takes us along the Ringstrasse, Schwarzenbergplatz, passing by Charles church (Karlskirche) as well as the stunning opera house. There we have some free time to visit the building or to do some souvenir shopping. Last stop is the well known and one of kind, St. Stephan's cathedral, which we can admire from the inside. In the afternoon you can participate in the optional excursion to Schoenbrunn castle (€ 30), one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings. A visit to the Christmas market in front of the castle will be included. On the final evening of our cruise the captain of the Vessel invites us to his special dinner, and the ship's orchestra will not fail to inspire most of the passengers to round off their cruise on the dance floor. Why not end your tour with a wonderful concert presented in the Panoramabar.

Day 8

Disembarkation after breakfast with bags full of Christmas goodies and fond memories.

Date of departure: 3 December 2010

Cost of cruise: subject to 16 or more passengers travelling together

Euro 900.00 per person sharing

Haydin Deck (windows are small and do not open, 4 cabins available)

Euro 990.00 per person sharing

Strauss Deck (large panoramic windows which can open, 6 cabins available)

Euro 400.00 single supplement

Cost of air ticket:

R3 980.00 per person

Included in the cruise:

Return airfare from Johannesburg

Return transfers airport/cruise

Superb dining all meals included

Coffee and tea after lunch and dinner

Quality red and white wines from Europe with dinner.

Welcome cocktail, welcome dinner and captains gala dinner.

Visits to world famous Christmas markets

Christmas concert on board

Daily onboard music performances by the board musicians

Services of a cruise director

Port taxes and local taxes

Excluded

Airport tax's (+/- R2800.00)

Optional excursions (Gluhweinparty €40.00 pp, Schoenbrunn Castle €41.00 pp)

Tips

Insurances +/- R2500

Personal expenses

Visas

Price is subject to currency fluctuations, increases, size of the group and flight schedules until final payment has been received by Seagull Tours International. No credit card payments are accepted for group bookings. Prices are subject to 16 people travelling together on the same itinerary.