

Cruise with Kai Swanson aboard our privately owned 162-passenger M/S River Aria

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Germany: Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | **Austria:** Linz, Melk, Vienna

9 days from **\$3,195**

River Cruise only

10 days from **\$4,715**

with international airfare from Moline



IT'S INCLUDED

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- Accommodations** for 7 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- 20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks
- 5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 5 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Main-Danube Canal conversation • German language lesson • Regensburg choral concert • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Christmas Traditions* conversation • Wachau Valley conversation
- Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All port charges**
- Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure: DEC 13, 2026

Return: DEC 21, 2026

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-3 • Nuremberg, Germany

Embark ship

Port Nuremberg

Included Tour Nuremberg

Day 4-5 • Regensburg

Port Regensburg

Included Tour Regensburg

Day 6 • Passau

Port Passau

Included Tour Passau

Day 7 • Linz, Austria

Port Linz

Optional Tour Salzburg

Day 8 • Melk • Vienna

Port Melk

Included Tour Melk Abbey

Optional Tour Musical Vienna

Day 9 • Vienna • Return to U.S.

Disembark ship

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with **FREE** Single Supplements

Munich, Germany

3 nights pre-trip from \$1,045

Vienna, Austria

3 nights post-trip from \$895

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks,

25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Nuremberg, Germany.

DAY 2 • Arrive Nuremberg, Germany • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Munich, Germany*, you will join your main group today.

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DAY 3 • Nuremberg

Today's included tour introduces you to Nuremberg, a city that was scarred by World War II but whose many architectural treasures have been restored. Later, explore the local *Christkindlmarkt*—one

of Germany's oldest Christmas markets. This evening, enjoy the Captain's Welcome Dinner.

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DAY 4 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion

Sail through the Main-Danube Canal this morning. Oboard, take part in two **Exclusive Discovery Series** events—a discussion outlining the technological workings of the Main-Danube Canal, and a German language lesson. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Regensburg including the *Neupfarrplatz*, site of a festive *Christkindlmarkt*. Tonight, walk to a local church for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event: a choral concert.

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DAY 5 • Regensburg • Passau • *Stollen* baking demonstration

Cruise toward Passau today. Along the way, learn how to make *Stollen*, a traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts and topped with powdered sugar, during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event.

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DAY 6 • Passau • German Christmas Traditions conversation

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau. Upon arrival, discover Passau on a walking tour followed by time to explore the festive Christmas handcrafts market.

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Christmas market, Nuremberg, Germany

DAY 7 • Linz, Austria • Optional Salzburg tour • Captain's Farewell Dinner

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

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DAY 8 • Melk • Optional *Musical Vienna* tour

This morning, tour 900-year-old Melk Abbey. Later, return to the ship and enjoy hot chocolate as you cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, arrive in Vienna where you may join our optional *Musical Vienna* excursion. Or, spend the evening as you wish.

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DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or stay on in culture-rich Vienna with our optional extension.

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Travelers at a Christmas market, Passau, Germany

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DECK

A	Serenade Deck	\$3,545
B		
C	Sonata Deck	\$3,495
D		
E	Cantata Deck	\$3,445
F		
G	Prelude Deck	\$3,345
H		\$3,195

AIR ADD-ON

Moline	\$1,520
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$750 per person.

Travel Protection: Starting from \$599.

Single Supplement: \$795. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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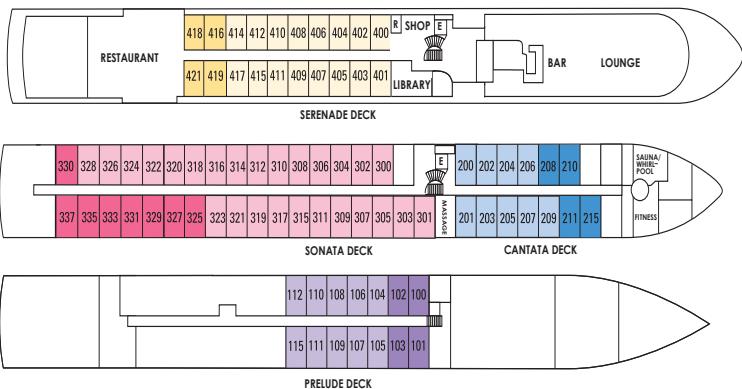
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M/S River Aria



Registry: Malta

Width: 38 ft.

Length: 418 ft.

Passenger capacity: 162

International crew: 38

Decks: 4

Number of cabins:
82—all outside-facing

Elevator: Yes
(no elevator access to Prelude Deck)

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