

TOURS Of Distinction

Since 1971

Christmas Markets on the Danube

2022 | November 30 – December 7



Holiday merrymaking ...gingerbread, mulled wine, colorful lights, glorious decorations, handmade goodies galore... Get into the Spirit of the Season on our Danube River Cruise to Europe's most famous Christmas Markets – explore the imperial city of Vienna, the Paris of the East – Budapest, the impeccably preserved Old Town of Bratislava and Prague, the City of 100 Spires. Join us for a Christmas (and shopping) extravaganza!

Trip Highlights

- ❖ 4-Night Danube River Cruise
- ❖ Christmas Markets in Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava & Prague
- ❖ 2-Night Premier Accommodations Prague
- ❖ Panoramic Tour of Prague
- ❖ Optional Shore Excursions with Audio Headsets
- ❖ Open Bar on the M/S Vivaldi
- ❖ 4 Different Countries
- ❖ Refined French Cuisine
- ❖ Attentive & Friendly Crew



Pricing on Page 3

Activity Level |  

Passport Required

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8 Day Christmas Markets on the Danube

Day 1 | Depart for Vienna, Austria

Your holiday spirit builds as you board the plane bound for Vienna and the famed Christmas Markets of Europe.

Day 2 | Arrive Vienna

Arrive in Vienna, Austria's imperial capital that offers a beautiful blend of baroque and modern architecture along with cozy coffee houses, wine taverns, fascinating museums, and opulent palaces. Vienna owes much of its fame to the composers that lived and worked here including Mozart, Beethoven, and Haydn. Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail reception. Tonight's dinner will have an Austrian flair. (D)

Day 3 | Vienna – Budapest, Hungary

There are so few places in the world that evoke the Christmas spirit like Vienna with its beautiful decorations, imperial palaces, the sound of carols on the wind, and the glimmer of Christmas lights. Join us for an optional guided tour of Vienna, the city of music, art, culture, and fine food. See the Old City and Hofburg, the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburg Dynasty, as well as the Sisi Museum, dedicated to the much beloved and tragic Empress Elizabeth. Step into the joy of Christmas at Vienna's famous Christmas Market, that dates-back to the Middle Ages, when Albrecht I granted Vienna's citizens the privilege of holding a December Market or "Krippenmarkt" in 1298. Amazing handcrafted gifts, hot roasted chestnuts, and spiced punch stands are just some of the highlights. This afternoon, we depart Vienna and cruise past splendid scenery towards Budapest. (B,L,D)

Day 4 | Budapest

Arrive in Budapest, known as the "Paris of the East" because of its superb Roman ruins, Baroque, Art Nouveau, and Post- Modern architecture, and a beguiling city center that is listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO. Join us on an optional guided tour of this tantalizing city that is gracefully spread out along the riverbank of the storied Danube. Budapest is separated by the river into two entities: Buda on one side with its hills and valleys, and Pest on the other with its flat expanse; each offers memorable views. Enjoy some free time this afternoon; you may want to take in one of the city's fine museums or simply wander the markets. This evening we will depart Budapest and make our way through the Danube Bend, world renowned for its remarkable scenery on our way to the fairytale city of Bratislava. This evening, enjoy a lavish dinner and entertainment onboard as the ship wends its way past high snow-covered hills and valleys. (B,L,D)

Day 5 | Budapest – Bratislava, Slovakia

The morning will be spent cruising past some of the most beautiful scenery on the Danube, it is Christmas picture perfect and sure to get you in the holiday spirit. This is a good time to relax in the warmth of the ships lounge, make new friends, and write those Christmas cards that you have been meaning to send. A gloriously preserved Baroque Old Town and the grand White Fortress greet us as we reach Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. This afternoon, you will get to know this interesting city on an optional guided tour that will show you the main historic sights and churches beautifully decorated for the season. There will be plenty of time for you to discover the magical Christmas Market that can be found all around the center of town. The Main Square and Hviezdoslavovo Square have the largest number of stalls. Don't spoil your appetite by sampling too many delicious potato pancakes ("lokshe") with various fillings because tonight is our gala dinner and evening. Late in the evening we begin our cruise back to Vienna. (B,L,D)

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Day 6 | Vienna – Prague, Czech Republic

Overnight our ship has silently made its way up the Danube and, early this morning we reach Vienna. Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9.00 a.m. and as we say goodbye to Vienna we make our way to Prague, the bustling and exciting capital of the Czech Republic. Known as the “City of a Hundred Spires,” Prague is one of the most photogenic cities in Europe.

