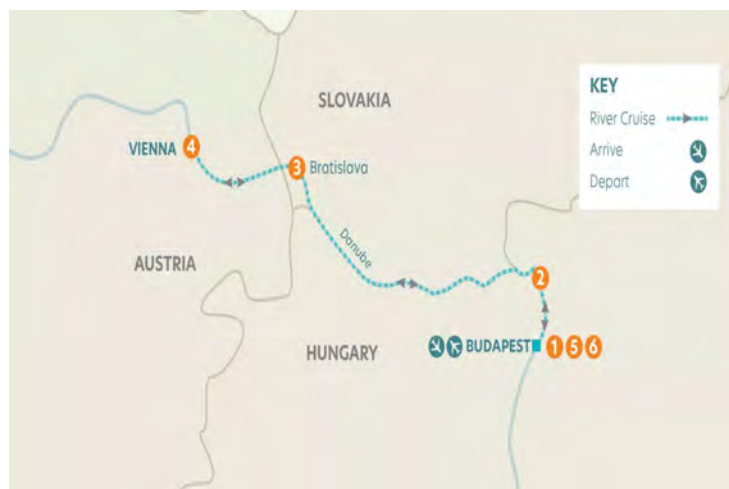




Ship Tour



Departing December 1-6, 2026
Riviera Travel's MS Geoffrey Chaucer
6-Day Danube's Imperial Cities & Yuletide Christmas Markets



Join Karen Brown and celebrate the season in style and immerse in the enchanting Yuletide Christmas markets of Budapest, Vienna, and Bratislava. Stroll through twinkling squares filled with holiday lights, traditional crafts, and the scent of mulled wine. Create your own chocolate bon bons?





Day 1 - Arrival in Budapest

On arrival, a coach will transfer you to your five-star cruise ship moored in this beautiful city straddling the banks of the glorious Danube. As you step on board you will be greeted by your professional, five-star crew who are on hand to help you settle in as you familiarize yourself with the layout of this splendid ship.

We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring this charismatic city, so full of atmosphere at this special time of year. It won't be long before our first excellent dinner is served in the ship's restaurant, over which you can get acquainted with some of your fellow travelers.

Enjoy a digestif in the welcoming lounge as you ponder all that the next few days has in store!



Day 2 - Budapest

- ❖ Guided tour of Budapest
- ❖ Free afternoon sailing along the Danube

Budapest is always an atmospheric and fascinating city, but at this time of the year, the muted colors of its magnificent archaic spires and grand domes are especially captivating on the wintry skyline.

The historic and palatial buildings, the superb Roman ruins and exquisite Art Nouveau architecture provide a truly impressive backdrop for the city's acclaimed Christmas markets. This morning we enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as the iconic Parliament Building and the ancient Castle District with its winding streets and panoramic views.

There's free time to explore under your own steam, so perhaps take in one of the city's fine museums or simply wander the markets. Soak up the traditional atmosphere as classical music fills the air along with the delicious smells of spicy gingerbread and peppery goulash – and don't forget the mulled wine to stave off the winter chill!

Cruise towards Bratislava

Back on board for lunch, excitement mounts as we slip our mooring, and our adventure begins; just sit back and relax as the fairytale landscape glides by through the ship's panoramic windows.

This afternoon we witness a cruising highlight as we navigate the Danube Bend, where the river spectacularly winds its way through a narrow twisting valley, flanked by high mountains and snow-covered hillsides.

Wrap up and take to the deck to enjoy this wonderful kaleidoscope of Christmas card scenery drifting by in the frosty air, then return to the warmth of the ship's inviting lounge and catch up on some reading or write those final Christmas cards. Later head to the convivial atmosphere of the ship's well-stocked bar for your favorite aperitif, before another excellent dinner is served.



Day 3 - Bratislava

- ❖ Guided tour of Bratislava
- ❖ Visit to the Christmas markets

During this morning's breakfast, we arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Its communist past now firmly confined to the history books, the city has rediscovered its imperial heritage in its beautifully restored baroque old town whilst the grand white fortress, former seat of the rulers, enjoys commanding views over the river. This morning we will discover more about the city's interesting history, seeing the main sights and visiting some of the churches to view their traditional Christmas cribs, before you enjoy some free time.

Wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cozy atmosphere; the sweet fragrance of cinnamon wafts on the air and hundreds of fairy lights twinkle amongst the branches of the Christmas trees. The pretty red and white stalls groan with inspirational artisan gifts, from decorations, wooden figurines or pottery. Sample some local delicacies too such as potato pancakes or poppy seed strudel but make sure you don't spoil your appetite as it won't be long until lunch is served back on board. Afterwards you may wish to return to shore – perhaps to climb the tower of the Old Town Hall for a bird's eye view of the city and the bustling market below.

