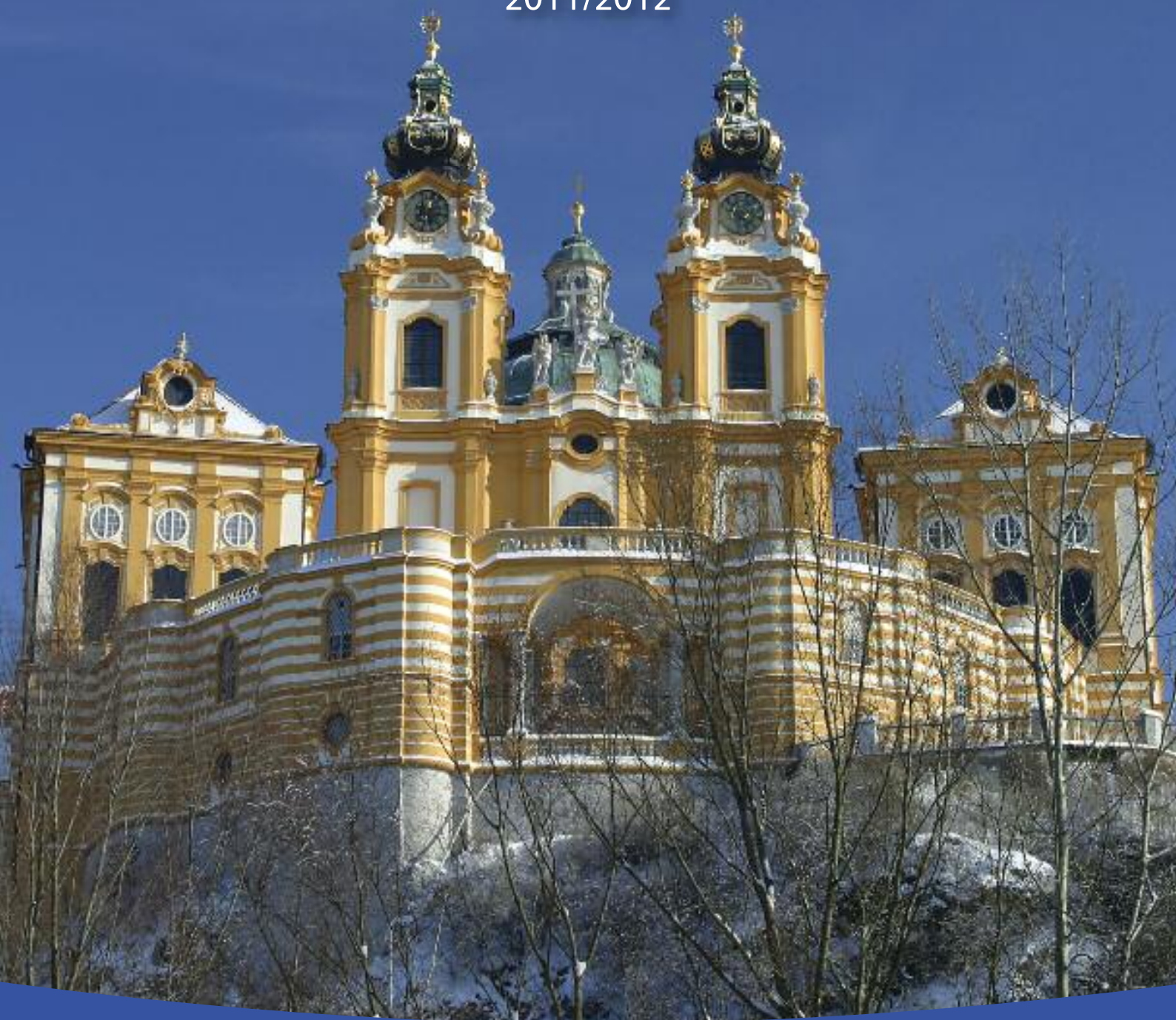


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Christmas & New Year on the Danube

Two festive cruises through Austria, Slovakia & Hungary
aboard the *MS Johann Strauss*

2011/2012



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Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



