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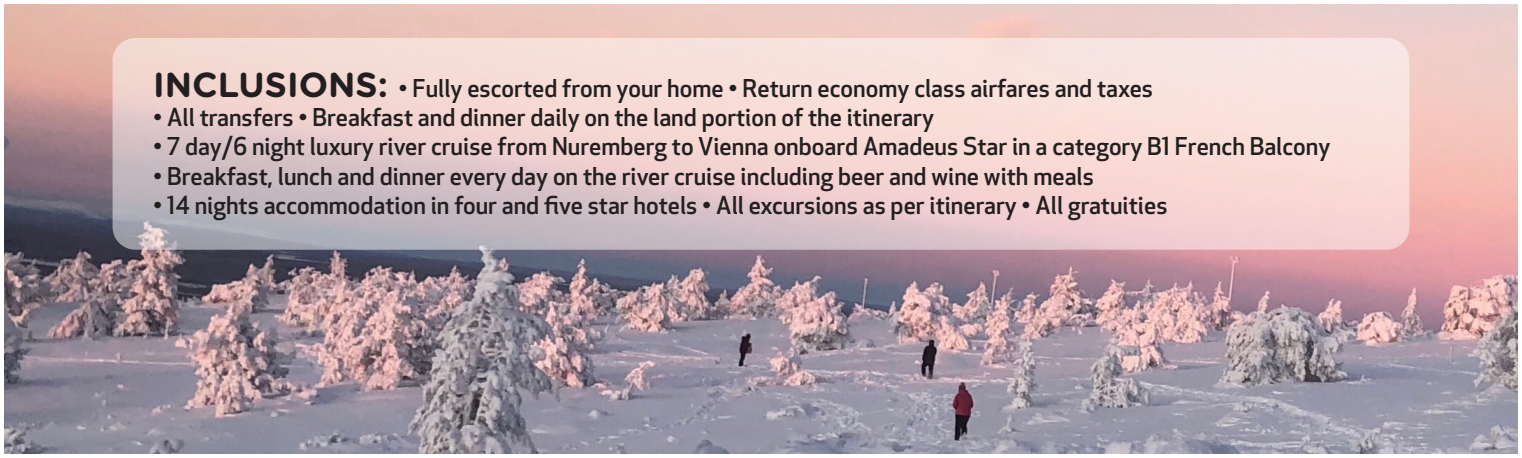
Fully escorted group tour from your own home.

Departs Sunday 28 November 2027





INCLUSIONS: • Fully escorted from your home • Return economy class airfares and taxes
• All transfers • Breakfast and dinner daily on the land portion of the itinerary
• 7 day/6 night luxury river cruise from Nuremberg to Vienna onboard Amadeus Star in a category B1 French Balcony
• Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day on the river cruise including beer and wine with meals
• 14 nights accommodation in four and five star hotels • All excursions as per itinerary • All gratuities



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Day 1 Sunday 28 November

MELBOURNE → HELSINKI

Your dedicated Helloworld Mornington tour escorts will be with you from your home (conditions apply), ensuring a seamless start to your holiday. Check in with Emirates Airways, a quality airline offering excellent service, entertainment and comfort for the long-haul flight. Settle in, enjoy gourmet meals, and begin your adventure bound for enchanting Helsinki, Finland - the gateway to our magical Northern Lights and Christmas Markets journey.

Overnight: In flight.

Day 2 Monday 29 November

ARRIVE HELSINKI

Our local guide will meet us on arrival and assist with our transfer to the hotel. After a brief orientation of Helsinki we will enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Scandic Grand, Helsinki for 3 nights

Day 3 Tuesday 30 November

HELSINKI

Discover Helsinki on a guided walking tour through the city's historic centre. Begin at Senate Square, where elegant Neoclassical buildings frame one of Finland's most recognisable landmarks. Continue to the lively waterfront Market Square, where stalls sell smoked fish, preserved berries and local produce, and where steaming bowls of traditional salmon soup are served. The tour also includes a visit to the distinctive Temppeliaukio (Rock Church), carved directly into bedrock beneath its striking copper dome.