Later we return to the ship where another excellent dinner will be served.

Personalize your holiday with an optional tour:

Visit to Devin Castle with wine-tasting

Price: \$100.00 USD per person

Duration: 3 hours

Standing proudly above the Danube and Morava rivers, Devín Castle is indelibly written in Slovak history. Follow our guide around this ancient site as they reveal a history that stretches back 7000 years and the legends that still shroud its ruins in mystery.

After our tour around the oldest castle in Slovakia, it will be time to taste a local specialty. Devin has been known for its currant wine since the end of the 19th century, and while the semi-sweet wine is delicious, it is also good for our health thanks to its very high content of antioxidants.

This optional excursion can be done in the afternoon, instead of free time exploring the festive markets. Registration will be sent approximately 90 days prior to departure to add the above optional experience. Minimum numbers apply.



Day 4 - Vienna

- ❖ Guided tour of Vienna
- ❖ Visit to the Christmas markets
- ❖ Classical string quartet recital

During the early hours, our ship has stealthily crept into port, and you awake to find yourself in Vienna. There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than here – where the elegant imperial facades, their decorations glittering in the glow from a thousand Christmas lights, the sound of classical carols floating on the crisp air and the irresistible smell of candy-floss and roasted chestnuts is truly reminiscent of Christmas from a bygone age.

There has been a Christmas market here since the Middle Ages and today there are more than 20 markets held over the festive period selling a huge range of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. Vienna's City Hall provides a splendid backdrop for one of the most popular, its windows a giant advent calendar, reflecting the myriad of lights glistening in the trees below. The magnificent Schönbrunn Palace also hosts a superb market, specializing in traditional handicrafts and nostalgic toys.

After breakfast you enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as St Stephen's Cathedral and the impressive Hofburg complex, former royal court, now home to a collection of museums, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the world-famous Spanish Riding School.

After lunch on board there's plenty of time to explore some more of the markets, while the brass band plays its Christmas repertoire, and the sweet aroma of nutmeg fills the air. When things turn chilly, retreat to the refined yet cozy elegance of a traditional Viennese café for a steaming hot chocolate and watch the last daylight fade away.

Return to the ship in time for tonight's superb Chef's Dinner, expertly served by your attentive crew. Afterwards we've arranged truly the 'icing on the cake': no visit to Vienna is complete without a live musical experience, so after dinner we have a classical recital on board. To hear this exquisite music played in the city of its creation makes a wonderful finale to the day.



Day 5 - Budapest

- ❖ Free morning sailing towards Budapest
- ❖ Visit to Budapest's Christmas markets

Cruise towards Budapest

We have sailed overnight and on waking, draw back the curtains to see the early morning mist rising over this gentle pastoral landscape, draped in a blanket of glistening frost. After breakfast, seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and watch this lovely slideshow of winter wonderland scenery effortlessly gliding by – what could be more relaxing!

For the more energetic, perhaps a visit to the ship's fitness center to work off some of those delicious meals or head up to the sun deck to enjoy the bracing river breeze as the Captain skilfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital.

Our final lunch is served during which Budapest's majestic skyline comes into view. This afternoon you are at leisure so perhaps wander to the Vorosmarty Square in the very heart of Pest, where the rustic cottage-style wooden stalls groan under the weight of their treasure troves of unique Christmas gifts. The scent of traditional honey cookies and mulled wine pervades the air as you browse the stalls, enjoying the friendly festive ambiance or perhaps indulging in a slice of traditional chimney cake.

Tonight, after another delicious dinner on board, enjoy one last evening amongst newly made friends in the convivial bar, recounting stories from a very magical cruise.

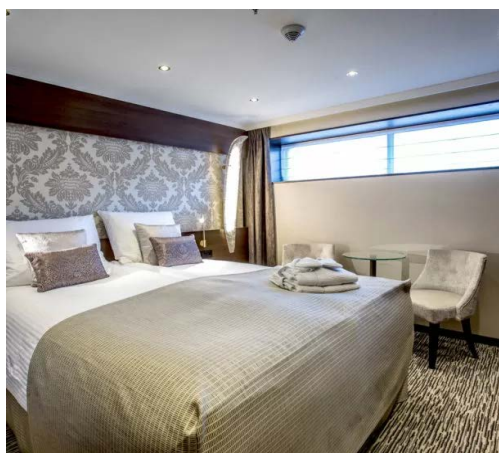
Day 6 - Budapest - After breakfast disembark ship



