

Cruise from Vienna
to Nuremberg and
earn CLE Credit
with the LSBA
Magical
Christmas
Markets

The Louisiana State Bar Association is offering an exciting CLE opportunity while cruising the Danube River. Partnering with Vacations At Sea Travel, the LSBA program will be held Saturday, December 8 through Saturday, December 15, 2018, aboard the AmaCerto. One hour of CLE will be offered on five days of the cruise (scheduled around shore excursions and onboard activities), at a cost of \$150 per attorney CLE registrant. The LSBA will invoice registrants for this portion of the trip once they have booked the cruise portion with Vacations At Sea.

Few events are awaited with as much anticipation as Europe's Christmas Markets. Be spellbound by Nuremberg and Regensburg's Christmas Markets. In Linz, marvel at the small clay figurines representing the people of a typical village—the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker; and while in Vienna, visit four Christmas Markets. Embrace the holiday spirit in Germany and Austria where many Christmas traditions began on this magical journey through time.

Inspired by classic ocean yachts, the 162-passenger AmaCerto (introduced in 2012) provides a distinctive river cruise experience. Spacious, elegantly appointed staterooms range in size from 160 to 290 square feet. Stateroom amenities include Entertainment-On-Demand, featuring free high-speed Internet access, unlimited Wi-Fi, movies, music and English language TV stations; climate-controlled air conditioning; and an in-room safe. In the marble bathroom, enjoy multi-jet showerheads, soothing bath and body products, robes and hair dryers.

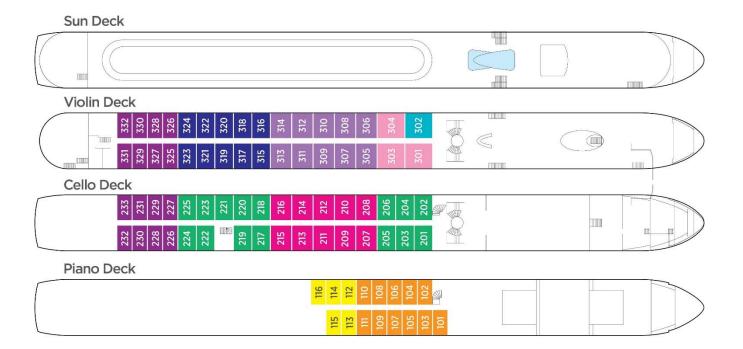
The AmaCerto offers a host of added comforts and conveniences, including a massage and hair salon, gift shop and specialty coffee station. The stunning Main Lounge provides an exhilarating backdrop for meeting your fellow guests and enjoying nightly entertainment. Because AmaWaterways is a member of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the exclusive international culinary society, you'll be treated to exquisite, locally-inspired cuisine. And it is always paired with unlimited wine, as well as beer and soft drinks, at lunch and dinner. You'll also relish a variety of dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant (additional charge), featuring an exquisite tasting menu prepared right before your eyes. With a walking track and heated swimming pool on the Sun Deck, a fitness room and a fleet of onboard bicycles to use on your own or on one of the many guided bike tours, as well as healthy menu choices, you'll have everything needed to stay active and healthy while sailing one of Europe's great rivers.

Aboard the AmaCerto you will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours. In many cases, you will have a choice of excursions, such as standard tours, bike tours, hikes and special interest tours. AmaWaterways always includes a large variety of activities so that guests may choose how they want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder.

Special LSBA pricing, available only through Vacations At Sea, represents a savings of \$250 per person off of the lowest available rates. The rates below include the LSBA discount.

•	Category SS	Suite with French and outside balcony	Violin Deck	\$5,198/person
•	Category AA+	Stateroom with French and outside balcony	Violin Deck	\$4,498/person
•	Category BB	Stateroom with French and outside balcony	Cello Deck	\$3,298/person
•	Category C	Stateroom with French balcony	Violin/Cello Deck	\$2,798/person
•	Category D	Stateroom with fixed window	Piano Deck	\$2,198/person
•	Category E	Stateroom with fixed window	Piano Deck	\$1,899/person

Additional port charges of \$168 per person apply to every category.



