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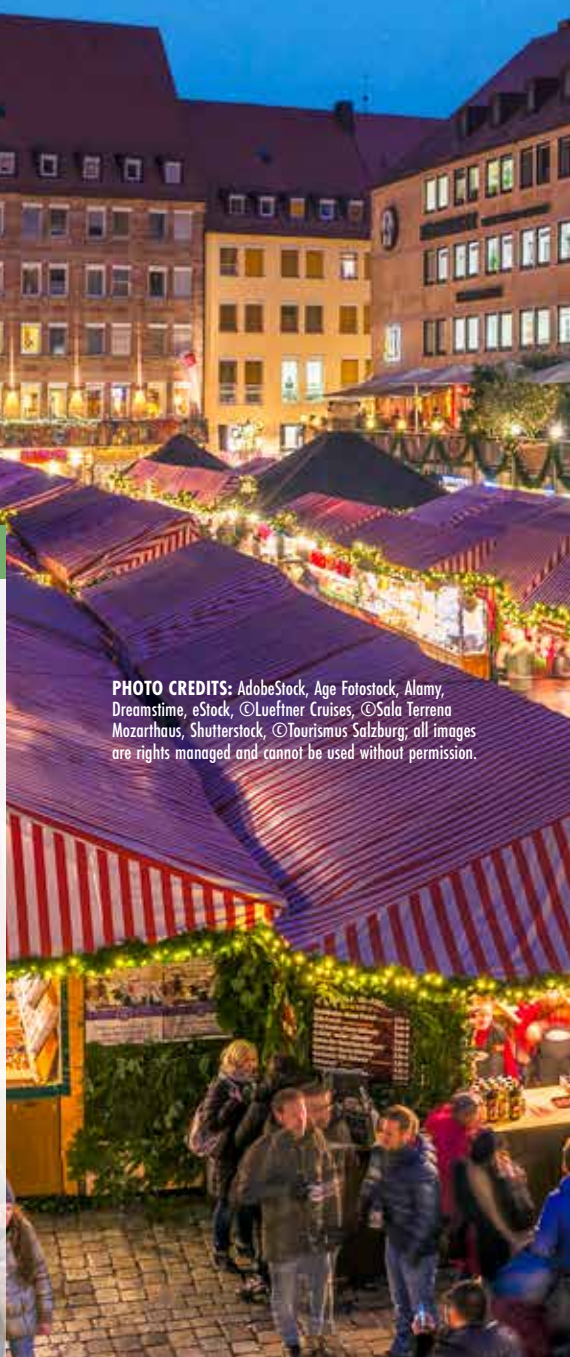
A multiple Emmy-winning investigative reporter and producer, University of Wisconsin alumnus Peter Greenberg is America's most recognized, honored, and respected front-line travel news journalist. Known in the travel industry as "The Travel Detective," Greenberg broadcasts breaking news and investigative reports from around the world each week as Travel Editor for

CBS News. The consummate insider on reporting the travel business as news, Greenberg hosts the public television show *The Travel Detective with Peter Greenberg*. Greenberg is also host of *The Royal Tour*, a groundbreaking series of global television specials, showcasing nations in a way no visitor has ever seen them before. Guided by some of the most dynamic and powerful Heads of State, Greenberg journeys deep inside each country to offer viewers access to extraordinary locations, historic landmarks, and cultural experiences.

9 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Vienna, Austria/
Embark AMADEUS STAR
- 3 Vienna
- 4 Dürnstein/Melk
- 5 Linz for Salzburg
- 6 Passau, Germany
- 7 Regensburg
- 8 Nuremberg
- 9 Nuremberg/
Disembark river boat/
Return to home city

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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Dear VMFA Members:

Celebrate the enduring magic of the Yuletide season on an enchanting journey to Europe's most beloved Christmas Markets. Discover magnificent settings where cobblestoned streets strung with colorful lights meet festive market stalls of handcrafted ornaments, fine wooden toys, and irresistible holiday treats such as sausages, hot chocolate, and delectable cookies.

