

**Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

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# Christmas on the Danube

*featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise*

9 Days • 19 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

November 29 – December 7, 2012



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**Highlights...** Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau • Wachau Valley  
Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera House • Christmas Markets

Lower Outside Cabin Rates: **Double \$2,849 pp**  
Middle Outside Cabin Rates: **Double \$3,049 pp**  
Upper Outside Cabin Rates: **Double \$3,199 pp**  
Suite Cabin Rates: **Double \$3,349 pp\*** (see terms)  
After 03/30/12, these rates will increase by \$100.

**Included in Price:**

Round Trip Air from Jacksonville Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$200 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Hometown pick and delivery provided for 10 or more passengers.

**Not included in price:**

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$305 per person

**Day 1: Thursday, November 29, 2012**

**Overnight Flight**

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

**Day 2: Friday, November 30, 2012**

**Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins**

Your tour begins in the ancient town of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River," and reputed to be one of Germany's loveliest towns. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 3: Saturday, December 01, 2012**

**Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship**

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Würzburg. This ancient Franconian wine town is rich in historic sights, including the magnificent 18th century residence of the prince-bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. **Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany.** Enjoy free time to explore the

town's hidden treasures. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful craft offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, fitness center, excellent cuisine, and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner on board. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 4: Sunday, December 02, 2012**

**Nuremberg**

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring the old town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle, and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. **Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas Market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628.** Nuremberg is a toy making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later in the day, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube

Canal to Regensburg. Today, enjoy a short lesson on the local language from your tour manager and learn key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. After a delightful dinner, the onboard orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Monday, December 03, 2012**

**Regensburg**

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights include the old Town Hall and the Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. From the 12th century 1,400-foot long medieval bridge, you will have spectacular views of the city and surrounding countryside. This afternoon, take a stroll through the old town to Regensburg's charming Christmas Market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening your ship departs for Passau. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*



**Day 6: Tuesday, December 04, 2012**

**Passau**

Early morning you cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairytale city, exploring the ornate baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, cathedral, and charming Christmas Market. After dinner, enjoy a delightful music concert in the ship's panorama lounge. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: Wednesday, December 05, 2012**

**Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Vienna**

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery or

if you wish, join an optional excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. **This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns.** You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you are invited to visit Vienna's most famous Christmas Market, located near the town hall. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Thursday, December 06, 2012**

**Vienna**

**Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's**

**Cathedral.** The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartnerstrasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. Celebrate the end of your trip with an enchanting musical performance in the Panorama Bar. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 9: Friday, December 07, 2012**

**Disembark Ship - Tour Ends**

After breakfast, you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2	Novotel Würzburg, Würzburg or Mercure Würzburg, Würzburg
Day	3 – 8	MS Amadeus Royal or Diamond, Cruise

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 4:00 PM.

Embarkation on day 3 is after 4:00 PM; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 AM. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 AM on the last day of your tour. An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities.

Cabins are available on lower, middle and upper decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please see pricing for cost of any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) and singles are available on a very limited basis. Triple accommodations are not available.

Ice water, coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine is included with each dinner on-board the ship.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket & tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the trip.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Itinerary is also subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks, and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute for another attraction if possible.

Collette air passengers will arrive into the Frankfurt, Germany airport and depart from the Vienna, Austria airport. All Collette transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

**For more information contact**

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## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airline Charges:** *Airline Fuel Surcharges:* Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges valid at time of print. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

*Taxes and Fees:* Government and Other Authority Taxes and Fees are not included in base fare but are included in the tax amount listed: September 11th Security Fee up to \$10.00, Passenger Facility Charge (PFCs) of up to \$18 per passenger, Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.50 USD applies per passenger, per segment, US or International Departure and Arrival Fees up to \$350 which vary by itinerary. In order to better serve you, once you complete the booking process your invoice will display your vacation land package, base airfare, fuel surcharge and all taxes and fees as separate line items. Airfares are subject to change. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

*Checked Baggage Charges:* Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at

fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Consumer Protection Plans:** Collette Travel Service holds membership in the following highly reputable industry organizations: the United States Tour Operators Association and the American Society of Travel Agents. Each association operates a consumer protection plan to cover deposits made by travelers. Full details are available from the organizations or Collette Travel Service. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients. **Our California Sellers of Travel registration number is 2006766-20. Our State of Washington Unified Business Number is 601220855. Our Nevada Sellers of Travel registration number is 2003-0279.**

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Photos shown are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE *FEATURING A 6-NIGHT DANUBE RIVER CRUISE*

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**IMPORTANT:** Please Print Your Name **EXACTLY** As It Appears On Your Government Issued Travel Documentation (Passport)

## YOUR INFORMATION:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ City, State, Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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INFO

ENHANCE

**AIR UPGRADE:** I am interested in purchasing an air upgrade to business or first class ( ) Yes ( ) No  
Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

**CABIN PREFERENCE: First Choice** ( ) Lower Outside ( ) Middle Outside ( ) Suite ( ) Upper Outside **Second Choice** ( ) Lower Outside ( ) Middle Outside ( ) Suite ( ) Upper Outside

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you show your first and second choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Collette Vacations

**WAIVER:** I wish to purchase cancellation waiver and insurance at \$305 per person. Payment is due with first deposit ( ) Yes ( ) No

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations (see brochure for details)

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Collette Vacations accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa as payment toward your group reservation. If paying by credit card, please complete the attached authorization form.

