

# Grand Christmas & New Year's Cruise

NUREMBERG TO BUDAPEST, 13 DAYS

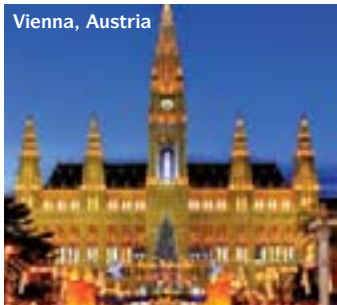
## Grand Christmas & New Year's River Cruise Package Includes:

- 12-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the beautiful *River Countess*
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas
- 10 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Exclusive New Year's Gala Dinner Dance at Palais Pallavicini in Vienna
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "Heaven on Earth—The Worldly Pleasures of Baroque"
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **5,499** per person,  
From **5,499** per person,  
cruise only



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## Make this holiday season extra special and welcome 2011 in grand style

Let this holiday season be an unforgettable one. Celebrate Christmas in Regensburg, one of the loveliest Medieval towns in Europe, where you will have time to attend Christmas Mass in one of Regensburg's magnificent churches, followed by a grand celebration onboard your ship. Learn how the tradition of glassblowing has remained basically unchanged since the glassblower's pipe was invented some 2,000 years ago, and take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the Bavarian Forest.

We have arranged for a private cocktail reception at Artstetten Castle with Princess Anita von Hohenberg, a descendant of the royal Habsburgs. You'll also welcome the New Year at an exclusive gala dinner and dance in the magnificent Viennese Palais Pallavicini, which traditionally hosts official Austrian receptions for monarchs and heads of state! While here, you'll be treated to a festive dinner and a private concert, at which you can even waltz to the famous tunes of Strauss and Mozart—all in the stylish and elegant ambience of this historic salon.

Three captivating countries and one enchanting river will provide the perfect backdrop for celebrating the holidays in grand style.

**Who will enjoy this cruise:** Those looking for an extra special way to celebrate the holidays and welcome in the New Year in grand style will be thrilled by this enchanting cruise.



## Nuremberg to Budapest

Day	Port	Day	Port
Days 1–2	Nuremberg (embark)	Day 8	Dürnstein
Day 3	Cruising the Main-Danube Canal	Days 9–10	Vienna
Day 4	Regensburg	Day 11	Cruising the Danube, Budapest
Day 5	Deggendorf (Theresienthal)	Day 12	Budapest
Day 6	Passau	Day 13	Budapest (disembark), transfer to the airport
Day 7	Linz (Salzburg)		

## Departure Date:

Dec 22

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## Day 1: Nuremberg

Arrive at Nuremberg Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

## Day 2: Nuremberg

**Featured Excursion:** Nuremberg city tour and Christmas Market

Discover Nuremberg, an archetypal German Medieval city, on your panoramic city tour. Your tour takes you past the mighty ancient walls with 80 towers that enclose the historic city center. You'll stop at the Medieval Kaiserburg Castle and then walk through the lively old quarter with its well-preserved traditional half-timbered houses. You'll visit Nuremberg's *Christkindlesmarkt*, Germany's oldest and best-known Christmas Market with over 200 stalls filled with signature toys and tasty seasonal treats. While at the market, you'll certainly want to sample the *lebkuchen*, or gingerbread, since Nuremberg is the "Gingerbread Capital of the World." (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

## Day 3: Cruising the Main-Danube Canal

Spend a leisurely day onboard your floating hotel as you cruise along the Main River and through the remarkable 106-mile-long Main-Danube Canal to the Danube River. This canal is a marvel of modern engineering, and was completed in 1992 to allow travel from the North Sea all the way to the Black Sea. It stretches from Bamberg on the Main River all the way to Kelheim on the Danube River, and includes 16 locks that rise to a height of 1,330 feet, making it the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe. (BB, L, D)

## Day 4: Regensburg

**Featured Excursion:** Regensburg walking tour

In the morning, you can attend Christmas Mass in one of Regensburg's lovely churches, and then during the afternoon, you'll be taken on a walking tour of this unspoiled gem of a city. Starting at the Cathedral of St. Peter, you'll be taken past the Gothic Town Hall, the 12th-century Stone Bridge, and Old Town. Invigorated by the stroll through this winter wonderland, you'll return to the ship for a warm and festive Christmas meal, complete with all the holiday trimmings. (BB, L, D)