#### Cruise fare includes:

- Seven (7) nights deluxe accommodations in outside stateroom
- Life-enriching tours and excursions daily
- Fine dining onboard AmaCerto
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe's great wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner on board
- Entertainment on demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed Internet access, hit Hollywood movies, extensive music library and English language TV stations
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board
- Terry bathrobes and white-on-white plush bedding in all staterooms

- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Special highlights including lectures, cooking demonstration, onboard music performances and piano music
- Bicycles to explore on your own & guided bicycle tours
- Services of professional Cruise Manager
- All English language on board in a non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- Transfers between hotel and ship are included with the purchase of cruise and land package; airport transfers are included with the purchase of airfare from AmaWaterways
- All local taxes



#### The Luxury of More

At AmaWaterways, they love what they do — providing guests with the best travel experiences possible. In fact, "Ama" is derived from the Latin word for "love." It is a concept that permeates every aspect of their river cruises, from the design of the ships to the development of itineraries to the high levels of service delivered to guests. It is a philosophy that drives their attention to detail, constant innovation and culture of always making guests their top priority. When you sail with AmaWaterways, you will experience the luxury of more — more ways to discover, more ways to indulge and more onboard amenities. With an award-winning fleet, critically acclaimed dining and unique tour options, you will have the trip of a lifetime on AmaWaterways.

#### World-Class Service

A proactive approach to exceeding expectations is a hallmark of the AmaWaterways experience. Since AmaWaterways has a high staff-to-guest ratio on its ships, their team can fully dedicate themselves to providing each guest with the highest level of service. From the time you book your cruise to the time you board your flight home, you will be treated to an exceptional hospitality experience:

- Friendly and knowledgeable service during every step of your trip;
- Fewer guests on board means more staff to attend to your every need;
- Highly-trained and professional Cruise Managers provide the best in service during cruises and land programs; and
- Excellent service and attention to detail gives each guest a uniquely personalized experience.

#### **Dining**

AmaWaterways' expert chefs craft menus that feature exquisite, locally-inspired cuisine as well as traditional, Western offerings. At breakfast, sip sparkling wine as you partake of the buffet and fresh pastries, or opt for something made-to-order from the menu. Stop by the Main Lounge for a light lunch, or head to the restaurant for full menu service and high-quality regional wine or beer. Dinner is a delectable, multi-course affair with wine recommendations that accompany visually stunning, delicious dishes. Try local favorites — like bratwurst and sauerkraut after returning to the ship from Vienna — or something more familiar, like a sandwich. No matter what your preference, your taste buds are sure to be impressed.

### MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS ITINERARY

Optional Two-Day Pre-Cruise Package HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL VIENNA

(\$520/person)

**VIENNA** 

Day 1 Arrive in Vienna and check-in to your hotel.

Day 2 Uncover "Vie

Uncover "Vienna's Royal Treasures" at the Hofburg Palace, the former residence of the Habsburgs. You'll visit the lavishly decorated Imperial Apartments and Imperial Treasury, home to many of the Habsburg's treasures, including the Crown of the Holy Roman Empire and the Austrian Imperial Crown. Cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Maria Theresaplatz Christmas Market, set amongst the world-renowned sights of Vienna's majestic Ringstrasse, and at the illuminated Rathaus, Vienna's largest Christmas Market. (B)

#### MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS CRUISE

Day 1 VIENNA EMBARKATION Arrive at the AmaCerto, docked in Vienna. (L, D)



to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Rathaus (Town Hall) Christmas Market, If prefer a more adventure, then join a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, visit the Karlsplatz (Artisans) Christmas Market, a local favorite, and the market at Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. (B, L, D)

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting

Day 2

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# Day 3 DÜRNSTEIN WACHAU VALLEY MELK