Ruby Deck Suite: \$2899.00 USD pp*

Ruby Deck Suite - 183 ft² –Ruby (Middle) Deck

- Floor to ceiling glass doors opening to a French balcony
- Private marble bathroom with toilet, wash basin & glass shower enclosure with Crabtree and Evelyn bath products
- Hotel style beds, the best mattresses and fine cotton bed linen
- A bed turn down service operates during dinner
- Seating area with 2 chairs and a table
- In room safe, mini-bar, hair dryer, full-length mirror, plenty of storage space & telephone
- Tea & Coffee making facilities
- Flat-screen televisions with satellite TV channels, GPS and for & aft camera views.
- Individually controlled air-conditioning



Emerald Deck Suite: \$2499.00 USD pp*

Emerald Deck Suite - 172 ft² – Emerald (Lower) Deck

- Smaller Fixed Window
- Private marble bathroom with toilet, wash basin & glass shower enclosure with Crabtree and Evelyn bath products
- Hotel style beds, the best mattresses and fine cotton bed linen
- A bed turn down service operates during dinner
- Seating area with 2 chairs and a table
- In room safe, mini-bar, hair dryer, full-length mirror, plenty of storage space & telephone
- Tea & Coffee making facilities
- Flat-screen televisions with satellite TV channels, GPS and for & aft camera views.
- Individually controlled air-conditioning

***Per person double occupancy**

****Beds can be separated into two twin beds**

*****Single occupancy supplement 100% suite price.**

Inclusions:

- Complimentary all-inclusive drinks package non-alcoholic and alcoholic, tea and coffee.
- 5 nights in choice accommodations on board a five-star ship
- Included experiences - one free tour in each port
- On board entertainment
- Full board dining, breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Free Wi-Fi
- Expert Riviera Cruise Director & Concierge
- All port charges
- All additional taxes

A Complimentary All Inclusive Drinks Package, from 10am to midnight each day, enjoy unlimited choice of:

- ❖ Red, white, rosé, and sparkling house wine, including non-alcoholic
- ❖ Draft beer, including non-alcoholic
- ❖ A selection of soft drinks and juices
- ❖ Our cocktail and mocktail of the day
- ❖ House spirits and mixers (Gin, Vodka, Rum, and Whiskey, Brandy, Port and Bailey, (Excluding Liqueurs)
- ❖ Daily wine
- ❖ Tea and Coffee from the Bar

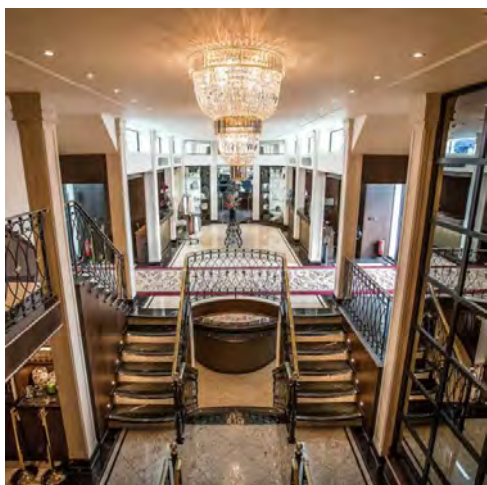


**Swiss operated and world-class
the five-star MS Geoffrey Chaucer.**

On board Features & Facilities

- For and aft sundecks with sun-shades, deck chairs & loungers
- 'Whirlpool' splash pool
- Stylish restaurant with open seating with tables of 4 and 6
- Main lounge with bar & piano
- Bistro bar & restaurant
- Complimentary coffee and tea throughout the day with specialty patisseries in the afternoon
- Elevator to Diamond, Ruby and Emerald decks
- Wellness area, massage, nail salon and hairdresser
- On board souvenir shop*
- Laundry service*

* Additional fee



It is extremely difficult to convey just how extraordinary this outstanding ship really is and exactly what distinguishes it from similar vessels. It would be very easy to just say 'luxurious' but it's much more than that; we have deliberately avoided the current trend for a minimalist style where you could be anywhere in the world, creating instead a unique yet exquisite blend of understated taste, style and elegance at the highest level. Immediately striking is just how exceptionally spacious this new vessel is as you enter a gleaming, richly colored marble-floored lobby flooded with natural light from a stunning atrium above. Moving inside, exceptional creativity from Europe's finest design studio has produced a superbly balanced masterpiece of on board style, utilizing sustainable rich hardwoods, gleaming brass and polished copper, sparkling glass and intricate wrought iron. The ship is beautifully illuminated throughout – including the exterior and imaginatively furnished with harmonious color schemes, all designed to create the serene atmosphere reflective of the golden age of cruising which time after time you tell us you adore. The restaurant rivals the finest on shore establishments taking fine dining to another level complemented by delicate European porcelain, gleaming glassware and the intuitive service in which the Swiss excel. This superb vessel carries 44 in-house trained crew members serving just 167 guests giving the ratio which our experience proves is concurrent with our first class service levels.