## Day 5: Deggendorf (Theresienthal)


**Featured Excursions:** Bavarian forest horse-drawn sleigh ride, and a visit to a glass museum and workshop in Theresienthal

After a scenic drive through the Nature Reserve of the Bavarian Forest, marvel at the amazing glass collection exhibited in the Theresienthal Glass Museum. Experience the art of glass-making first hand during a visit to a nearby glass workshop and follow the glass from the oven to the cooling station while learning about the extraordinary history of Theresienthal. Cap the day off with a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the Bavarian Forest. (BB, L, D)


## Day 6: Passau

**Featured Excursion:** Passau walking tour

The beautiful city of Passau is enchanting. Situated at the confluence of three rivers, Passau's wealth through trade is reflected in its Medieval merchants' houses. On your Passau waking tour, you'll see the treasures of Old Town with its Italian Baroque buildings erected after the big fire of 1662 and its ornate cathedral. (BB, L, D)


 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Museum Visit

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

**BB** = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

**L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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## Day 7: Linz (Salzburg)

**Featured Excursion:** Full-day Salzburg including a walking tour

Visit UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town Salzburg, and view historical gems from the 17th-century cathedral to Mozart's birth house to the famous Getreidegasse. (BB, D)

## Day 8: Dürnstein

**Featured Excursion:** Exclusive cocktail reception at Artstetten Castle with Princess Anita von Hohenberg

Explore charming Dürnstein at your leisure in the morning. Later in the day, you are invited to an exclusive cocktail reception at Artstetten Castle with Princess Anita von Hohenberg, a descendant of the royal Habsburgs. (BB, L, D)

## Day 9: Vienna

**Featured Excursion:** Vienna city tour

Capture Vienna's imperial history during your city tour. After your panoramic ride along the stately Ringstrasse, stroll through the Hofburg grounds to the beloved St. Stephen's Cathedral. Then visit the Baroque State Hall of the Austrian National Library, said to be the most beautiful library room in the world. (BB, L, D)

## Day 10: Vienna

**Featured Excursions:** Schönbrunn Palace, and exclusive New Year's Gala Dinner and Dance at Palais Pallavicini

This morning, you'll visit Schönbrunn Palace, the stunning former Habsburg summer residence. This will certainly put you in a regal mood for evening festivities designed exclusively for Uniworld guests! Celebrate the New Year in grand style, in the magnificent Palais Pallavicini, which hosted performances by Mozart, Beethoven, and Salieri. The exquisite décor will leave you speechless. You'll delight in a festive dinner, along with a private concert, and then dance to famous Strauss and Mozart tunes. (BB, L, D)

## Day 11: Cruising the Danube, Budapest

Spend a full day cruising the enchanting Danube. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

## Day 12: Budapest

**Featured Excursion:** Budapest city tour

Your city tour features the famous 19th-century Chain Bridge, the first bridge to connect Buda with Pest. Continue on a panoramic drive and marvel at the Great Synagogue, Hungarian National Museum, Hungarian State Opera House, St. Stephen's Basilica, and the stunning Parliament Building. Visit the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district, St. Matthias Church, and the 19th-century Fisherman's Bastion. (BB, L, D)

## Day 13: Depart Budapest

Disembark the ship and transfer to Budapest Ferihegy International Airport for your flight home.

## Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **February 28, 2010** to **SAVE NZ\$3,200 per couple** (NZ\$1,600 per person) off cruise rates on suites or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,600 per couple** (NZ\$800 per person) on category 3, 4, and 5 staterooms.

**-OR-**

## Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT before **March 31, 2010** to **SAVE NZ\$800 per couple** (NZ\$400 per person) off cruise rates.

## Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Dec 22	<b>NZ\$5,499</b>	<i>River Countess</i>

- Port charges: NZ\$272 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck.
- A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.
- Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

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To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	NZ\$350	Category 1	NZ\$1,975
Category 3	NZ\$999	Suite	NZ\$3,275
Category 2	NZ\$1,499	See Deck Plan on page 119	

Bavarian Forest, Germany