After the tour, enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore more of Helsinki at your leisure, including its well-known design district, shops and cafés. In the evening, regroup for dinner at Savotta, where traditional Finnish dishes such as reindeer, fish, mushrooms and berries are served in a warm, rustic setting. **(B,D)**

Day 4 Wednesday 1 December

DAY TRIP TO TALLINN, ESTONIA

Cross the Gulf of Finland by ferry to Tallinn, a beautifully preserved medieval city of cobbled streets and red-tiled rooftops. Enjoy a guided city tour of the Old Town, exploring Toompea Hill for panoramic views before wandering down into the Lower Town with its artisan shops and historic laneways.

Conclude your tour at Town Hall Square, home to Europe's first commercial Christmas tree, where the festive market awaits with gingerbread aromas, roasted chestnuts, and traditional folk music. Enjoy free time to browse the stalls, relax in cosy cafés, or capture the charm of this winter wonderland. Return to Helsinki by ferry and enjoy a relaxed dinner back in the city. **(B,D)**

Day 5 Thursday 2 December

HELSINKI → KEMI

This morning, take a short walk to the Helsinki Railway Station and board the famous Santa Express. Sit back and enjoy the scenic journey north through Finland's snowy forests, frozen lakes, and charming villages. On arrival in Kemi, transfer by private coach to the Seafront Glass Villas overlooking the icy Gulf of Bothnia.

This evening, enjoy a special three-course dinner beside a glowing log fire in a private Kota hut at the family-run Arkadia Reindeer Farm, before returning to your villa to relax beneath the glass roof, the perfect spot for stargazing and perhaps glimpsing the Northern Lights. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Seafront Villas at Kemi Snowcastle Resort for 1 night

Day 6 Friday 3 December

KEMI → ROVANIEMI

Wake to the serene beauty of the frozen Bothnian Bay and enjoy a leisurely morning at the stunning Seafront Glass Villas. Your stay includes entry to SnowExperience 365, an incredible indoor world of ice and snow sculptures. Slide down a frozen slide or capture fun photos among the shimmering carvings. Late morning, travel by private coach to Rovaniemi, the official hometown of Santa Claus. Enjoy time to explore this charming Arctic town, filled with cosy cafés, boutique shops, and festive cheer.

Later, check into the spectacular Halo Igloos, nestled in the peaceful snowy wilderness just outside Rovaniemi. Each modern glass igloo offers floor-to-ceiling panoramic views, plush Nordic furnishings, and the magical chance to watch the Northern Lights from the warmth of your bed. Relax, unwind, and soak in the beauty of Lapland's winter night. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Halo Igloos, Rovaniemi for 2 nights

Day 7 Saturday 4 December

ROVANIEMI

Today is pure Christmas magic. Begin your adventure as reindeer carry you across the Arctic Circle to Santa Claus Village, marking this special moment with an official certificate to treasure. Visit Santa in his official office, explore the charming timber chalets, and stop by the Arctic Post Office to send postcards stamped from the North Pole itself. Enjoy free time to wander through the snow-dusted village, browse boutique shops filled with festive souvenirs, or warm up with hot chocolate and sweet pastries in cosy cafés.

As the day draws to a close, return to your luxurious Halo Igloo for a relaxing evening beneath the stars. With a little luck, the Northern Lights may appear, painting the sky above your glass-roofed retreat in dazzling colour. The perfect finale to a truly unforgettable day in Lapland. **(B,D)**

Day 8 Sunday 5 December

ROVANIEMI → LEVI

After a relaxed morning in Rovaniemi, travel west through stunning Arctic scenery to Levi, a picturesque ski resort surrounded by rolling fells and snow-covered forests.

On arrival, check into the elegant Levi Panorama Hotel, where warm timber interiors and sweeping views of the valley create the perfect alpine retreat. Breathe in the crisp Lapland air and enjoy the peaceful beauty around you.

This evening, gather for dinner at the hotel. The glow of the village lights below and the stillness of the snow-clad landscape make for an unforgettable winter's night. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Levi Panorama Hotel for 2 nights

Day 9 Monday 6 December

LEVI – FREE DAY

Today is yours to embrace the magic of Levi, Finland's premier winter playground. Choose from a range of optional adventures. You might like to hit the ski slopes, join a snowshoe walk through the fells, or simply unwind in the hotel's sauna. Warm up over lunch in a cosy local tavern serving traditional Lapland dishes, then continue your winter adventures.

This evening, enjoy a relaxed group dinner at a local restaurant, the perfect opportunity to share stories, laughter, and photos from your Arctic journey so far. **(B,D)**

Day 10 Tuesday 7 December

LEVI → SAARISELKÄ

This morning, embark on a spectacular journey across the untouched wilderness of Finnish Lapland. As you travel east toward Saariselkä, the scenery unfolds like a winter postcard. Endless snow-covered forests, frozen lakes, and charming villages where time seems to stand still. Keep your camera ready; this is one of the most breathtaking drives in the Arctic.

Arrive at the Northern Lights Village where our glass igloos offer the perfect view to the northern skies. Settle in and soak up the silence of the surrounding wilderness. As evening falls, gather for dinner in the cosy lodge and savour authentic Lappish flavours.

Later, step outside and gaze upward, and with luck, the Northern Lights





may dance above your cabin, completing a day of pure Arctic wonder. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Northern Lights Village for 3 nights

Day 11 Wednesday 8 December

SAARISELKÄ

Today we head to a nearby husky ranch where the crisp Arctic air is filled with the excited barks of sled dogs eager to run. Meet your team of energetic huskies and learn how to guide the sled before setting off on a husky safari through the pristine wilderness. Glide across sparkling snowfields and forest trails, following the steady rhythm of the dogs' paws on the snow.

After the ride, gather around an open fire to enjoy a warm drink while hearing stories from your musher about life and training in the Arctic. The afternoon is free to relax, and enjoy the serenity of your glass-roofed cabin surrounded by snow-covered forest. **(B,D)**

Day 12 Thursday 9 December

SAARISELKÄ

Today is a true taste of Arctic adventure. We will visit a local family business in Ivalo, and after being fitted with our Arctic wear, we travel by a snowmobile-driven sled to the middle of Lake Inari. A local fisherman will drill some holes, so we can all try our hand at ice fishing.

Afterwards we are taken to a Kota with an open fire, where we will enjoy homemade salmon or vegetable soup. **(B,L,D)**

Day 13 Friday 10 December

IVALO → MUNICH

Bid farewell to the Arctic and transfer to Ivalo Airport for your flight via Helsinki to Munich, where snow-dusted rooftops, glowing lights, and the scent of roasted chestnuts and mulled wine welcome you to Bavaria's festive capital.

You will arrive in the early evening and enjoy dinner at the hotel. After dinner, you may wish to visit one of Munich's Christmas markets and soak up the magical holiday atmosphere. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Platzl Hotel Munich or similar for 2 nights

Day 14 Saturday 11 December

MUNICH

After a morning orientation tour, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to experience Munich's festive atmosphere. Visit Marienplatz, where the main Christmas market sparkles beneath the famous Glockenspiel and carols fill the air. You may wish to climb the nearby Frauenkirche for views over the city and enjoy lunch at your leisure — the historic Ratskeller beneath the Town Hall is a popular spot for classic Bavarian cuisine.

Consider exploring the Munich Residenz, once home to Bavarian royalty, and taking a stroll through the elegant Hofgarten. Pause at a café for coffee and apple strudel or a pastry before ending the day with dinner at the lively Hofbräuhaus, known for traditional music, hearty dishes and steins of Bavarian beer. **(B,D)**

Day 15 Sunday 12 December

NUREMBERG → EMBARK AMADEUS STAR

Spend a leisurely morning in Munich before transferring to Nuremberg. Board the elegant Amadeus Star and settle into your cabin before meeting your Cruise Director at the Welcome Cocktail.

