

CHRISTMASTIME ON THE DANUBE

Enjoy AUSTRIA / GERMANY / CZECH REPUBLIC aboard Avalon's "PANORAMA"
December 2 - 11, 2011



Our 50th Wedding Anniversary Cruise

On November 22, 2011 - next year - we will observe our 50th Wedding Anniversary. On previous special anniversaries we have always selected an ocean-going cruise. However, this time we have chosen what we feel offers absolutely the finest quality and value of any cruise experience available in the world today - a European River Cruise on a "brand new ship". To make the best even better we have chosen the exciting Christmas Markets time of the countries that gave birth to our Christmas traditions.

Please "come and go with us" and together let's experience a deluxe river cruise. ***If you reserve by August 31st - this year - you can save \$500 per person. Cancel "for any reason" by September 30 - this year - and receive a full refund. After that date if cancellations are "for covered reasons" you are protected by included travel protection insurance.**

This type of cruising experience is proving so popular that we "jumped" at the opportunity to secure spaces (even though more than a year away) because the ship on this particular cruise is already 65% "sold out" - we couldn't wait.

Passports will be required, but we'll assist you. Call with questions - and to reserve - today.

Marilyn & Larry Kopke

A Few of Your Special Experiences

- ◆ Experience exciting local shops and stores
- ◆ We will accept no gifts, but to show our appreciation we'll give each participant a remembrance purchased at one of the famous European open-air Christmas Markets.
- ◆ Included shore excursions and sightseeing (CAPITALS)
- ◆ Bonus sightseeing just for our group (***bold/italicized***)
- ◆ Personal listening devices on each included escorted shore excursion so you don't miss a word of commentary.
- ◆ Visit quaint riverside villages - meet the locals in 3 countries
- ◆ All meals aboard ship are included
- ◆ Wine, if you like, included at no cost with dinner
- ◆ Champagne, if you like, included at no cost with breakfast.
- ◆ Unpack and pack only once
- ◆ Relax as the changing countryside "comes to you"
- ◆ Much more - compare

Your Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Home / Overnight Flight: Depart the U.S. and board our overnight flight en route to Vienna. Time to relax and watch good movies.

Day 2 Arrive in Vienna, Austria (Embarkation): Welcome to Vienna, Austria's romantic capital! This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a welcome reception. **D**

Day 3 Vienna: Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's capital has much to offer: the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, majestic Ring Boulevard, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights you will enjoy on your city tour. You do not rush through Vienna—you waltz, taking your time to savor each classic sight and sound. Shop in the Kärntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighborhood café. Soak up the atmosphere of the Adventszeit (Advent season) and spend some time in the beautiful Christmas markets located throughout the city. **This evening enjoy a SPECIAL INCLUDED Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - you will be accompanied to one of Vienna's Famous Concert Halls where you will enjoy preferred seating arrangements, while listening to the sounds of the "Blue Danube Waltz", the "Radetzky" March, and other classical tunes from Vienna.** B/L/D

Day 4 Dürnstein—Melk: This morning, enjoy a guided walk around Dürnstein, known for the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its blue façade. After lunch, visit the glorious BENEDICTINE ABBEY, which dominates the town of Melk from its commanding hill site and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking! This evening you'll sample some of the FAMOUS WINES of the region. **B/L/D**

Day 5 Linz—Passau, Germany: Linz, Austria's third-largest town, lies on both banks of the Danube and is an important industrial town and busy river port. **Enjoy another SPECIAL INCLUDED Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - a full day excursion to Salzburg to take in the popular Sound of Music sights as well as more Christmas cheer - the traditional carols, the sparkling lights, and the smell of candles and gingerbread.** Passau, ideally located at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz, and Danube Rivers, is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. **B/L/D**

Day 6 Regensburg: Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Architectural highlights on your guided tour include the Old Town Hall and the Porta Pretoria—gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. The city is the capital of Upper Palatinate, a bustling university town, and one of Bavaria's cultural centers. The Christmas market is located on the historic market square. Germany is famous for its sausages, and Regensburg is home to the country's oldest restaurant—Historische Wurstküche (the Old Sausage Kitchen), dating back to the 12th century. **B/L/D**

Day 7 Nuremberg: Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage

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during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant patrician houses, all explained by a local expert. Nuremberg hosts Germany's most famous Christmas market, the Old Town is illuminated with festive lights and decorations. The city's traditions include famous Lebkuchen, toy making, and metal working. **B/L/D**

Day 8 Nuremberg (Disembarkation)—Prague, Czech Republic: Cross the Czech border in the Bohemian Forest and head for Prague, the "Golden City." **B**