Optional Customized Pre-cruise Budapest Tour - November 29-December 1, 2026

Enjoy a 2-night stay in Budapest before embarking on your river cruise, complete with:

- 2- nights at a centrally located hotel with daily breakfast
- Airport transfer on arrival
- Welcome group dinner
- Guided inner visits to:
 - Goldberger Textile Museum (Budapest Textile & Fabric Museum)
 - Museum of Ethnography
 - St. Stephen's Basilica for an evening organ concert
- Choice of a sweet cultural experience:
 - Szamos Chocolate Museum & Workshop or Hungarian Chimney Cake Workshop
- A fabric-focused shopping tour with lunch included
- Private transfer to your riverboat at the end of your stay



Itinerary subject to change. Full details and pricing will be available by July 15, 2026, and offered exclusively to guests already booked on the cruise.



TRAVEL WITH US



KAREN BROWN - Nearly 15 years ago Karen began to quilt to escape from work stress. Beginning with minor knowledge of quilting, it wasn't until Karen joined a stitch'n'chat group with her cousin that she gained confidence to finish her first sampler quilt. With the quilt top completed, she wanted to utilize all the scraps and orphan blocks, thus creating her first AFTERQUILT improv project.

Karen realized her tastes were more modern, so she joined the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild. She has participated in two Quiltcons, making numerous friends along the way. She also began making more complicated quilts; gaining new skills with each project.

In 2018, Karen volunteered to make a video for a guild block lotto challenge. Even though she didn't know how to film and edit, she was committed to the process and teaching herself film-making. These videos lead to her popular YouTube channel, Just Get it Done Quilts which is all about helping quilters decipher all the rules and mix messages they receive. Today, Just Get It Done Quilts has over 466,000 subscribers and 45 million views. Weekly, she shares on her channel her tips, tricks and strategies to help you tidy up your sewing space, use up your stash and deal with your UFO's.

She also has expanded her channel with an interview series Karen's Quilt Circle bringing in guests from around the world. They share their expertise, their challenges and of course their love of quilting. In this rapidly changing world, Karen is committed to help fellow quilters find the calm in their hobby, recharge and empower them, so they can be the best quilter they can be.



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YOUR TRAVEL CONCIERGE



Raymond Evertsen
Director Travel Concierge
US Air Force Veteran

The RGE Travels brand is unique as we don't have a "brick and mortar" location so when it's time to meet, we come to you or meet you at a location near you. That's why we are your "Travel Concierge"! As we are US Veterans at RGE Travels, we try to live by our motto: Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you! It is amazing how 2 people from opposite sides of the USA have so much in common and that commonality is travel. Both of us have lived in multiple states during our youth and we each ignited our travel bug while serving overseas and during deployments in the US Air Force and the US Army. After the military, our careers in the airline industry and security and real estate didn't quell that inquisitive travel bug and in fact pushed us farther into other destinations. With all that travel and our combined destinations, RGE Travels literally has circled the globe to bring this excitement to your travels. This is the reason why we are asking you to join us on another adventure and mingle with people you never met while enjoying the sights, sounds and surroundings because when you travel with us, you're never alone.



John Heinrich
Director of Operations
US Army Veteran



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RESERVATION & TRAVELER INFORMATION FORM

Riviera Travel MS Geoffrey Chaucer

The Danube's Imperial Cities & Yuletide Christmas Markets

Departing December 1-6, 2026

Round Trip from Budapest, Hungary

Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts

Traveler Information

Print name (first/middle/last) EXACTLY as it appears on the Passport you will be using while traveling.

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

Cell #1: _____ Cell #2: _____

Roommate's Name (if not Traveler 2): _____

Type of Stateroom Requested - Double Occupancy

____ Ruby Deck Suite with French Balcony \$2899.00 USD per person*

____ Emerald Deck Suite with Window \$2499.00 USD per person*

Deposit per person \$700.00 USD* Final Payment Due: 24 JUL 26

*\$500.00 USD of deposit nonrefundable per person

**Single occupancy supplement 100% of chosen suite price.

____ Flight Arrangements Needed

Airport Departure City: _____

Airport Return City: _____

Frequent Traveler Number and Airline: _____

**Air will be booked no later than 90 - 120 days before departure.*

Optional Budapest Hungary Pre - Cruise Package*

____ November 29-December 1st, 2025 - Optional customized group pre-cruise

Budapest tour with 2-night hotel with breakfast, airport transfer, group welcome dinner, visit to Budapest textile and fabric museum (Goldberger Textile); Museum of Ethnography, St. Stephen's Basilica organ concert, Szamos Chocolate Museum & workshop, or Hungarian Chimney Cake Workshop, shop hop at fabric shop, with lunch, and then transfer to riverboat.

