

# Travel with Carson, Christmas

# Markets on the Danube

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GARDEN + MARKET



November 23rd to  
December 6th, 2025



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# *Christmas Markets on the Danube*

## **AT A GLANCE...**

Travel back through centuries as you walk the cobblestone streets of grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures. Europe's iconic Christmas markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure. The fairytale city of Prague enchants with its Old Town Square Christmas Market; Nuremberg's festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas market in Germany; Regensburg's Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic; Vienna with its impressive Christmas markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; and Budapest's Vörösmarty Square, where traditionally handmade products sold in the market are yours to explore. Sparkling lights, the festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols, enticing smells of hot-mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, sausages, sweet treats of every kind, and timeless wonders are a feast for all your senses.





## Outdoor Design & Lifestyle Expert

Over the last 25 years, Carson has taught homeowners how to raise the value of their homes through outdoor renovations while maintaining a focus on environmentally friendly choices. He is a tv mainstay as part of the North American Cityline team as a landscape designer and outdoor expert. He has also been the host/expert on several tv shows that can be seen all around the world. He writes for several publications about outdoor design and appears regularly in a variety of magazines with guest articles and hosts his own radio show right here in Canada.



Carson is the author of the sold-out book Garden Designs for Outdoor Living and has a new book called Vegetables, Chickens and Bees where he teaches new gardeners how to grow food and become more sustainable in their own outdoor spaces. In 2019, Carson opened his namesake market in Prince Edward County. With a focus on growing food, organic principals, and products that make gardening accessible to everyone, Carson's Garden + Market has quickly become a destination for discerning gardeners. His credits include; the host of HGTV's Green Force and Critical Listing; the Gemini nominated Room to Grow on Global, ION and the Discovery network; Better Homes and Garden's Home, First Home on the Hallmark Channel in the U.S.; and as the gardening expert on HGTV's blockbusters; Home to Win Season 1 through 4. Watch for him in the 2023 release of HGTV's Resort Renovation!



Budapest, Hungary



Budapest, Hungary



Melk, Austria



Nuremberg, Germany



Prague, Czech Republic



Regensburg, Germany



Passau, Germany



Vienna, Austria







## ITINERARY

November 23 Toronto

Join our private motorcoach from Belleville or meet us in Pearson Airport for the overnight flight to Budapest.

November 24 Budapest

Arrive Budapest, private coach transfer to hotel & check-in. Welcome evening reception with AmaWaterways hostess.

November 25 Budapest

Often described as the “Queen of the Danube”, Budapest is well-known for many famous sights. But today our “Hidden Budapest Tour” showcases the city’s rich history & culture while offering many “hidden” treasures as we venture past its riverbanks. “Free time to explore many of the city’s Christmas Markets.”

November 26 Budapest

Today we check-out of our hotel and transfer to the AmaSonata, your home for the next 7 nights. Free time to continue exploring the city, welcome Gala dinner tonight!

November 27 Budapest

The “Queen of the Danube” tour takes us through this sprawling World Heritage City offering splendid views from historic Buda Castle of the twin cities on both banks of the river. Next we visit Fisherman’s Bastion, the marvelous Royal Palace, St. Stephen’s Basilica, Heroes’ Square and much more. Later we’ll have time to explore the expansive Christmas Markets in Vörösmarty Square. Alternative to hike to Castle Hill, walk along Fisherman’s Bastion and be an active explorer





November 28 Vienna

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Our "Imperial Vienna" tour takes us to the majestic Opera House, former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs, as well as Vienna's historic city center. Next, we'll spend time at the Maria-Theresian-Platz Christmas Markets where you can purchase delightful delicacies and hand-made gifts. If you prefer a more active adventure, join the guided bike tour along the Danube River and visit Schönbrunn Palace Christmas Market and its festive atmosphere. Cap off the day at the beautifully decorated Town Hall (Rathaus), Vienna's largest Christmas Market.

November 29 Melk

High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent and storied Abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Or opt for the guided bike ride around Melk, discovering all of its charm and lovely sights & shops. During the evening, we enjoy scenic cruising through the Strudengau Valley.