After we arrive and check in, you are free to explore this city on your own. One of the best ways to discover Prague is by taking a walk. You may want to wander along Mala Strana, home to Prague Castle, a must-see attraction, and the St. Nicholas Church; or you may want to get off the beaten path with a visit to the Vinohrady neighborhood boasting hip cafes and eateries. Another option is to explore Prague’s Old Town Square, which has been the heart of the city and its main market square since the 11th century.

Prague’s Market Square, one of the most enchanting in Europe, is the main setting for the Christmas Market. Old Town Square where almost every building is a work of art; includes several masterpieces like the majestic medieval Old Town Hall, the ancient Gothic Spires of the Church of Our Lady Before Tyn, the Stone Bell House, the Kinsky Palace, and the famous 15th century Astronomical Clock and Tower. Nearby, you may want to stroll along the cobbled Charles Bridge to the Hradcany District dominated by Prague’s ancient castle. For a bird’s eye view of the city climb the Old Town Hall Tower. (B)

Day 7 | Prague

This morning, we have an exclusive optional tour of the city that includes all the highlights that you might not want to miss. Spend the rest of the day exploring this vibrant capital city and shopping at its’ festive Christmas Markets. Look for puppets, children’s toys, hand-woven clothes, garnet rings, and much more. Don’t forget to indulge in a tasty perník cookie – a special Czech gingerbread with an irresistible aroma! Tonight, we get together with our fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and to share our warm winter memories with our newly made friends. (B,D)

Day 8 | Depart Prague

Our Christmas and cruising fun comes to an end as we transfer to the airport for the flight home.



Pricing

Main Deck - \$3,009 pp dbl | \$3,389 single

Land Only From: \$2,129

Upper Deck - \$3,219 pp dbl | \$3,599 single

Land Only From: \$2,399

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Roundtrip International Airfare | 6 Nights Premiere Accommodation | Porterage
4-Nights Cruising the Danube River on the M/S Vivaldi
14 Meals: 6 Breakfasts | 3 Lunches | 5 Dinners
Christmas Markets in Vienna, Budapest & Prague | Panoramic Tour of Prague
Refined French Cuisine | 4 Countries
Optional Shore Excursions
Open Bar on the M/S Vivaldi (premium drinks extra)
Gratuities for TOD Cruise Concierge, Local Guides and Ship Crew

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st Deposit: \$500 pp due at time of reservation

Final Payment is due August 17, 2022

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A cancellation fee of \$500 per person will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure. If you need to cancel and have purchased Travel Protection, you will need to file a claim. See information below.

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Optional Travel Protection

Upper Deck | Double Occupancy: \$233 pp | Single Occupancy: \$290 pp

Main Deck | Double Occupancy: \$233 pp | Single Occupancy: \$233 pp

Group Travel Protection is strongly suggested. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon registration for this tour. Read the document carefully as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. **IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.**



Disclaimer: We are in the business that plans far ahead of the tour's start date which can, at times, leave us with a change of itinerary, attraction, meal or accommodation. Due to any unforeseen circumstances, Tours of Distinction, Inc., must reserve the right to change the booked itinerary, attractions, restaurants or accommodations. In such an event, the alternative will be of equal or greater value. In the event a tour does not meet the minimum required of participants to operate the tour, Tours of Distinction reserves the right to cancel the tour and will do so no less than 45 days from departure. Any refunds to be issued from the company will be processed and sent no later than 30 days after the initial refund request. For full tour terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.toursofdistinction.net/travel-info/terms-and-conditions/>



2022 Land RESERVATION FORM

One Form Per Person

Tours of Distinction

Danube River Christmas Markets | Vienna & Budapest
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GUEST DETAILS