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Security Information

To make your vacation as enjoyable as possible and to assist us in preparing official documentation, please provide the following:

Traveler 1: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

If air is included: Add Redress #, if available: _____

Passport Number: _____ Citizenship: _____

City/State/Country of Birth: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Traveler 2: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

If air is included: Add Redress #, if available: _____

Passport Number: _____ Citizenship: _____

City/State/Country of Birth: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Passports and VISAS

All guests must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each guest to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the guest will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of guests.

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____

Health

Some areas on the ship may involve considerable walking, stairs or inclines. Travelers should be in reasonably good health, persons requiring assistance advised to be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing assistance. All needs of this nature must be relayed in advance of travel.

Initial here to indicate you have read and understand this: _____

____ Dietary dietary restrictions, if any: _____

____ Handicapped /mobility assistance needed - check mark and list below:

Dining: open seating at dinner, lunch, and breakfast in main dining room and opportunity to dine in the Bistro. Hours of dining room operation vary according to ship schedule.

Inclusions:

5- nights in choice accommodations on board a five-star ship, included experiences - one free tour in each port, all board entertainment, full board dining, breakfast, lunch & dinner, complimentary all-inclusive drinks package non-alcoholic and alcoholic, tea and coffee, free Wi-Fi, expert Riviera Cruise Director & Concierge, all port charges, and all additional taxes.

A Complimentary All Inclusive Drinks Package, from 10am to midnight each day, enjoy unlimited choice of: Red, white, rosé, and sparkling house wine, including non-alcoholic, draft beer, including non-alcoholic, selection of soft drinks and juices, cocktail and mocktail of the day, house spirits and mixers (Gin, Vodka, Rum, and Whiskey, Brandy, Port and Bailey, (Excluding Liqueurs), daily wine, and tea and coffee from the bar.

Meet & greets with Karen brown of Just Get It Done Quilts.

Exclusions:

Airfare, airport transfers, post/pre hotel/tour, shore excursions, travel insurance, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature. gratuities for on board crew, any local guides and motor coach drivers.

**To participate in this special group event cruise, cruise booking must be made through RGE Travels.*

Travel Insurance:

Travel insurance is available and is strongly recommended. Travel insurance is offered to protect your dollar investment due to unforeseen circumstances and should be purchased within 14 days of your reservation for pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver protection.

Travel insurance is provided though Travel Guard/TravelEx. For any illness, cancellations or changes, the client will follow Travel Guard's and TravelEx policies and regulations. An optional cost efficient quote will be emailed along with your trip confirmation and can be purchased with your card on file. Alternatively, you're welcome to obtain your own travel insurance.

____ Check Mark Acknowledgment

FOR QUESTIONS CLICK HERE

Terms & Conditions

All payments ticketed by Riviera Travel will be refunded, less the applicable cancellation fees as outlined below.

Deposit: \$700.00 USD deposit \$500.00 USD of deposit is non-refundable per person

Group Refund and Cancellation Schedule Per Person

From deposit to 101 or more days prior to cruise date - \$500 per person
100 to 61 - \$500 and 50% cruise fare charge per person
60 to 31 days - \$500 and 75% cruise fare charge per person
30 to 15 days - \$500 and 85% cruise fare charge per person
14 to 0 days -100% cruise fare charge per person
100% cruise fare charge per person for no shows or if cancellation is made after travel is scheduled to begin. No refund for unused portions of the trip.

Itinerary: RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours/Network are not responsible for any changes to itinerary before and during cruise by Riviera Travel.

Booking Terms and Conditions: These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours/ Network and Riviera Travel. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. Conditions on this page do supersede conditions stated in the Brochure however for additional terms and conditions not stated here please refer to the 'Booking Conditions and other Important Information' pages on website and www.rivieratravel.com. These must be studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to group bookings and will be advised as they become known.

All guests will be required to adhere to all health and safety protocols established by Riviera Travel at time of cruise. For more information concerning present protocols go to www.rivieratravel.com.

Talent/Artist: RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours are not responsible for the content or cancellation of talent/artist before and during cruise.

I have read, understand and agree to all terms and conditions, including penalties that result in the event of a cancellation.

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Date: _____

Typed full name will be used as signature

RESERVATION PROCESS

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