November 30 Passau

Take a full-day excursion travelling through the serene Austrian Alps to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated old town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets which include Hellbrunn Palace whose inner courtyard becomes the romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. Other optional tours include "City of Three Rivers" walking tour or the River Inn bike tour.





December 1 Regensburg

One of Germany's best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our walking tour will showcase the architectural highlight such as Old Town Hall & Port Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas Market. Or choose from a "Taste of Bavaria" tour, Walhalla bike tour or Thurn & Taxis Artisan Christmas Markets.

December 2 Nuremberg

Enjoy our scenic morning cruise as the ship crosses the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube canal, an engineering feat, prior to arrival in Nuremberg. Guided city tour through cobblestone street offers WWII highlights enroute to the Imperial Castle and 900 year old city ramparts. For those who prefer to taste their way through the city opt for the "Tastes of Franconia" tour. Later, be sure to visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarket, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas Markets. Enjoy our last night aboard the AmaSonata.

December 3 Prague

Say good-bye to new friends you've made on the ship as you disembark the vessel. We'll visit Pilzen, Czechia and its lovely Christmas Market enroute to Prague where we check-in to our hotel, home for the next 3 nights. Balance of day at leisure.

December 4 Prague

The "Golden City of 100 Spires" tour will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Prague's city centre is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For those who are more adventurous, opt for the Prague Castle Hike and enjoy the view. Later in the day you can visit Prague's festive Christmas Markets.





December 5 Prague

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery known to have existed in 993. Pilsner Urquell was created in 1842, being the first pilsner ever made, whilst Budweiser came into being in the city of Budweis. Beer is a core part of the country's national identity, so much so the Czechs are the biggest consumers of beer in the world.

December 6 Toronto

Private coach transfer to Prague airport for our flight home. On arrival at Pearson, board our waiting motorcoach for the return to Belleville or your own arrangements. Welcome Home! We hope you enjoyed our "Travel with Carson – Iconic Christmas Markets" cruise tour and we look forward to travelling with you again in the future. Watch for details on our reunion picture party of this trip!

## Your Riverboat AmaSonata





Guests can choose from a variety of cuisines on board

Our fine dining is often enjoyed in the company of fellow cruisers



Cuisine such as these lambchops

A waiter prepares to serve guests at AmaLea's Main Restaurant

Fresh Seafood



Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks are available with lunch and dinner



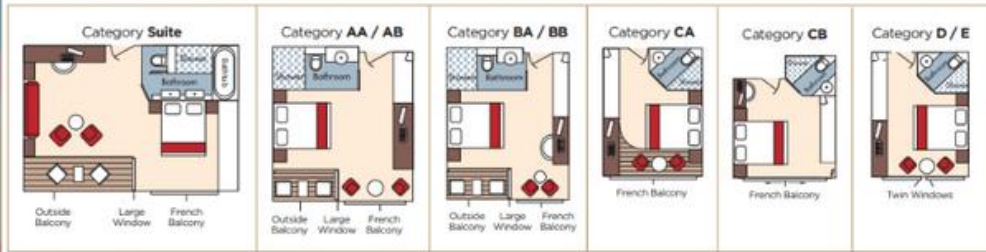
Medallions D'Agneau en Croute de Moutarde

Savour our lovely Desserts



# AMASonata

## Stateroom Layouts



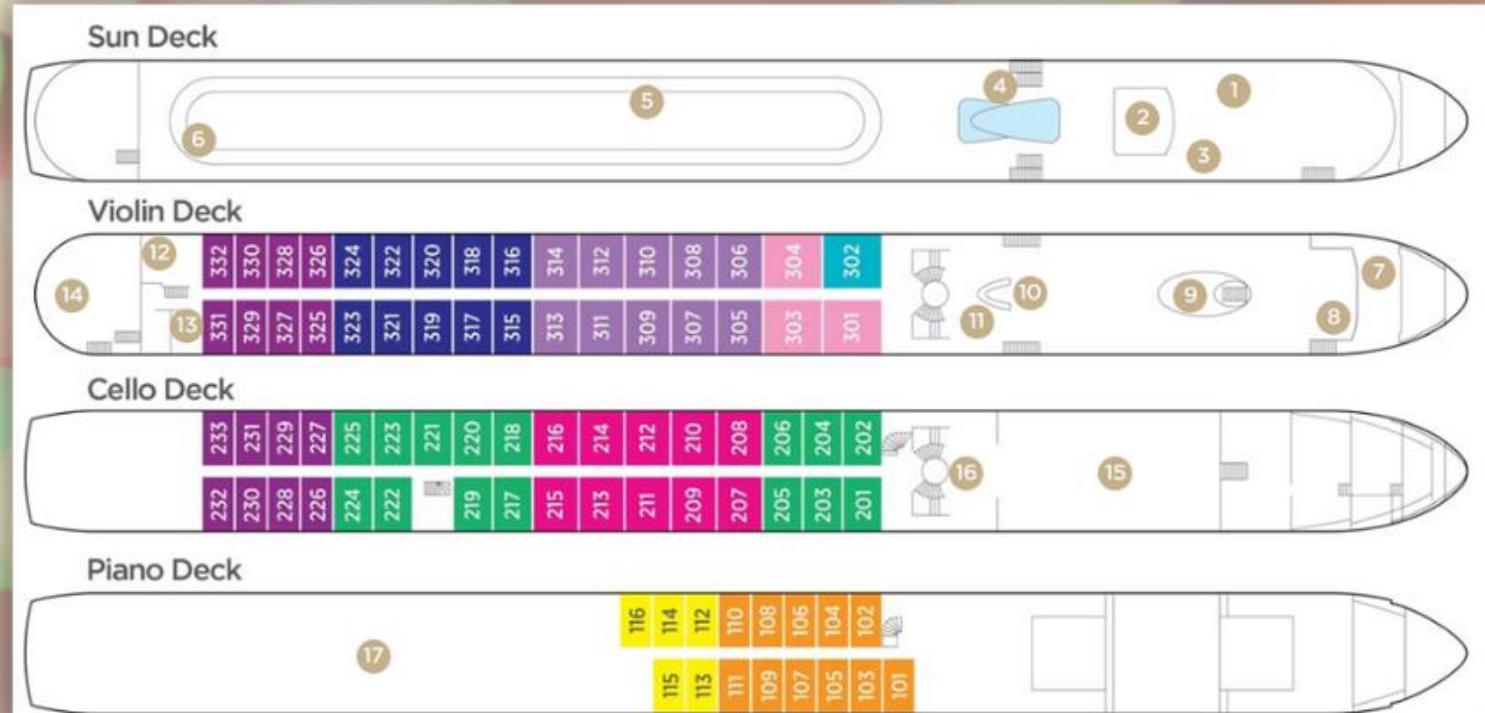
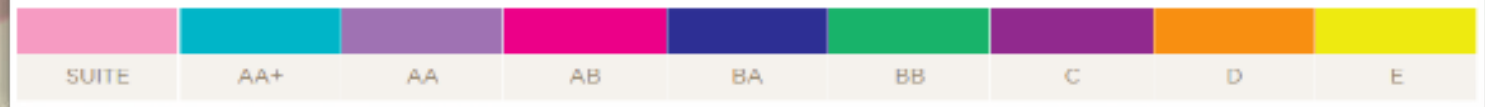
Note: Stateroom layouts are not to scale. Staterooms 201 & 202 are slightly modified

## TECHNICAL DATA

Length	443 feet
Width	38 feet
Crew	51
Staterooms	81
Passengers	162
Home port	Basel

- 1 Lower Sun Deck
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Bicycles
- 4 Heated Pool
- 5 Sun Deck
- 6 Walking Track
- 7 Al Fresco Dining Terrace
- 8 Observation Lounge
- 9 Main Lounge & Bar
- 10 Gift Shop
- 11 Reception
- 12 Fitness Room
- 13 Massage & Hair Salon
- 14 The Chef's Table Restaurant
- 15 Main Restaurant
- 16 Elevator
- 17 Crew Cabins

## Stateroom Categories





AA+ Stateroom



AA & AB Stateroom



BA & BB Stateroom



Suite, Violin Deck



C Stateroom



D & E Stateroom





**Tour Cost per person in CDN \$ based on twin share,**

Following rates INCLUDE **EARLY BOOKING BONUS** available for a limited time. Stateroom allotment and location on ship is subject to limited availability Book now to avoid disappointment and for best rates!



**Early Booking Bonus!**



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Category E twin window stateroom – \$6599.00 cheque / \$6803.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$1000 per couple!

Category D twin window stateroom – \$6939.00 cheque / \$7154.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$1200 per couple!

Category C twin French balcony stateroom \$7999.00 cheque/\$8247.00 by credit card - SAVE - \$1900 per couple!

Category BB twin balcony stateroom – \$8799.00 cheque / \$9072.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$1950 per couple!

Category BA twin balcony stateroom – \$8949.00 cheque / \$9226.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$2200 per couple!

Category AB twin balcony stateroom – \$9289.00 cheque / \$9577.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$1800 per couple!

Category AA twin balcony stateroom – \$9679.00 cheque / \$9979.00 by credit card ----- SAVE - \$1800 per couple!

Category AA+ twin balcony stateroom–\$10369.00 cheque / \$10690.00 by credit card -- SAVE - \$2000 per couple!

Category Suite twin balcony stateroom–\$11289.00 cheque / \$11639.00 by credit card- SAVE - \$2000 per couple!

\*Solo traveller rates available upon request\*



Tour rates include the following unless otherwise noted for land stay portion in Budapest & Prague:

- 2 nights hotel in Budapest / 3 nights hotel in Prague (Marriott or similar)
- All hotel taxes
- Baggage handling at each property
- Daily Breakfast at each hotel
- Hidden Budapest Tour\*
- Golden City of 100 Spires tour in Prague or Prague Castle Hike\*
- Czech Beer Tasting\*
- Airport transfers plus from hotel to ship and ship to hotel in Budapest & Prague
- English speaking AmaWaterways host or hostess at the hotel in Budapest
- Welcome Reception at the hotel in Budapest

\*Subject to availability



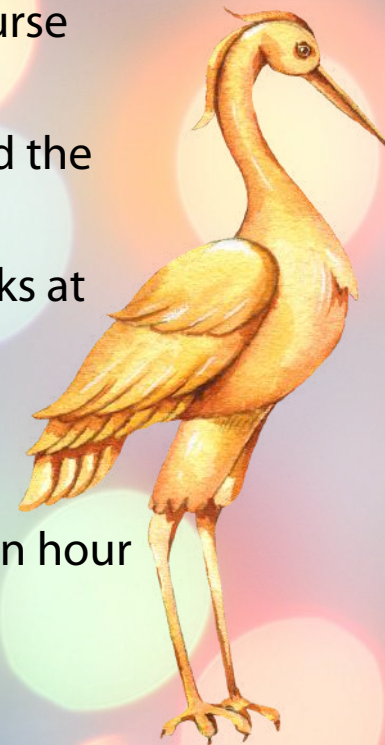




Tour rates include the following unless otherwise noted for the river cruise portion:

- Deluxe stateroom accommodations during your 7-night Danube River cruise
- Baggage handling at embarkation & disembarkation
- All daily shore excursions during the cruise with English-speaking expert guides
- All gourmet meals onboard featuring early riser coffee and croissants, a rich breakfast, festive lunch, afternoon tea & coffee with cake, cookies & sandwiches and multi-course dinner daily
- Choice of dining options at no additional cost including the Main Dining Salon and the intimate Chef's Table Restaurant where the Chef prepares the meal in person.
- Free flowing red and white wine from the local regions, as well as beer or soft drinks at lunch & dinner daily
- Captain's Welcome Champagne Reception & Gala Dinner and Captain's Farewell Champagne Reception & Gala Dinner plus themed dinners during your voyage
- Complimentary cocktail hour offering a "Happy Hour Menu" on five evenings for an hour before dinner (Captain's Receptions on the other two evenings)
- Coffee, tea, ice-water and iced-tea are included all day