Name: _____
First Middle Last (Must match your Passport)

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Passport #: _____

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Passport Issue date: _____

Passport exp. Date: _____

TOUR DETAILS

Occupancy: Single Double

Travel Partner(s): _____

Special Needs (wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.): _____

***Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. specific staterooms, specific deck, adjoining staterooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them.*

PAYMENT DETAILS

Make Checks Payable to: Tours of Distinction Mail this form, a copy of your Passport & deposit to:
Tours of Distinction See Address Below

Optional Insurance: I would like to ☐ Accept or ☐ Decline the optional travel protection.

Per the insurance company, all passengers must complete and sign this form to acknowledge that they are offered the optional Travel Protection on this tour.

I am paying by: ☐ Check or ☐ Credit Card (we accept Visa, MasterCard or Discover)

Total Deposit for the Tour Portion: \$ _____

Total Optional Travel Protection Included: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I acknowledge that I have read the Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies on the reverse of this page and understand all information given to me.

Guest's Signature: _____ Date: _____

TOURS OF DISTINCTION

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Toll-Free: 800.426.4324

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Date Received: _____

Cabin Type: _____

Cabin #: _____

Reservation #: _____

Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies

RESPONSIBILITY:

Tours of Distinction and its affiliates act only as an agent for the passenger with respect to transportation and hotels and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, delay, loss, accident or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, ship, motor-coach, train or other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God, or by other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make alterations to this published itinerary. Tours of Distinction reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

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Optional Travel Protection cost per person, double occupancy

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Categories not listed above, or single rates may increase the cost of your Travel Protection. The optional Travel Protection payment is due along with your initial deposit. Passengers can cancel and receive a refund due to the covered reasons outlined in the Travel Protection Plan. The Travel Protection plan booklet will be provided to you with your cruise confirmation packet. **IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR PRIOR TO CANCELLING FROM THE TOUR TO QUALIFY FOR A CLAIM.**

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Passports ARE required for this tour.

Staterooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

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The M/S Vivaldi
Christmas Markets on the Danube River

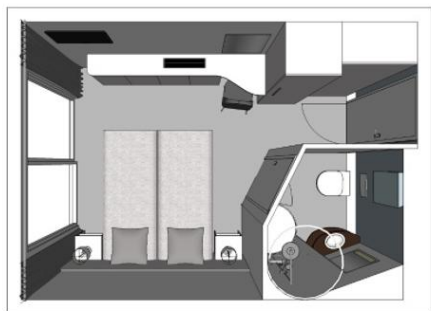
MS Vivaldi

The MS Vivaldi sails on the Danube River.

Interior design



Cabins



- Middle Deck 1 double bed 10 m²
- Middle Deck 2 beds - disabled person 9 m²
- Middle deck 2 adjustable twin beds 10 m²
- Main Deck 1 double bed 10 m²
- Main deck 2 adjustable twin beds 10 m²
- Upper Deck 1 double bed 10 m²
- Upper deck 2 adjustable twin beds 10 m²

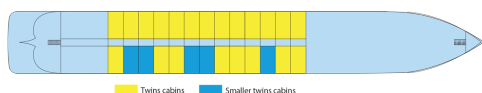
Cabins equipments

- TV
- Telephone (for internal calls only)
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Towels
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi

Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship.

Decks and technical details

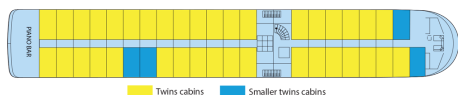
MAIN DECK 26 cabins



MIDDLE DECK 21 cabins



UPPER DECK 41 cabins



Year Built : 2009

Guest capacity : 176

Number of cabins : 88

Width : 11.40

Length : 110

Number of decks : 3

Elevators

Cabins outside

PRM cabins

SUN DECK



MIDDLE DECK : RESTAURANT - RECEPTION DESK - LOUNGE BAR WITH DANCEFLOOR

UPPER DECK : PIANORAMABAR - TERRACE

SUN DECK : FITNESS - SUN DECK