Weissenkirchen



Snowy Durnstein

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

21st to 28th December 2011

I thought that the standard your company maintain in all aspects was excellent and the staff could not do enough to ensure that everyone was having an enjoyable time. This was my first experience of river cruising and it was excellent, I will certainly repeat the experience. Thank you to all the crew of the Johann Strauss for a memorable holiday

M.E. Carmichael



Salzburg



Schonbrunn Christmas Market

Christmas in Central Europe is a very special time and nowhere is this more evident than in the cities, towns and villages of the Danube. Our Christmas cruise has been planned to include the Christmas markets in Vienna and Salzburg, a 'Mozart tour' in Salzburg, and a day in the lovely Wachau Valley with a visit to the village of Weissenkirchen where the traditional joys of Christmas can be best enjoyed. For those who wish to attend Midnight Mass we have made arrangements for a visit to the magnificent church in Melk Abbey. Other highlights of the week will include a full day and two evenings in Budapest, a visit to the Hungarian palace of Godollo and a tour of the scenic Danube Bend and Hungary's second city of Esztergom.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Vienna. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the *MS Johann Strauss*. Enjoy a concert on board featuring works by Mozart and Strauss followed by a welcome dinner. Alternatively, attend an optional performance at the Staatsoper or Volksoper (subject to availability).

Day 2 Vienna. We have the whole day to explore Vienna. In the morning there will be a city sightseeing tour, driving around the 'Ring' visiting the Old Quarter including St Stephen's Cathedral and the Christmas market outside the City Hall. In the afternoon excursion, we will visit Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens which has its own Christmas market.

Day 3 Salzburg. From the town of Grein, take a full day tour to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival. Rejoin the vessel in Linz.

Day 4 Melk. This morning we will reach the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. We will moor under the shadow of the great Baroque abbey, situated on a cliff high above the Danube. After a guided tour of the abbey we will drive to the charming town of Durnstein

in Austria's scenically splendid wine producing Wachau Valley. After the walking tour of Durnstein we will continue to nearby Weissenkirchen for some seasonal gluhwein. This evening there will be the opportunity to attend Midnight Mass in the magnificent setting of Melk Abbey.

Day 5 Christmas Day on the Danube. A relaxing day as we sail past Vienna and Bratislava and enjoy the good food and festivities of Christmas Day on board.

Day 6 Esztergom to Budapest. On this morning's excursion, we will explore Hungary's second city of Esztergom with its magnificent cathedral, and continue outside the city to the villages and towns of the scenic Danube Bend. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon cruise along the Danube Bend to Budapest.

Day 7 Budapest. A guided tour will include the Matthias Church, for centuries the scene of the coronation of the kings of Hungary; and the Fisherman's Bastion, for fine views of the city. In the afternoon, we drive out of Budapest to Godollo. Optional evening visit to the Budapest State Opera.

Day 8 Budapest to London. Disembark after breakfast and return to London by scheduled flight.

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PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCJS211211

CAT	DECK	CABIN DESCRIPTION	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SOLE OCCUPANCY
D	Polka	Forward	£1495	£1895
C	Polka	Mid-ship	£1695	£2095
BF	Opera	French balcony forward	£1995	£2395
B	Opera	French balcony	£2195	£2595
A	Waltz	French balcony	£2395	£2795

NB. Ports subject to change. Water levels may affect itinerary. All special offers are subject to availability.

Price includes: Economy class scheduled air travel from London, seven nights aboard the *MS Johann Strauss* on full board, shore excursions as described, services of a cruise director, tour manager, guest speaker, Christmas Day Gala dinner, transfers, gratuities, port taxes, airport taxes.
Not included: Travel insurance, optional music performances in Vienna and Budapest.



Esztergom

NEW YEAR ON THE DANUBE

28th December 2011 to 4th January 2012

Fly to Budapest after Christmas and enjoy a week of relaxation and sightseeing aboard the *MS Johann Strauss* on a Danube River cruise that will include Esztergom and the Danube Bend, Bratislava, Vienna, Salzburg and the beautiful Wachau Valley. See in the New Year in Vienna. Be on deck for the mighty bells of St Stephen's as they ring in the New Year. Other highlights will include a Strauss concert at the beautiful Auersperg Palace in Vienna and a day in Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart, where we will visit his home and learn more of his genius. This will be a relaxing week as we enjoy the comforts of the *MS Johann Strauss* and slowly make our way through the very heart of Europe along a waterway that has influenced the course of history and even today provides a major artery for trade and travel from Germany to the Black Sea.



