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# CVSC SkiZette

January, 2026

**HAPPY**

**NEW  
YEAR!!!!!!**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 21 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
- 24-31 BAC/FWSA Ski Week to Crested Butte

### FEBRUARY

- 11 CVSC Board meeting at Carrie's
- 18 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
- 22-27 FWSA Mini Ski Trip to Schwietzer Mtn., ID (f) pg 7
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### MARCH

- 18 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

### UPCOMING

- 2026:  
9/15-26 CVSC Lyon & Provence River Cruise with pre trip to Nice (f) pg 6

### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

**BAC Web site: [skibac.org](http://skibac.org)**

**Far West Ski Assoc: [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)**

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**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**



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**President's Message**

Happy new year everyone it's been a wet and wild start to the new year!

As always we had a wonderful trolley event in December! Great food friends and holiday lights. We had a full trolley again this year - nice way to start the holidays! Again thanks to Pat for organizing and Ann for providing our venue. So appreciated.



Claudia Fernandes  
President

We have some new ideas for upcoming events and would also like to hear from you on some you would like to see. Let me know.

We have a meeting this month at Don Jose's on January 21 we look forward to seeing everyone to start our new year. We will discuss upcoming trips, events and ideas you all may have.

Hope your holidays were happy and your new year resolutions are fun!

Take care enjoy the snow, the rain, and friends. May 2026 be your best year ever!

Claudia



## **SkiZette Policy**

### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **DEADLINE: 5th of the month**

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter .

Submit articles to:

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*Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -*

*PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership*

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## **SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE**

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

(Dennie—your editor — dennieluuu1@gmail.com)

## **GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE**

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/ jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!



## Happy New Year CVSC Travelers.

Trying to put some of our most memorial adventures Castro Valley Ski Club has shared as a family. Here's just a few.....

*Safaris in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and especially Botswana, African sunsets, balloon ride in Africa, staying at Treetops, walking with the lions in Victoria Falls, seeing Machu Picchu for the first time, fishing for piraiñas on the Amazon, train ride from Lake Titicaca to Cusco. Walking into Petra, Early dawn on hot air balloon over Capadoccia. Train ride from Davos to Zermatt, boat trip on the Nile. Elephant ride in Thailand.*

We put together a new trip that will depart in June 2026. It's an Overseas Adventure Travel land tour so we can only take 16, I may be able to add on. I did have 6 FREE single supplements that are all sold out. This is a private trip just for our group.

**2026...June 27-July 12 Sicily's Ancient Landscapes & Timeless Traditions -FULL**  
Overseas Adventure Trip - Sicily travel experience, you'll discover an Italian island with more than 3,000 years of history. Once home to a Greek colony, a Roman province, an Arab emirate, a Norman kingdom, and more, traces of ancient conquerors can still be found in Sicily's well-preserved ruins, elegant architecture, and gastronomic delights. And thanks to our expert Trip Leader and small group size you can go behind the scenes and off the beaten path.

**2026...Sept. 15-26th Lyon & Provence River Cruise with Nice - FULL - WAIT LIST**  
We start off with 3 days in Nice before we board a 7-day River Boat to Lyon, France. Remember this trip is all inclusive & includes all tips & air and many excursions  
See flyer for more info

Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs have lots of ski trips on the horizon. Please look into these as well. They are posted on the front page with flyers enclosed.

*Tucker & Kathy  
CVSC Travel*



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# Driving on Snow and Ice: Safety Tips

by Mac Demere, Contributor

The best tip for winter driving: Sometimes it's best to stay home, or at least remain where you are until snow plows and sanding crews have done their work.

1. **Get a grip.** To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.) Ultrahigh-performance "summer" tires have little or no grip in snow. Even "all-season" tires don't necessarily have great snow traction: Some do, some don't.
2. **Make sure you can see.** Replace windshield wiper blades. Clean the inside of your windows thoroughly. Apply a water-shedding material (such as Rain-X) to the outside of all windows, including the mirrors. Make sure your windshield washer system works and is full of an anti-icing fluid. Drain older fluid by running the washers until new fluid appears: Switching fluid colors makes this easy.
3. **Run the air-conditioner.** In order to remove condensation and frost from the interior of windows, engage your air-conditioner and select the fresh air option: It's fine to set the temperature on "hot." Many cars automatically do this when you choose the defrost setting.
4. **Check your lights.** Use your headlights so that others will see you and, we hope, not pull out in front of you. Make sure your headlights and taillights are clear of snow. If you have an older car with sand-pitted headlights, get a new set of lenses. To prevent future pitting, cover the new lens with a clear tape like that used to protect the leading edge of helicopter rotor blades and racecar wings. It's available from auto-racing supply sites.
5. **Give yourself a brake.** Learn how to get maximum efficiency from your brakes before an emergency. It's easy to properly use antilock brakes: Stomp, stay and steer. Stomp on the pedal as if you were trying to snap it off. Stay hard on the pedal. Steer around the obstacle. (A warning: A little bit of steering goes a very long way in an emergency. See Tip 8.) If you drive on icy roads or roads that are covered with snow, modify your ABS technique: After you "Stomp" and the ABS begins cycling — you will feel pulses in the pedal or hear the system working — ease up slightly on the pedal until the pulsing happens only once a second.

For vehicles without ABS, you'll have to rely on the old-fashioned system: You. For non-ABS on a mixed-surface road, push the brake pedal hard until the wheels stop rolling, then immediately release the brake enough to allow the wheels to begin turning again. Repeat this sequence rapidly. This is *not* the same as "pumping the brake." Your goal is to have the tires producing maximum grip regardless of whether the surface is snow, ice or damp pavement.

6. **Watch carefully for "black ice."** If the road looks slick, it probably is. This is especially true with one of winter's worst hazards: "black ice." Also called "glare ice," this is nearly transparent ice that often looks like a harmless puddle or is overlooked entirely. Test the traction with a smooth brake application or slight turn of the wheel.
7. **Remember the tough spots.** Race drivers must memorize the nuances of every track, so they can alter their path for changing track conditions. You must remember where icy roads tend to occur. Bridges and intersections are common places. Also: wherever water runs across the road.
8. **Too much steering is bad.** If a slick section in a turn causes your front tires to lose grip, the common — but incorrect — reaction is to continue turning the steering wheel. That's like writing checks on an overdrawn account: It won't improve the situation and may make things worse. If the icy conditions end and the front tires regain grip, your car will dart whichever way the wheels are pointed. That may be into oncoming traffic or a telephone pole. Something very similar happens if you steer too much while braking with ABS
9. **Avoid rear-tire slides.** First, choose a car with electronic stability control. Fortunately, ESC will be mandatory on all 2012 models. Next, make sure your rear tires have at least as much tread as your front tires. Finally, if you buy winter tires, get four.
10. **Technology offers no miracles.** All-wheel drive and electronic stability control can get you into trouble by offering a false sense of security. AWD can only help a vehicle accelerate or keep moving: It can't help you go around a snow-covered turn, much less stop at an icy intersection. ESC can prevent a spinout, but it can't clear ice from the roads or give your tires more traction. Don't let this lull you into overestimating the available traction.

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)

# Castro Valley Ski Club

## Sensations of Lyon & Provence River Cruise with 3 nights in Nice

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – SOLD OUT**

**\$5465-\$6669 including air (depending on choice of cabin and special discounts)**



Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Europe with Mayflower Cruises and Tours'. As you navigate the serene waters of the Rhône, explore legendary cities like Lyon, known for its vibrant culinary scene, and Avignon, with its storied Palais des Papes. Each stop invites you to experience the unique flavors and sights of the region, from sampling celebrated Côtes du Rhône wines to wandering through ancient Roman ruins. Our luxurious cruises provide not only comfort and elegance but also educational enrichment, thanks to our expertly guided tours and on-board cultural experiences

### Highlights

- 23 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Three-night hotel stay in Nice, France
- Touring in Monaco and Monte Carlo
- Seven-night cruise through southern France
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Personal listening device for onboard excursions
- All meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



## **FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION MINI SKI TRIP** **February 22—27, 2026**

### **Schweitzer Mtn., ID**

Schweitzer Resort is in North Idaho and is a great destination for our FWSA Mini Ski trip. It has 2,900 acres of lift-served terrain, 92 trails, open bowls, chutes, groomers, and tree skiing. Top elevation is 6,400' and annual snowfall of 300". 4,350 acres of back-country terrain accessed by cat skiing.

We will be staying at Selkirk Lodge and Humbird Hotel, both ski-in/ski-out properties. Guests can drive to Sandpoint, ID, or fly to Spokane, WA and rent a car or take a shuttle to Schweitzer.

The mountain has something for everyone. They have 10% beginner runs, 40% intermediate runs, 35% advanced runs, and 15% expert runs.

Hope to see you at Schweitzer!

*Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the Early Bird Discount*

#### **Included:**

Five Night's Lodging  
Welcome Activity  
Farewell Event

#### **Optional for Purchase:**

3-day Lift Ticket—\$382  
4-day Lift Ticket— \$510  
80+ ski FREE

**IKON PASS**

**Discounted Equipment Rental**

#### **Optional Activities:**

- Nordic Trails
- Snow Shoeing
- Tubing
- Cat Skiing/Boarding
- Scenic Lift Ride to Summit
- Snowmobiling
- Night Skiing

**Contact:** Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – [FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net)

**Information & Signup:** <http://fwsamini26SW.sat.tours>

**FWSA CST #2036983-40**



***BAC Mini-Ski Week to Sun Peaks Ski Resort, B.C. Canada:  
IKON pass resort  
February 22-27th, 2026***

Sun Peaks Resort has excellent annual snowfall & powder and the second most skiable acreage in all of Canada! Our BAC Council group has ski-in/ski-out hotel rooms at the Sun Peaks Lodge in the heart of the quaint & friendly village. Enjoy our Lodge's hot tub, sauna and steam room. Great après ski bars & restaurants nearby.

**The Lodging/Amenities package at \$766 per person includes:**

\*5 nights hotel rooms: double occupancy: 2 Queens or King rooms Limited Single supplements

\*Daily full buffet breakfast

\*Welcome Reception & Group Dinner Event

Alaska Group Air available: SFO to Kelowna: \$402 per person

Ground Transportation from Kelowna Airport w/grocery stop-\$144 per person

Group Lift Tickets for Adults & Senior on Sports America site; IKON pass resort

ONLINE registration with Sports America via this link. Sign up with a \$300 deposit

**[http://bac\\_sunpeaks26.sat.tours/](http://bac_sunpeaks26.sat.tours/)** Trip Leader: Gail Burns, BAC Trip

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# **FWSA 2026 Int'l Ski Trip to Chamonix, France**



## **BASIC Ski Week – Chamonix, France February 28 – March 7, 2026**

Group departs US Feb. 26, arrives in Geneva, Feb 27 & spend 1 night at a Geneva airport hotel.  
Feb. 28th departs by bus to Chamonix and return to US from Geneva, France on Mar. 7, 2026  
Group air details to be provided.

### **Ikon Pass holders will have access to the five resorts within Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley**



All Prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.15 USD & subject to change.

4-Star Lodging at the Hotel Alpina Eclectic Chamonix

Basic trip - starting price at \$2672

Prices will be based on double occupancy.

[air transp. sold separately.] Limited number of Single Supplements are available.

*Chamonix is situated in the French Alps just north of Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Western Europe. Between the peaks of the Aiguilles Rouges and the notable Aiguille du Midi, it borders both Switzerland and Italy. It is one of the oldest ski resorts in France, popular with alpinists and mountain enthusiasts.*

### **Basic Lodging Package includes:**

- Transfer between Geneva Airport and Geneva Hotel via Hotel Shuttle.
- One-night stay at the NH Geneva Airport Hotel
- Transfer between Geneva Airport Hotel via a private coach to Chamonix
- 7 night's accommodation at the 4\* Hotel Alpina Eclectic Chamonix.
- Welcome/Orientation on February 28 with reps of Chamonix Tourism Board
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & 5 Dinners at the Hotel Alpina Eclectic Chamonix.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
  - WIFI
  - Heated Ski Locker
  - Spa & Wellness Center
    - Includes one hour per night access to the jacuzzi, sauna, hammam, fitness room.  
Please note that this free service is subject to availability, and that it is mandatory to book in advance since the number of people per slot is limited in order to ensure greater comfort.
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided.
- Optional day tour - details to be provided.
- All taxes, fees and resort fees included.



### **Opt. Extension Adventure Tour: Paris & Normandy**

#### **Starting on March 7, 2026**

*Prices will be based on double occupancy-Single supplement rooms are available.  
Schedules are subject to change*

### **Trip includes:**

- 8 nights lodging – 4 nights in Paris, 3 nights in Normandy & 1 night at Paris CDG Airport Hotel
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions to:
  - Paris: Île de la Cité & Le Marais, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Latin Quarter (Pantheon, Luxembourg Gardens), Sainte-Chapelle, the Conciergerie and more.
  - Normandy: Visit Claude Monet's House and Gardens at Giverny, D-Day Landing Beaches, (Omaha Beach, American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Pointe du Hoc, Arromanches, D-Day Museum and more.
- Free Time to Explore
  - **Stand Alone So. France ONLY (Excludes Chamonix ski week)**
  - **Contact Gloria Raminha for details and pricing.**
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Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference "FWSA 2026 Chamonix Int'l Trip" on each check.  
For more information and payment details contact:

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State of California Seller of Travel # 2036983-40



# FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP Cayman Brac Beach Resort

September 26 - October 3, 2026

*Grand Cayman 2<sup>nd</sup> Week October 3-10, 2026 Extension Available*

**BASIC Dive Package: \$2,669 pp (double occupancy)**  
**Non-Dive Package: \$2,244 pp (double occupancy)**

Oceanfront Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

**Cayman Brac Beach Resort Land Package Includes:**

7 Nights Beach View Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

Three Meals Daily & 21 Drink Package (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

Complimentary Wi-Fi

PADI 5-star dive operation

6 Days of Diving - 17 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

Complimentary Nitrox and use of a dive computer

Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities (dive gratuities are not included)

Round trip ground transfer from Cayman Brac Airport



*Incredible world-class diving in the Cayman Islands!*



*Enjoy a fantastic resort on the beach - perfect for the diver and non-diver to experience!*

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*You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!*

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# Bay Area Snow Sports Council presents ...