This evening, enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner as your river cruise begins. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Onboard Amadeus Star for 6 nights

Day 16 Monday 13 December

NUREMBERG → REGENSBURG

Begin your morning with a guided tour through Nuremberg's Old Town, alive with holiday cheer and glowing market squares. After lunch onboard, relax as the Amadeus Star sails along the Main-Danube Canal, gliding past charming riverside villages and forested hillsides dusted with snow.

Tonight, gather for dinner and drinks as the ship continues toward Regensburg, where festive lights sparkle along the waterfront. **(B,L,D)**

Day 17 Tuesday 14 December

REGENSBURG

Step ashore in Regensburg, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. Enjoy a guided walking tour through its cobblestone lanes and Gothic spires, then immerse yourself in the Christmas spirit at the Thurn & Taxis Castle Market, set within the illuminated palace courtyard often called the most romantic market in Germany. Sip steaming Glühwein, sample spiced pastries and browse for handmade ornaments.

This evening, return onboard for a festive dinner. **(B,L,D)**

Day 18 Wednesday 15 December

PASSAU

Wake to the beautiful baroque city of Passau, where three rivers meet. Enjoy a guided tour including St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ.

Afterwards, stroll through the charming Christmas market set in the cathedral square, a wonderland of candlelight, carols, and handcrafted gifts. This evening, enjoy dinner as the ship continues toward Austria's magical Wachau Valley. **(B,L,D)**

Day 19 Thursday 16 December

MELK / DÜRNSTEIN → WACHAU VALLEY

Today, enjoy a visit to magnificent Melk Abbey, a baroque masterpiece overlooking the Danube. Back onboard, join your fellow travellers for a lively Glühwein party on deck as the ship glides through the snow-dusted Wachau Valley, an unforgettable moment of winter magic. This evening, enjoy a classical recital celebrating the musical spirit of the region. **(B,L,D)**

Day 20 Friday 17 December

VIENNA

Arrive in the imperial city of Vienna, where grandeur and festivity blend perfectly. Your guided morning tour showcases the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the city's dazzling architecture. In the afternoon, stroll through the Schönbrunn Palace Christmas Market, framed by the palace's golden façade and filled with the scent of roasted chestnuts and mulled wine.

Tonight, celebrate your final evening onboard with the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, a fitting finale to your Christmas Market cruise. **(B,D)**

Day 21 Saturday 18 December

VIENNA

Disembark the Amadeus Star and journey through the scenic Vienna Woods, stopping at Liechtenstein Palace and Heiligenkreuz Abbey. Enjoy lunch at the Abbey's restaurant followed by a local wine tasting before checking into Le Méridien Vienna.

This evening, gather for dinner at a traditional Viennese tavern, the perfect blend of warmth, music, and old-world charm. **(B,D)**

Overnight: Le Meridien, Vienna for 1 night

Day 22 Sunday 19 December

VIENNA → HOMEWARD FLIGHT

Transfer to Vienna International Airport for your homeward flight. Depart with a heart full of Christmas spirit and memories of glittering markets, twinkling towns, and the magic of winter along the Danube.

Overnight: In flight

Day 23 Monday 20 December

ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Arrive home with festive treasures, new friendships, and cherished memories of your European Christmas journey from Lapland's frozen silence to Vienna's candlelit grandeur.

