



## Magical Christmas in Prague (#18490)

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### Overview

Prague in December is full of magic and festivities. Colorful decorations and lights brighten the streets. A magnificent Christmas tree dominates the Old Town Square. You can feel the holiday excitement in the air. This is the perfect time to explore the city's unconventional attractions, including the Lobkowitz Collection at the palace, the 200,000 books in the Strahov Monastery Library—one of Europe's most prized bibliotheca—and the Loreta baroque monastery. You'll also enjoy a private concert in a historic hall in the city. To top it all off, Christmas markets abound! Don't miss the opportunity to taste traditional trdelník pastries and a cup of mulled wine. You'll also admire the beauty of Prague at night during a cruise on the Vltava River.

### Trip Highlights

Prague – Christmas market and unusual places - Private concert in a historic Prague hall.

### Detailed Itinerary



**Day 01****DAY 1: PRAGUE**

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. in Prague. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Enjoy dinner on board.

**Day 02****DAY 2: PRAGUE, Lobkowitz Palace and a Sunset Cruise through Prague**

This morning, we'll tour Lobkowitz Palace. We'll leave by coach for the castle complex, Lobkowitz Palace, built in the 16th century in the Renaissance style. The castle underwent significant architectural changes after the Thirty Years' War, moving to a more baroque style. We'll discover the largest and oldest private collection in Europe in the enchanting palace, strolling through its majestic rooms overflowing with impressive works of art. Twenty-two galleries hold the exhibit, illustrating the challenges the Lobkowitz family has faced over the centuries. Objects include personal items and priceless works, such as manuscripts from Beethoven and Mozart and paintings by Canaletto, Diego Velázquez, and Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

The afternoon will be spent cruising on the Vltava. In December, Prague dresses up to the nines! Discover the city from another angle as we cruise the river during sunset.

**Day 03****DAY 3: PRAGUE, its Christmas Market and a Private Concert**

In the morning, we'll visit a Christmas Market to experience local flavors. We'll set out on foot for the center of Prague. Holiday markets pop up across the city at the beginning of December and run through the beginning of January. We'll visit the largest and most beautiful in the Old Town, where an immense Christmas tree, nativity scene, and small chalets await. This is also the perfect time to see the city's medieval-style astronomical clock—the most legendary in the world—where the Twelve Apostles appear hourly. Master clockmaker Mikulas of Kadan built the oldest part of the clock in 1410. Wooden statues were added in the 17th century, and the Apostles became the figures in the 18th century. Our sweet treat will be a tasting of the local pastry, known as trdelník, and a cup of mulled wine. We'll return to the ship for lunch.

This afternoon, join us for a private concert in a historic hall in Prague. Reserved exclusively for the passengers on our cruise ship, you'll experience a concert as never before.

After our excursion, we'll return on board for Christmas Eve dinner.

During this cruise: Passengers can attend Christmas mass in Prague.



**Day 04****DAY 4: PRAGUE, The Strahov Monastery and the Loreta**

This morning, we'll visit the Strahov Monastery Library and the Loreta monastery. We'll head to the Strahov Monastery, whose library holds over 200,000 works—making it one of the most valued and best preserved in Europe. The oldest, baroque-style section of the current library, the Theological Hall, dates back to the 17th century. The main hall, known as the Philosophical Hall, has two-story-high vaulted ceilings that are neo-classical in style. Frescoes by Siardo Nosecký and Anton Maulbertsch adorn the hall ceilings. We'll then continue on to Loreta. Located in Hradcany, also known as the Castle District, the complex consists of a cloister, a church, and a clock with a famous chime. The Italian-inspired complex dates back to 1626. Make sure you stick around to hear the bells ring on the hour to a melody composed by Dvorak. Today, the complex houses a large collection of liturgical objects, many from the 14th to the 18th century—including a monstrance with 6,222 diamonds. After our excursion, we'll return on board for lunch.

Enjoy time on your own this afternoon to visit Prague and its holiday markets at your own pace. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

**Day 05****DAY 5: PRAGUE**

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

## Inclusions

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - drinks with meals (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard activities - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multilingual host/hostess - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## Exclusions

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.



## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy

Ship available for this cruise is MS Elbe Princesse II.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

For other amazing cruise itineraries and destinations, please contact our Destination specialists.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request)

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- ALL THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
- Cruise on a paddle riverboat through Prague as the sun sets and the city's monuments and buildings light up—A CROISIEUROPE EXCLUSIVE
- Celebrate Christmas Eve during an unforgettable cruise full of joyful, enchanting surprises
- **THE MUST:**
  - Lobkowicz Palace and its majestic rooms overflowing with impressive works of art
  - Christmas markets in Prague and all the delicacies
  - The Strahov Monastery Library and the Loreta baroque monastery
  - EVERYTHING INCLUDED ON BOARD

## THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## Fixed Departure



22 Dec, 2024

Cruise

AUD 2,074 P P twin share

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