



RIVER CRUISE

MAGNIFICENT EUROPE WITH CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS EVE

2025

EUMCX15



15 days / 14 nights River Cruise



Amsterdam to Budapest

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



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DAY 1

Arrive Amsterdam, Embark Ship

Welcome to

. We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your ship.



Stay: 14 Nights, APT Ostara

Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

Amsterdam

Spend today on your preferred activity. Tonight, enjoy a gala welcome dinner.

Freedom of Choice - Cruise on a Glass-Top Boat or visit the Old Amsterdam Cheese Store

Perhaps cruise the canals on a glass-top boat or visit the Old Amsterdam Cheese Store for a cheese tasting matched with wine.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 3

Andernach

This morning will be spent cruising through Germany. Disembark in Andernach and enjoy a Signature Experience here.

Signature Experience - Visit Namedy Castle

Princess Heide von Hohenzollern will graciously welcome you into her home, Namedy Castle. Wander through the castle and its manicured gardens, before savouring a morning tea, where a pianist sets the mood.

Signature Experience:

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DAY 4

Rüdesheim



Cruise through the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim and set out on your chosen activity. Afterwards, wander through the Christmas market and perhaps pick up a souvenir or two.

Freedom of Choice - Visit Siegfried's Museum or an historic wine cellar

You might like to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Alternatively, visit a historic wine cellar for a tasting of Rhine Valley wines.

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DAY 5

Miltenberg

Step ashore in Miltenberg and set out on a guided exploration. Wander through cobblestoned streets and admire the town's enchanting half-timbered houses before time at leisure.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 6

Würzburg (Christmas Eve)

Your day unfolds on your terms thanks to a choice of activities today.

Freedom of Choice - Würzburg activities

Seize the day and walk to the 18th-century Würzburg Residence. Alternatively, travel to Rothenburg, or join a hike to Marienberg Fortress.

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DAY 7

Bamberg (Christmas Day)



Celebrate a magical Christmas Day as you enjoy a relaxing morning sailing towards Bamberg, where you'll disembark for a guided walking tour. You'll also enjoy a traditional Christmas feast on board your ship with all the trimmings.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

Nuremberg

This morning gives you the chance to choose your sightseeing activity. This afternoon, continue cruising on the Main-Danube Canal. Having taken 32 years to construct, the canal links the North and Black seas.

Freedom of Choice – Discover Nuremberg's World War II Sites

Journey through Nuremberg's World War II sites, including the Reich Party Rally Grounds, the site of Hitler's now infamous annual rallies that were held from 1927 to 1938.

Freedom of Choice – Medieval History of Nuremberg Tour

Join a tour focused on Nuremberg's medieval history. Discover medieval architecture, including the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle, the main market square and its 14th century Gothic church.

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DAY 9

Regensburg

In Regensburg, explore its atmospheric World Heritage-listed city centre. With a history dating back to the Roman times, this incredible city was the first capital of Bavaria. Your tour will finish with a tasting at Regensburg's historic sausage kitchen, thought to be one of the oldest working restaurants in the world.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 10

Passau, Salzburg, Linz



Take a guided tour of Salzburg before a Signature Experience.

Signature Experience – Gaisberg Mountain Lunch and ‘Sound of Music’ Show

Be welcomed by a Jagdhornblaser – a hunting horn blower – into a rustic, traditional restaurant on the Gaisberg mountain overlooking Salzburg. Enjoy a welcome drink as you soak in the scenery before savouring a delicious lunch, followed by a show featuring music from the classic film, ‘The Sound of Music’.

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DAY 11

Melk, Durnstein

Visit the statuary-adorned Melk Abbey. You’ll then cruise through the Wachau Valley to Durnstein, where you can roam its cobblestoned lanes at your leisure. Or perhaps join your wellness host for a hike to the castle ruins.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 12

Vienna

Arrive in Vienna and set out on a city tour. Take in the city’s many landmarks along the Ringstrasse, as well as St Stephen’s Cathedral. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore. This evening is set aside for your magical Signature Experience.

Signature Experience - Liechtenstein’s City Palace

After dinner, head to the princely family of Liechtenstein’s City Palace in the heart of Vienna, where we have arranged an exclusive cocktail party and private recital, just for you. A full orchestra will perform classical masterpieces by Mozart and Strauss, and you will also be enchanted by an operatic recital.

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DAY 13

Vienna (New Year's Eve)

Head out on your choice of tours before setting sail for Hungary. Tonight, bid farewell to 2025 in style with New Year's Eve celebrations in full swing.

Freedom of Choice - See Schonbrunn Palace or Slovakia's Bratislava

Perhaps visit the 1,441-room Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens. Otherwise, tick another country off your list and journey to Slovakia's Bratislava.

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DAY 14

Budapest

Choose your sightseeing option in Budapest today. The afternoon is yours at leisure to further explore.

Freedom of Choice - Budapest activities

Enjoy a city tour of Budapest taking in its historic monuments, including Heroes' Square and St Stephen's Cathedral before a visit to the Great Market Hall for some tastings of local produce. Alternatively, board a funicular to Castle Hill, then walk to Fisherman's Bastion. Or you may wish to relax in the thermal water pools at one of Budapest's famous baths.

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DAY 15

Disembark Ship, Depart Budapest

Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye and be transferred to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast