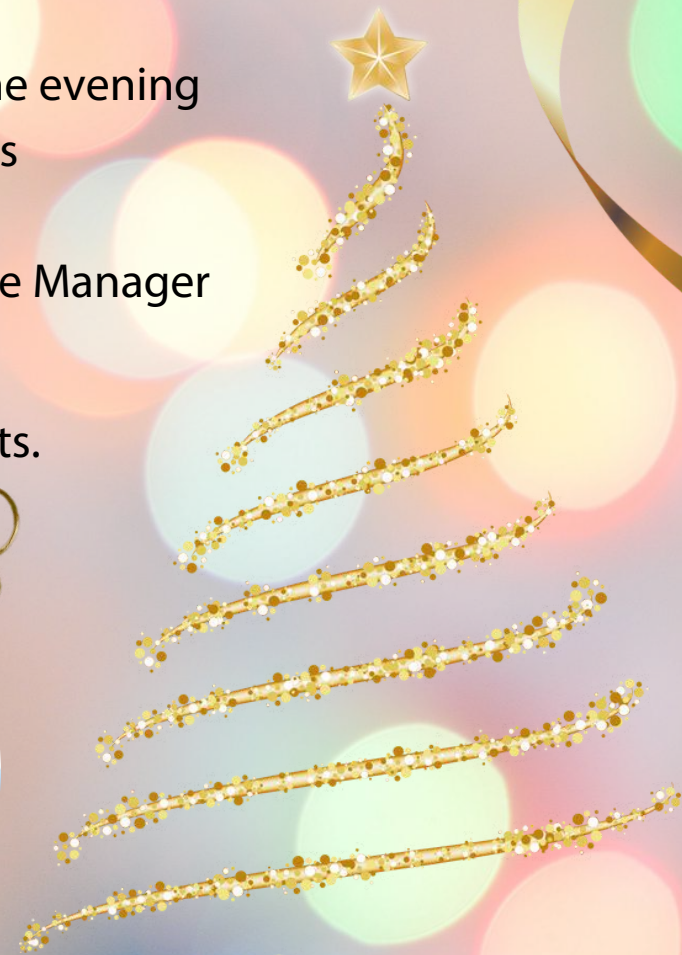
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- Cappuccino, latte and espresso can be requested free of charge during all meals
- Bottled water, fluffy bathrobes and slippers are provided in each stateroom
- Complimentary use of fitness room and equipment
- Complimentary daily wellness and fitness program with qualified instructor
- Complimentary use of the swimming pool on Sun Deck
- Complimentary use of the AMA bicycles and helmets in each port
- Complimentary in-stateroom movies
- Unlimited Internet onboard – subject to availability in some locales
- On board elevator operating between Violin, Cello and Piano Deck
- Piano music during afternoon tea & coffee time as well as during the evening
- Use of AmaWaterway's Quietvox headsets for your shore excursions
- Services of our professional English-speaking Cruise Director
- BONUS - All pre-paid gratuities for the crew on board and the Cruise Manager

Plus, "Celebrity Guest" Carson Arthur & Kevin Lockwood and  
Expedia Cruises hosts Dan Wheeler & Dale Betts.





All Tour Rates rates do not include:

- Beverages & meals other than those specified as included
- Items purchased in the gift shop and other personal charges (i.e. hair salon/massage)
- Optional shore excursions of your choosing outside of the Included daily shore excursions
- Gratuities to all guides/staff on pre/post land portions & shore excursions
- Round-trip coach service to/from Pearson Airport
- Round-trip airfare from your home gateway
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional purchases



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Documentation: Canadian passport valid 6 months beyond scheduled return date

Intent-to-go REFUNDABLE deposit: \$250 per person at time of booking

1st Interim Payment: \$1500 pp by Aug 09, 2024 which when added to \$250 intent-to-go becomes a non-refundable agency fee of \$1750 pp

2nd Interim Payment: \$2500 pp by Feb 02, 2025 which becomes a non-refundable agency fee Final Payment: balance due Jun 02, 2025 which becomes a non-refundable agency fee

Form of Payment: we accept cash, cheque, money order, MasterCard, Visa

NOTE: save credit card processing fee by making ALL payments by cheque or bank draft.



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