After reaching the Wachau Valley in the morning, you'll have a choice of three excursions in Dürnstein. Partake in a walking tour along cobblestone streets to the luminous blue facade of the Baroque Stiftskirche, its famed church tower, before enjoying a wine tasting in a local cellar. Alternatively, visit a local boutique, where you'll be treated to the region's finest apricot products. After your morning excursions, you have a choice to cruise through the Wachau Valley to Melk or join a bike tour along the Danube. Upon reaching Melk, take a tour of the UNESCO-designated Melk Abbey. (B, L, D)



Day 4 LINZ

Linz is known for being the city of Christmas crèches and its ever-popular Linzer Torte. While here, you have a choice of three excursions. The first is a full-day visit to magnificent Salzburg dressed in her holiday best. Enjoy a



located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B, L, D)

walking tour of UNESCOdesignated Old Town, magnificent cathedral, inspired by St. Peter's Cathedral at the Vatican and its Christmas Market, which is a feast for the senses. Alternatively, you can choose a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House, where composed the Linz Symphony in only three days, as well as visit Linz's Christmas Markets. Or you can go on a guided bike tour through Linz and along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, you can join a half-day excursion to Salzburg or visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov,

#### Day 5 PASSAU, GERMANY Picturesque Passau, a fairytale city founded more than 2,000 years ago, is noted for its Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture. During the season of Advent, the city dresses in her Bavarian holiday splendor, which you will discover on your walking tour through the city and at its Christmas Market at St. Stephen's Square - also home to its magnificent cathedral. Go in search of unique crafts, including Bavarian-style houses and glass ornaments. If you prefer a more active adventure, join a guided bike ride along the Danube. (B, L, D)





## Day 6 REGENSBURG

Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas Market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to Walhalla where you will see the Neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas Markets at Thurn and Taxis Castle, where you can watch craftsmen make their unique arts and crafts. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7 NUREMBERG

Join a city tour of WWII highlights and then walk through Nuremberg's cobblestone streets to the Imperial Castle and 900-year-old city ramparts. Visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas Markets. Browse through more than 100 red and white canvas-topped booths offering an assortment of unique treasures, toys and seasonal goodies. (B, L, D)

Day 8 NUREMBERG DISEMBARKATION Depart the ship.

Optional Two-Day Post-Cruise Package HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE (\$520/person)

# Day 1 PILZEN – PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC

Transfer to Prague. En route, stop at another one of Nuremberg's Christmas Markets before driving through the countryside to Pilzen, a city perhaps best known for producing Pilsner beer. While here, enjoy a highlights tour before continuing on to Prague, where you'll check into your hotel. (B)

#### Day 2 PRAGUE

The fairytale city of Prague always enchants, but it really sparkles even more during the holiday season. See all the key highlights on a walking tour, including the National Museum and 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Or get more active with a



hike to the castle. You will then have free time to explore Prague's renowned Christmas Market in the Old Town Square. (B)

Day 3 DEPART PRAGUE Prepare for your return flight home.

#### BOOK YOUR LSBA CLE ADVENTURE TODAY

A deposit of \$400 per person plus the passport names and dates of birth of all passengers are required to hold a cabin. Gratuities of \$130 per person (recommended) are in addition to the cruise fare and port charges and may be paid either in advance or onboard the ship, Space is extremely limited and categories can sell out. Final payments must be paid by September 1, 2018. Changes or cancellations are subject to penalties imposed by both AmaWaterways and Vacations At Sea.

Travel insurance is available through the cruise line or an independent company. AmaWaterways also offers airfare and transfers, as well as the pre- and post-cruise hotel stays. Information is available through Vacations At Sea. For more information or to book, contact Diane LaHoste at 504-606-7638 (cell) or <a href="mailto:diane@seavacations.com">diane@seavacations.com</a>. Alternatively, she may be reached at the office at 504-482-1572 or 800-749-4950. Additional information on AmaWaterways and the Magical Christmas Markets cruise is available online at <a href="https://www.AmaWaterways.com">www.AmaWaterways.com</a>.