Meal key: B Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Santa Claus Village, Rovaniemi – Cross the Arctic Circle by reindeer to visit Santa in his official village, meet his helpers, and experience the joy of Lapland's winter wonderland.
2. Two night stay in the new luxury Halo Igloos in Rovaniemi, complete with your own private Finnish sauna and outdoor jacuzzi.
3. Stay in Glass Villas, Kemi – Wake to panoramic views of the frozen Bothnian Bay in your luxurious glass villa, with another opportunity to witness the dancing Aurora overhead.
4. Santa Express Train – Travel in comfort from Helsinki to Kemi aboard the scenic Santa Express, passing forests, lakes, and snowy wilderness along the way.
5. Arkadia Reindeer Farm Dinner – Enjoy a special three-course dinner beside a log fire in a traditional wooden Kota, hosted by a local family – an authentic taste of Lapland life.
6. Husky Safari – Take the reins and drive your own husky team through the snow-covered forests of Lapland – a thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime Arctic adventure.
7. Ice-fishing adventure – by snowmobile-driven sled to the middle of Lake Inari.
8. Day Trip to Tallinn, Estonia – Cross the Gulf of Finland to visit the medieval city of Tallinn, home to one of the world's oldest and most charming Christmas Markets.
9. Christmas Markets Galore – Explore festive markets in Helsinki, Tallinn, Nuremberg, Munich, and Vienna, each brimming with local crafts, twinkling lights, and the scent of sweet Glühwein.
10. Amadeus Star Christmas Market River Cruise – Sail for six nights aboard the stylish Amadeus Star, complete with panoramic lounges and an indoor heated pool. Discover the magic of Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, and Vienna, each glowing with Christmas charm.
11. Vienna's Christmas Magic – Wander Vienna's grand boulevards and sparkling markets, and enjoy an unforgettable Sound of Vienna classical concert to complete your festive journey.
12. Northern Lights Village – 3 nights in a glass igloo, surrounded by pristine wilderness.
13. Scenic Vienna Woods Excursion – Journey through the picturesque Vienna Woods, visiting Liechtenstein Palace and historic Heiligenkreuz Abbey.
14. Winery experience in Vienna - Enjoy tasting local Austrian wines at a boutique winery nestled in the Vienna Woods.
15. Festive traditional dining in Helsinki, Vienna & Munich – Savour the seasonal flavours at authentic local restaurants in Vienna, Munich and Helsinki, soaking up the vibrant Christmas spirit.

This extraordinary journey combines the thrill of Arctic adventure, the wonder of the Northern Lights, and the joy of Europe's most enchanting Christmas markets — a holiday experience you'll remember forever.







23 days from $23,990*

per person twin share category B1 French Balcony cabin on board the river cruise. Single supplement $8,500.*

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• Visa & passport fees • Travel insurance • Meals & beverages other than those listed in the itinerary • Items of a personal nature (laundry, mini bar etc.) • Optional excursions not mentioned in the itinerary • Airport transfers if not arriving & departing with the group • Rooms outside normal check in/check out times • Anything not specifically mentioned in the inclusions listed in this document **Tour Itinerary:** Tour itinerary is subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. Snow cover in Finland is expected, but with erratic weather patterns, it cannot be guaranteed. If the snow cover means that for any reason your activities or any excursions cannot be operated, our local suppliers will endeavour to offer alternatives where possible. The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon; hence, they cannot be guaranteed nor surely forecast. **Cancellation & amendment fees:** Cancellation within 90 days of the departure date results in the forfeiture of 100% of the booking value; In all other cases, a full refund is offered less the $5,000 per person non-refundable deposit. **Minimum participants:** Tours are subject to a minimum number of participants. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour. **Notification:** In the event of cancellation due to low bookings, customers will be notified at least 150 days prior to the scheduled tour date. **Refunds:** If a tour is cancelled due to low numbers, customers will receive a full refund of any payments made. **Alternative options:** Where possible, we will offer to reschedule the tour or provide alternative options for a different date or experience, subject to availability. **Additional flights and upgrades:** To secure the best possible price, unless otherwise advised at the time of booking, any additional flights or upgrades that are not included in the itinerary are payable in full at the time of booking and strictly non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation, the full fare value may be forfeited. In the event that the airline allows a credit or other cancellation or change option that is more generous for your specific booking, this will be passed on to you. **Products not utilised:** No refund is available in respect of Products not utilised, such as transportation, activities and accommodation. **Additional costs and insurance:** We will not be able to cover additional costs you may incur if Travel Arrangements are cancelled, changed or rescheduled. We strongly recommend all customers purchase travel insurance including cancellation cover to protect against such costs. **Cancellation notification:** Notice of cancellation must be received in writing. **Failure to make payment:** We may treat a booking as cancelled and apply the relevant cancellation fee if you fail to pay the balance payment at the due date. **Personal Liability:** The Company, is not liable for any accidental damage or injury which has to be indemnified under the travel insurance of a customer. 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