First deposit of \$250 per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 3/30/2012 are based upon availability. Final payment due by 8/1/2012.

PAYMENT

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Please advise your departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Air Seat Request ( ) Aisle ( ) Window  
Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette Vacations and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

**FREE GIFT:** Please select one of the following FREE gifts per person:  
( ) Go-Green Bag ( ) Plant a Tree ( ) Toiletry Bag ( ) Travel Bag

## Personalize Your Tour, See Reverse Side Please Cut and Keep Bottom Portion for Your Records

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Payment of a per person waiver insurance fee guarantees **full refund** on all payments (including deposit), **except the waiver fee itself**, made to Collette Vacations for tour service in case of cancellation for any reason prior to the day of departure. Air inclusive waiver insurance may be purchased only if you purchase your airline tickets from Collette Vacations.

Once on tour, if a passenger has to return home early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, (physician's statement required), payment of the waiver fee to Collette Vacations guarantees full refund for any unused land services after departure from the tour. Payment of the air inclusive waiver guarantees your return transportation, with no additional supplement, utilizing your original airline tickets. In the event you have purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the air waiver does not apply.

The waiver insurance fees are **fully refundable** up to 3/30/2012. Waiver insurance is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. *Waiver Insurance must be purchased at time of first deposit.*

Collette Vacations can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Vacations itself, and its own employees.

The waiver insurance fees do not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. The waiver covers cancellation of your trip and does not cover cancellation of the airline portion only.

The waiver insurance fees cover lost, damaged or delayed baggage as well as medical expenses, emergency medical attention and worldwide travelers' assistance. See your booking agent for details.



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**DEPARTURE DATE:** Nov 29, 2012

**GROUP NAME:** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

**BOOKING NUMBER:** 475701

## AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options. Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change. Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

**PASSENGERS NAME:** (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (\$, USD)
	Vienna by Night and Visit to the Christmas Market	51.00
	The Schönbrunn Palace and Christmas Markets	51.00
	Wachau Valley Including Melk Abbey & Gluehwein Party	69.00

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## Vienna

### The Schönbrunn Palace and Christmas Markets

**\$51 USD**

Travel from the port to one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings, the Schönbrunn Palace, which was modeled after the palace of Versailles, the residence of Louis XIV (Le Roi Soleil). Here you can view the state apartments of the Habsburgs' summer residence for many years. The Schönbrunn Palace is one of Austria's treasures and a sight to be seen! Later enjoy a delightful visit to the amazing Christmas markets.

The above option is only available through Collette Vacations until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are on board the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. Please note that the price is subject to change at any time prior to purchase.

*Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required.  
Transportation is included.

### Vienna by Night and Visit to the Christmas Market

**\$51 USD**

Enjoy your evening in the Imperial city by experiencing the magic of Vienna by night. Drive through the Wienerwald to the Kahlenberg to one of the best vantage points in Vienna. From here, enjoy the panoramic views of the city and surrounding vineyards. Continue to the wine village of Grinzing for a lovely evening filled with traditional music, food and wine at a typical Heurigen pub. Conclude your evening by driving along the illuminated Ringstrasse for an opportunity to view the city's buildings from a new perspective – beautifully lit for the night. Later enjoy a delightful visit to the amazing Christmas markets.

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*Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required.  
Transportation is included.

### Wachau Valley Including Melk Abbey & Gluehwein Party

**\$69 USD**

The city of Melk, situated along the river Danube, is famous for the massive baroque Benedictine Melk Abbey which has been home to a school since the 12th century and is also home to an extensive medieval manuscript collection. The bluff on which Melk Abbey sits provides visitors with splendid views of the Wachau valley and the Danube River. A short, downhill walk from the abbey to the Hauptplatz (town square) along the Hauptstrasse (main street) of Melk is a walk through history as the buildings date from the middle ages. It is here in the city square it is possible to find the Austrian specialties such as chocolates with apricot, mouth-watering cakes and pastries, or spend time shopping for souvenirs in the village shops and stalls. Later, enjoy a tasting of the regional holiday favorite, Gluehwein at a festive location with local residents.

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