From the Ratausplatz market square in front of Vienna's Town Hall to Salzburg's traditional *Christkindlmärkt* in the city's medieval quarter, please join us for a festive winter sojourn along the Danube River from Vienna to Nuremberg, experiencing the timeless traditions of the Advent season. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered *AMADEUS STAR*, featuring only 82 suites and staterooms. Enjoy luxurious accommodations, enriching excursions, and attentive service.

This unique itinerary brings the old-world charm of the holidays to life in a vivid celebration of history and culture. Be inspired by some of Europe's most noteworthy landmarks—Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the 900-year-old Abbey of Melk in the legendary Wachau Valley, and the glamorous imperial monuments of Hapsburg Vienna. Joining us will be honored and respected front-line travel news journalist, Peter Greenberg.

This popular program features excursions in each port at an excellent value! VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from the University of Wisconsin, Georgetown University, Columbia University, and other fine organizations. Reserve now while space and early booking savings are available.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Long before the celebration of Christmas as we know it, Europeans of the late Middle Ages held special open-air winter markets, often known as *Wintermärkte* in German-speaking regions. The earliest forms of these markets, such as Vienna's late-13th-century *Dezembermarkt*, allowed townspeople to gather food and supplies for the coming winter. Over time, local artisans began selling their wares at market stalls and festive treats such as roasted nuts and gingerbread also became popular gifts for Christmas and New Year's Day. For more than 500 years, towns and cities across Germany, Austria, and beyond have continued this tradition by ringing in the Yuletide season with a lively *Christkindlmärkt*, or Christmas Market. Other now-familiar traditions, from Christmas trees to Advent calendars to carols such as "Silent Night" and "O Tannenbaum," come to life amid these clusters of small wooden booths decked in boughs of fresh pine and strings of sparkling lights.





Shop for holiday ornaments and gifts



The traditional "Christkind" gift bringer dressed in gold

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Home City/ Vienna, Austria

Day 1 and Day 2

Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Vienna, Austria's imperial capital. Embark the *AMADEUS STAR* for a light lunch on board before a trip to Vienna's Christmas Market. Held in front of Vienna's City Hall, the market transforms the *Ratausplatz* into a magical land of wonder. This evening attend the Captain's Welcome Reception.

Vienna

Day 3

Explore the historic city center of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit *Stephansdom*, Vienna's spectacular St. Stephen's Cathedral in the heart of the city. Discover the UNESCO-inscribed Schönbrunn Palace, the Hapsburg's extravagant summer residence.

Dürnstein/Melk

Day 4

Enjoy a performance by an Alpine carolers quartet on board before visiting the lovely village of Dürnstein, situated in the heartland of the Wachau winelands. During a walking tour, visit the uniquely situated Dürnstein Abbey, which began in 1372 as a small chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary. High above the town, also see the now ruined Künringer Castle, where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way back from the Third Crusade. Enjoy a short organ recital at the cathedral in Dürnstein.

Visit Melk's famous Benedictine Abbey, one of the most significant Baroque-style building complexes in Europe. Providing a sweeping panorama of the Lower Alps and Danube below, the huge cloister has been ruined and

then rebuilt several times and numerous artisans have enriched it with special touches.

Linz for Salzburg

Day 5

Discover hidden treasures in the historic Salzburg city center and old town, including St. Peter's cemetery, the Residenz, the Festival Houses, the majestic Dom Cathedral, and Mozart's birthplace at Getreidegasse No. 9. Visit Salzburg's Christmas Market in Cathedral Square, filled with traditional handicrafts, fine baked goods, and delicious mulled wine.

Continue on to visit Schloss Hellbrunn, one of Austria's most famous Christmas Markets, known for its life-size Nativity scene.

Passau, Germany

Day 6

Admire graceful arcades, cobblestone streets, and the breathtaking Baroque cathedral of St. Stephan. Visit the Christmas Market that takes place in front of that cathedral to see the arts and crafts exhibits, and taste the aromatic *Lebkuchen*, or gingerbread.