Day 9 Prague: Prague is a 1,000-year-old city preserved in time. It straddles the Vltava River with domes, cupolas, spires and pinnacles highlighting its skyline. See its best-known treasures such as the Old Town's Astronomical Clock, once the envy of all of Europe; HRAD-CANY CASTLE GROUNDS, St. Vitus Cathedral, and the Charles Bridge. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books, and stroll through the Christmas markets. Rows of brightly decorated wooden huts sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys, and Czech handicrafts. Get a little inner warmth with a cup of svařené víno (hot mulled wine) and a traditional hot sausage from one of the stalls. The beautifully decorated tree in the Old Town is an impressive sight. Christmas is the most important family holiday of the year in most Eastern European countries, and the Czechs begin their preparations and celebrations on December 4 with the Feast of St. Barbara. Today you will enjoy another **SPECIAL INCLUDED Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - a Dvorak Chamber Music Concert.** *Dvorak was neither conservative nor radical. His works display the influences of folk music, mainly Czech polka rhythms. But Dvorak performed also in the United States, he was for sure one of the first composers working globally. His Slavonic Dances show his very strong roots in the culture of his homeland, yet he was not afraid of letting Indian dances and songs influence his 9th Symphony: "From the New World". Enjoy an evening with tunes and themes of Antonin Dvorak, this great Czech Composer and find out a bit more about his works and his music.* **B**

Day 10 Prague: Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. **B**

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner

Why Avalon River Cruising?

- Avalon's impressive fleet averages just two years in age - compared to an industry average of seven years. By regularly adding new vessels built for today's traveler, Avalon has been able to consistently offer the most inspired designs, innovative technologies and key features and services through the entire fleet.
- You never miss out on any passing scenery because each ship has been designed with a view at every turn. From elegant dining rooms and lounges to the state-of-the-art fitness center, Avalon ships are designed to frame every single riverbank, vineyard, medieval castle, and quaint village. Even in the privacy of your deluxe stateroom or suite, you'll enjoy a floating room with a view. Panoramic windows are featured in all public areas and full floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass doors in 85% of the deluxe staterooms - a claim no other river cruise operator can make.
- Unlike ocean cruising, practically everything (including sightseeing) is included in the one price you pay before departure.
- Avalon ships are built with comfort in mind - even with elevators. Avalon provides the most space and largest staterooms of any river cruise ship. Elevators are featured.
- Each stateroom is a spacious refuge of inviting home-away-from-home features. You will delight in the large private bathroom featuring full shower with glass door; deluxe beds with premium mattress covers, Egyptian super-combed cotton lines, European-style duvets, and a choice of soft or firm pillows; and ample closet space.
- You receive more value for your money.

Special Bonuses & Important Info

This is a dream travel experience. Every person reserving with Please Go Away™ Vacations will receive the following special bonuses to make your experience even more memorable. Compare, you won't find the same bonus-laden experience anywhere else. For example, a number of bonus sightseeing experiences have been added for Please Go Away™ Vacations clients. Compare!

- ✓ **100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE** (cancel for any reason - see below) an exclusive Please Go Away™ benefit.
- ✓ **"Bonus Included Events for our group"** - see **UNDERLINED BOLD ITALICS** in daily itinerary.
- ✓ **"Memory Photo CD"** of your river adventure filled with candid photos of members and sights taken while on tour.
- ✓ **Included Travel Guard group travel insurance protection.**
- ✓ **Free passport photos taken in Please Go Away™ Vacations Great Bend offices.**
- ✓ **Camaraderie, safety, and security of traveling throughout the entire journey with a group of travelers from the Midwest.**
- ✓ **Pre-departure party to distribute tour documentation, meet fellow travelers, answer all questions, provide information and actual examples of what to wear and buy.**
- ✓ **Special "Christmastime On The Danube Party" while on cruise, just for Please Go Away™ Vacations tour members.**
- ✓ **You will have Marilyn and Larry as your personal hosts throughout the entire travel experience. In addition, professional local guides will be featured for all sightseeing providing necessary in depth knowledge.**

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Cat D - Add \$85 / Cat B - Add \$496 / Cat A - Add \$539 / Cat P - Add \$642

Important:

Reserve by August 31, 2010 and deduct \$500 per person

Important - Shown prices reflect "anticipated" roundtrip air transportation from Wichita, KS. If another departure city is better we'll calculate and arrange different flights, if you prefer. Any resulting increase or decrease will be passed along to traveler. Price also includes all sightseeing, meals, etc. as described in this brochure.

Travel Wall of Fame Savings - Deduct \$40 per person
Friendship Bonus Plan benefits also available (1% cash or 2% future travel credit)

More Benefits For You

Reserve now and "lock in" your spaces on this intentionally-limited size group departure. You will be protected by our exclusive 100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE, which allows you to cancel "for any reason" and receive a full refund of your deposit up until "guarantee date" of September 30, 2010. After that date you are protected by the "already included" Travel Guard protection insurance, which allows you to cancel "for covered reasons". This included insurance provides additional protection and extends throughout the duration of your travel experience. Travel insurance premiums are earned and not refunded. Fuel and other surcharges may apply. Departure/arrival taxes, if any, will be advised when known. Tour members will be invoiced to pay final balance due on or before full payment due date of August 1, 2011. "Full payment due date" will also be shown on reservation confirming invoice or any subsequent invoices. Passports will be required. Although we will assist in obtaining, the responsibility and costs of doing so are those of the traveler. Cancellation assessments: From date of reservation to February 28, 2011- zero; March 1, 2011 - May 31, 2011 / \$1,000; June 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011 / 75% of total tour cost; August 1, 2011 - through end of tour / 100% of total tour cost. In addition to these cancellation amounts there may be additional cancellation charges imposed by the airlines. Payment in full at time of reservation protects against surcharges.