Cruise aboard our privately owned 162-passenger M/S River Adagio

## Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Germany: Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | Austria: Linz, Melk, Vienna

8 days from **\$2,995**  
River Cruise Tour only

9 days from **\$4,445**  
with international airfare  
from San Francisco



### IT'S INCLUDED

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 7 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- **20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks
- **5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 5 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Main-Danube Canal conversation • German language lesson • Regensburg choral concert • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Christmas Traditions* conversation • Wachau Valley conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **All port charges**
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure **NOVEMBER 30, 2026**  
Return **DECEMBER 8, 2026**

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2 • Vienna, Austria

Embark ship

Day 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley

Included Tour Melk Abbey

Day 4 • Linz

Optional Tour Salzburg

Day 5 • Passau, Germany

Included Tour Passau

Day 6-7 • Regensburg

Included Tour Regensburg

Day 8 • Nuremberg

Included Tour Nuremberg

Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.

Disembark ship

### MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

#### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

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3 nights pre-trip from \$895

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3 nights post-trip from \$945

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

**G6-29997**

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

### Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

### Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

### Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

### Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach

- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Vienna, Austria.

### DAY 2 • Vienna, Austria • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. Mingle with your fellow travelers during dinner onboard this evening. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Vienna, Austria*, you will join your main group today.

D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

### DAY 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley discussion

After setting sail this morning, enjoy hot chocolate and relax onboard as your ship

cruises along the Wachau Valley. Your Program Director will provide enlightening commentary about this UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion. Later, disembark in Melk for an excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

### DAY 4 • Linz • Optional Salzburg tour

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. It offers a wealth of discoveries—from its Hauptplatz, one of the loveliest squares in Europe, to the 17th-century Abbey of St. Florian, where Linz's native son, Anton Bruckner, was the

organist and composed many of his famed masterpieces of church music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Savor hearty Austrian fare over lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

### DAY 5 • Passau, Germany • German language lesson • German Christmas Traditions discussion

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** German language lesson, where you can learn some German phrases—such as, *Schöne Feiertage* (Happy Holidays)—commonly used during the Christmas season. In mid-morning, disembark to



Vienna, Austria

explore Passau on an included walking tour, which includes visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz. After time to admire the remarkable artistry displayed at the festive Christmas handcrafts market, gather onboard for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

#### DAY 6 • Regensburg • Choral concert

Today, you'll arrive and dock around mid-morning in Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Then, enjoy a walking tour of this hidden treasure. Since the city suffered no damage during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved. Your tour features the Old Town Hall, the famous Stone Bridge, Germany's oldest, and the Regensberg Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market) in

Neupfarrplatz. After dinner onboard, join us for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event as we walk to a local church to hear a choral concert featuring festive holiday music.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

#### DAY 7 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion • Stollen baking demonstration • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard today. Your cruise toward Nuremberg begins shortly after lunch. During the afternoon, you'll enjoy two **Exclusive Discovery Series**: a discussion outlining how the Main-Danube Canal's innovative system of locks has made Europe's rivers navigable, and a *Stollen* baking demonstration, where you'll learn how to prepare this traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts, and topped with powdered sugar.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

#### DAY 8 • Nuremberg

Your ship docks at Nuremberg quite early this morning. After breakfast, you disembark for a tour of Nuremberg, one of the most important cities of the Franconia region. Later, visit Nuremberg's famous *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), where you have free time to browse on your own. This is Germany's most famous tradition: Christmas market, and it is open throughout the holiday season.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

#### DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or join *Munich, Germany* post-trip extension.

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Regensburg, Germany

## Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Departure NOV 30, 2026  
Return DEC 8, 2026

### DECK

A	Serenade w/balcony	\$3,345
B		
C	Sonata	\$3,295
D		
E	Cantata	\$3,245
F		
G	Prelude	\$3,145
H		\$2,995

### AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco	\$1,450
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

**Deposit:** \$750 per person.

**Travel Protection:** Starting from \$389.

**Single Supplement:** \$795. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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### Travel Protection Plan (Recommended)

Protect your trip with our Travel Protection Plan, administered by TripMate.

- **100% cancellation protection, for any reason**—up to and including the day of departure.
- **Pre-existing condition coverage**—100% cash reimbursement if purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit.
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