Regensburg

Day 7

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of medieval Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an architectural testament to the city's history as an important trading center. Festooned with pine boughs and sparkling lights, the city features four enchanting Christmas Markets—each purveying distinctive handmade pottery,



Passau, Germany



Enjoy delicious seasonal treats



Melk Abbey

carved figures, and Bavarian delicacies.

Nuremberg

Day 8

Visit storied Nuremberg, Bavaria's second largest city. Divided by the River Pegnitz, its medieval city walls and imperial castle complex are straight out of a fairytale. Admire the medieval, Gothic-style

St. Lawrence Church, damaged during the Second World War and later masterfully restored. In the *Hauptmarkt*, see the *Frauenkirche*, or Gothic church, and the *Schöner Brunnen*.

Spend the afternoon at leisure and visit Germany's most famous Christmas Market, known for preserving Nuremberg's famous *Rostbratwurst* and *Nürnberger Lubkuchen*, a 17th-century

gingerbread recipe. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening.

Nuremberg/ Disembark ship/ Return to home city

Day 9

Disembark ship and transfer to Nuremberg Airport for your return flight home.



Regensburg Christmas-market capital

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AMADEUS STAR

Elegant and Meticulously Crafted River Boat

The AMADEUS STAR features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows and continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, and lunch with complimentary wine and beer, afternoon tea, a four-course dinner (also with complimentary beverages), and a late-evening snack. For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a boutique, a massage room, a beauty salon, a fitness studio, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The 82 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river boat (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar. The AMADEUS STAR meets the highest safety standards; the AMADEUS fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certificate" of environmental sustainability.



Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Rate through June 30, 2023	Rate after June 30, 2023
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, aft.</i>	\$2,995	\$3,445
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	\$3,095	\$3,560
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$3,695	\$4,250
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$3,795	\$4,365
A1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$4,095	\$4,710
Suite	Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa and bath robes. <i>Mozart Deck, midship.</i>	\$4,595	\$5,285

Single Supplement waived for solo travelers wishing to reserve in categories C-4, C-1, B-4 or B-1! This offer is limited capacity controlled.

Port taxes are an additional \$65 per person. Additional fuel surcharge fees may apply. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

AMADEUS STAR has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request. Gohagan & Company reserves the right to correct errors or omissions and to change any and all fares, fees, promotions, and surcharges at any time.



PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Vienna

December 7 to 10, 2023

Renowned for its architecture and walkable city center, discover layers of history and Christmas traditions in Austria's capital city of Vienna. Visit the Hofburg Palace in Old Town, the former winter residence of the Hapsburgs, and Belvedere Palace—built by Prince Eugene of Savoy as a summer home. Tour the Austrian Gallery, filled with collections from the Middle Ages to the present day. Explore the traditional Christmas Market in front of Vienna's City Hall, the Spittelberg Christmas Market in the revitalized heritage district, and the Christmas Village at Belvedere Palace. Accommodations are for two nights at the INTERCONTINENTAL WEIN.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,245



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Munich

December 17 to 20, 2023

Our post-cruise extension begins in Nuremberg with a leisurely drive to *Rothenburg ob der Tauber*—known for its classical half-timbered medieval houses and a picturesque *Reiterlesmarkt* Christmas Market. Enjoy lunch in this charming town before continuing to Bavaria's capital city of Munich, on the banks of the River Isar. Enjoy excursions to the baroque Nyphenburg Palace and the picturesque Linderhof Palace near Ettal. Accommodations are for three nights in the BAYERISCHER HOF HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,995

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

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Vienna Pre-Program Option

December 7 to 10, 2023

- Double \$895 per person.
 Single \$1,245 per person.
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Munich Post-Program Option

December 17 to 20, 2023

- Double \$1,595 per person.
 Single \$1,995 per person.
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FINAL PAYMENT due September 5, 2023; make by check, ACH, or credit card. Reservations made after September 5, 2023, require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to December 9, 2023!

Requirement: VMFA travel opportunities are open to all members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. For additional information about joining the museum, please call 804-340-1519.

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