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# 2026 FESTIVE SEASON ON THE BLUE DANUBE DISCOVERY RIVER CRUISE

With 2 Nights in Budapest & 2 Nights in Prague

*Enjoy a 7-Night River Cruise from Budapest to Nuremberg with 2-Night  
Pre-Cruise Hotel in Budapest & 2-Night Post-Cruise Hotel in Prague*

**11 Nights / 14 Days • Escorted from Honolulu**

**Travel to Budapest, Hungary & Return from Prague, Czech Republic**

**Avalon Illumination • Featuring 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites**

**December 02 – 15, 2026 • Tour Managers: Dean & Annette Mizumura**

**COUNTRIES:** Hungary, Austria, Germany & Czech Republic

**RIVERS:** Danube River

**CRUISE OVERVIEW:** This timeless European river cruise vacation begins with two nights in vibrant Budapest, Hungary, before sailing along the Danube River with exciting stops in Austria and Germany. Your Danube River cruise concludes in the golden city of Prague — the capital of the Czech Republic. At this time of year, the towns and cities are festively lit and decorated, each in its own particular style and tradition. Christmas markets abound, and the strains of carols and aroma of gingerbread fill the air. In Budapest, Hungary's lively capital, marvel at the eight bridges spanning the river and enjoy an introduction to the city by a local expert who shows you the must-see sights, and take this first chance to explore a Christmas market.

Embark your Avalon Suite Ship® from Budapest and enjoy an amazing view of the landscapes of Bratislava while sailing. Vienna, Austria Here, Christmas markets are scattered throughout the city, with the largest located in front of the city hall. Join a traditional city sightseeing ending with a walk through the Christmas market to taste some of the local traditional specialties. Glide through the winter wonderland of the Wachau Valley, in Melk, visit majestic Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest monasteries, and enjoy a tasting of some of the Wachau Valley's famous Austrian wines. You'll love a guided walk through Passau, with its narrow streets and beautiful Patrician houses and the Christkindlmarkt set against the stunning backdrop of St. Stephen's Cathedral. Further up the Danube River, you'll arrive at the medieval walls of Regensburg — the only German city not bombed during WWII. Your last stop is the 1000-year-old city of Nuremberg, famous for one of the oldest Christmas markets in Germany where you'll marvel at the medieval fortifications, extraordinary Gothic churches, and the Imperial Castle. Disembark and travel to beautiful Prague. See the sights with a Local Guide and enjoy exploring on your own. Browse for last-minute gifts at the Christmas market, and don't miss the beautifully decorated tree in Old Town! The perfect ending to a winter cruise on the Danube!

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**Day 1: Wed, Dec 02** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

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**Day 2: Thur, Dec 03** — IN TRANSIT.

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**Day 3: Fri, Dec 04** — BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Welcome to Budapest — Hungary's Captivating Capital! After completing arrival formalities meet the transfer to the hotel. Your hotel rooms will not be available until the afternoon. The day is yours to relax and enjoy Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube. BUDAPEST MARRIOTT or Similar (2 Nights)

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**Day 4: Sat, Dec 05** — BUDAPEST.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **Guided City Sightseeing**, including the iconic **Heroes' Square**.

Take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying a free afternoon exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs, and don't miss the unique Christmas market that Budapest hosts every year during the Festive Season. (B)

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**Day 5: Sun, Dec 06** — BUDAPEST — EMBARK AVALON ILLUMINATION — CRUISE TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA. With a free day to explore before your cruise, take time to



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL, AUSTRIA

take photographs on the Royal Palace grounds in this treasure trove of historical architecture. Enjoy the warmth and glow of Christmas traditions before boarding the Avalon Illumination. The ship will cruise to Vienna, Austria. (B, D)

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**Day 6: Mon, Dec 07** — VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Enjoy sailing the Danube, which shares dozens of miles with Hungary and Slovakia and see the rolling landscape and red-rooftops of the Slovakian capital of Bratislava come into view.

**📷 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy an Austrian Cookie Tasting while sailing to Vienna.

This evening in Vienna, you may choose to join an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall. This evening, the ship will dock overnight in Vienna. (B, L, D)

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**Day 7: Tue, Dec 08** — VIENNA — CRUISE TO KREMS.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Explore the Habsburg empire this morning on a Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the **Imperial Palace complex** — the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic **Vienna Opera House** and stunning **St. Stephen's Cathedral**.

Spend free time on your own to enjoy the **Christkindlesmarkt**, or relax by the fire's glow in a Viennese café. Join a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace — summer home of the Habsburg Empire. Later, enjoy **live entertainment on board**. This evening cruise to Krems. (B, L, D)

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**Day 8: Wed, Dec 09** — KREMS — WACHAU VALLEY — MELK — CRUISE TO PASSAU, GERMANY.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Walk, to explore this small valley town, seemingly untouched by the new world.

During lunchtime, sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley to Melk.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent





**Benedictine Abbey** to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ.

Cruise to this evening to Passau. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Thur, Dec 10** — PASSAU — CRUISE TO REGENSBURG.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **Guided City Walk** to learn more about this beautiful “City of Three Rivers.”

Later spend some free time in Passau’s charming **Christkindlmarkt** near magnificent St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Alternatively, join a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg — the city of Mozart and **learn how Austrians celebrate Christmas**. Meet your ship back in Passau after your full-day selected activity for sailing. The ship will cruise to Regensburg this evening. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Fri, Dec 11** — REGENSBURG — CRUISE TO NUREMBERG.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided City Walk and see **Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall)** and **Porta Pretoria** — built in 179 A.D. as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress.

Take time to browse Regensburg’s sparking **Christmas markets**. Enjoy hot mulled wine, candied almonds, gingerbread, or bratwurst. This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner. Cruise this evening toward Nuremberg. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Sat, Dec 12** — NUREMBERG.

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy a Christmas Traditions Lecture on board.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Choose a Guided Sightseeing of Nuremberg — with its medieval architecture, **gilded fountain**, **Gothic cathedral**, and **Kaiserburg Castle**, OR

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Tour of the historic **Nuremberg Rally Grounds** — used by the Third Reich.

Spend free time on your own to browse the spruce stalls of the **Christmas Markets**



of Nuremberg. Sample favorite Bavarian fare — from dozens of bratwurst varieties, gingerbread, mulled blueberry wine, and countless other culinary delights of the **Christkindlmarkt**. This evening, the ship will dock overnight in Nuremberg. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Sun, Dec 13** — NUREMBERG — DISEMBARK AVALON ILLUMINATION — PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC. Disembark Avalon Illumination. Transfer to Prague. Explore the City of 100 Spires. Enjoy **free time** to explore the Golden City of Prague and its surrounding countryside. Consider sampling delicious plum dumplings and traditional Pilsner lager beside the Vltava River. PRAGUE MARRIOTT or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 13: Mon, Dec 14** — PRAGUE.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **Guided City Walk**, and visit the **Hradčany Castle Grounds**, see **St. Vitus Cathedral**, and **Old Town’s Astronomical Clock**.

Spend the afternoon on your own to browse the exquisite **Christmas Markets** of Prague. Stroll through the brightly colored wooden stalls for ornaments and handmade toys and handicrafts. (B)



**Day 14: Tue, Dec 15** — PRAGUE — IN TRANSIT — HONOLULU. Bid farewell to Prague as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

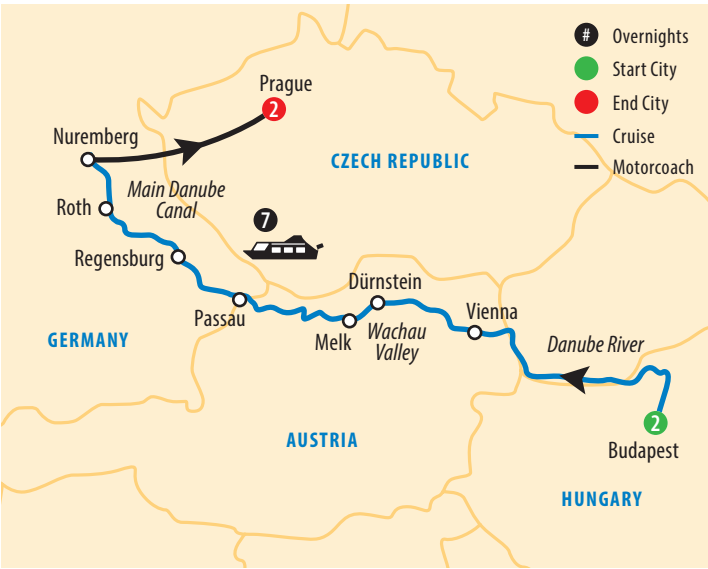


HIGHLIGHTS & SIGHTSEEING:

- **Budapest:** Heroes’ Square; Free time.
- **While on the Cruise:** Austrian cookie tasting; Imperial Palace complex; Vienna Opera House; St. Stephen’s Cathedral; Live entertainment on board; Walking tour of Krems; Benedictine Abbey; Guided city walk of Passau; Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall); Porta Pretoria; Christmas traditions lecture on board; Nuremberg; Kaiserburg Castle; Nuremberg Rally Grounds – used by the Third Reich.
- **Prague:** Free time; Hradčany Castle Grounds; St. Vitus Cathedral; Old Town’s Astronomical Clock.

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 2 nights hotel in Budapest at the Budapest Marriott or similar.
- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- 2 nights hotel in Prague at the Prague Marriott or similar.
- Open-air balconies and wall-to-wall panoramic windows in all Panorama Suites.
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door.
- Individual climate control and in-room safe.
- Well-stocked mini-bar.
- Included sightseeing with expert Local Guides with Personal Headset included.
- Choice of  **CLASSIC** or  **DISCOVERY** excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way.
- On board lectures, activities, and entertainment.
- Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Non-smoking staterooms and ship interior.
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV.
- Happy Hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails, and a drink of the day.
- Welcome and Farewell Cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés.
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily à la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef’s features including carving, and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro’s tasting menu for a less formal “sit-down” atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu and venue options .
- Vegetarian options at every meal, as well as vegan, low calorie, low fat, high fiber, low cholesterol, high energy, and allergy-free selections.
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks, and beWell Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day.
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