We were looked after so well and everything was done to make our stay wonderful. The trips were amazing value and your managers and couriers seemed to time them to perfection, which cannot be easy. We just adored the concert in Vienna and Salzburg with the lunch was amazing. Thank you again and congratulations on your competent organization. I must also mention the boat, *Johann Strauss* which was stylish, friendly crew, warm and great food.

Darryl & Stephanie MacDonald

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Budapest. Fly by scheduled flight. Drive to the *MS Johann Strauss* and embark. Welcome drinks and music by a Gypsy Orchestra prior to dinner. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Budapest. A morning city tour will include the highlights of the former twin cities of Buda & Pest. See the ornate Houses of Parliament, the beautiful Matthias Church and admire the view from the top of the Fisherman's Bastion. In the afternoon, drive out of Budapest to Godollo, a small Baroque town.

Day 3 Esztergom & the Danube Bend. Today you have the choice of staying on board as the vessel cruises from Budapest to Esztergom. Alternatively, you may join the overland tour which will include the scenic and cultural highlights on Hungary's Danube Bend and second city of Esztergom.

Day 4 Bratislava & Vienna. On this morning's city tour we will see the Cathedral of St Martin, where many of the kings and queens of the Austro-Hungarian Empire were crowned. From the castle you have a fine view over the city and the Danube. This afternoon, whilst cruising to Vienna, we will be joined

by some Slovakian musicians who will provide music into the evening for our New Year's Eve celebrations.

Day 5 Vienna. After a late breakfast we will drive to the lovely Palais Auersperg in the heart of Vienna for a Strauss concert. On an afternoon tour, drive around the stately Ringstrasse, stop at St Stephen's Cathedral and enjoy a visit to the Kartnerstrasse.

Day 6 Salzburg. From the town of Linz take an optional full day tour to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival. Our morning walking excursion will concentrate on Mozart's family and his musical contemporaries. In the afternoon there will be some free time to explore independently before returning to the vessel.

Day 7 Melk. This morning we will reach the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. We will moor under the shadow of the great Baroque abbey for our tour. See the abbey before driving to the charming town of Durnstein in Austria's scenically splendid wine producing Wachau Valley. After a walking tour of Durnstein continue to nearby Weissenkirchen for some seasonal gluhwein.

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Bratislava Castle



Budapest at night

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A	Waltz	French balcony	£2295	£2695

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MS Johann Strauss



Everything about the voyage was well thought out, from the music to the expeditions to the lectures to the accommodation. Particularly notable was the provision of water at the table, without being asked, and the inclusion of wine at dinner, and the release from worrying about gratuities.

John & Jane Denerley

Due to the enormous demand we have experienced over the past few years for river cruising, we now have our own vessel which we operate on the major rivers that cross Europe from the North Sea to the Black Sea. Having the vessel under our complete control allows us to plan the itineraries that are best suited for our clients and also provide the service which we know our passengers enjoy.

We have been most fortunate in acquiring one of the best vessels afloat in Europe today. Built in 2004, the four-star *MS Johann Strauss* is a 90 cabin vessel built to the highest specifications. Although the vessel can carry a maximum of 180 passengers, we limit passenger numbers to a maximum of 160. One of her many fine features is the number of French balcony cabins. There are over 60 such cabins with a sliding glass door. From these cabins, which are located on the Opera and Waltz decks, the views are spectacular and for many the opportunity to open the door to fresh air is a great bonus.

All cabins are large, being 170 square feet, and compare favourably with hotel rooms or the better cabins on large ships. They are well planned and smartly furnished in light woods and restful colours. Facilities include individually controlled heating and air conditioning, television, telephone, mini-bar, safe, hairdryer, radio and a well appointed bathroom with shower and toilet.

Another well designed feature of the vessel is the positioning of the restaurant, lounge, bar and café on the top deck. These public areas also have floor to ceiling windows, affording excellent views as you dine or relax. On board you will also find a fitness centre with a sauna, whirlpool and gymnasium equipment.



Dinner in the Restaurant



Polka Deck Cabin



Fitness centre



Cafe



Opera & Waltz Deck Cabin

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