

Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning presents...

Christmas on the Danube

with Optional 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

November 28 – December 6, 2026



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9 Days • 19 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Christmas Markets, 6-Night Danube River Cruise, Vienna, Würzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Glühwein Party

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Maritim Hotel Würzburg, Würzburg
Days 3 – 8	MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, November 28, 2026 Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven into seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted trinkets, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way through some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Germany.

Day 2: Sunday, November 29, 2026 Würzburg, Germany

Start in Würzburg,* a historic Bavarian city along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy time to unwind and soak in the charms of Franconia. As arrival times will vary, there's no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner and toast to your upcoming adventure. (D)

Day 3: Monday, November 30, 2026 Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, exploring this Baroque city and its famous Würzburg Residence. Continue to Rothenburg, a town of medieval walls, fairy-tale houses, and Christmas markets. Later this afternoon, board your ship in Nuremberg. Your home for the next six nights, this vessel features modern amenities, a panoramic deck café, panorama salon and bar, exceptional service, delicious cuisine, and wine with every dinner. This evening, enjoy a special dinner on board. (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 Nuremberg

After walking along the pier to your coach, join a local expert on a panoramic tour that will give you a taste of the city. Then, continue with a walking tour of Nuremberg, taking you on a stroll through the historic city for more than an hour. See Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes at Nuremberg's 17th-century Christmas market, which is Germany's oldest. Wander among the wooden booths of local goods, where perhaps you'll shop for handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremberg's famous *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread). Spend the afternoon cruising across the continental divide and through the Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, December 2, 2026 Regensburg

With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts holding seasonal ornaments, wooden toys, and local handicrafts. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and experience the beauty and magic of the romantic Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Palace in Regensburg. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thursday, December 3, 2026 Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a leisurely paced guided walking tour of Passau, the 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city also known as the "City of Three Rivers" and take in its ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestoned streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ **-OR-** join a hike with a local guide up to the pilgrimage church Mariahilf** and be rewarded with spectacular views over Passau. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Friday, December 4, 2026 Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Dürnstein - Vienna

Cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery before visiting the cobblestone streets of Dürnstein and the 900-year-old



Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,028; Single \$5,228;

Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,828; Single \$6,528;

Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$5,228; Single \$7,228;

Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$5,628; Single \$8,328;

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Houston Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person.

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first served basis.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Benedictine Melk Abbey. Enjoy some time dedicated to exploring this ancient town. Later, get a taste of local tradition at a Glühwein party before continuing through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. As the day draws to a close, say hello to Vienna, Austria's capital city. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Saturday, December 5, 2026 Vienna It is time to step off the ship and explore. After walking along the pier to reach your coach, join a local expert on a panoramic city tour and see Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, and the Ringstrasse. Then, discover Vienna on foot while walking through the city's charming

cobblestone streets towards the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral and festive Christmas market. (Use caution, as these cobblestones may become slick with frost.) The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat, to enjoy its festive atmosphere and courtyard Christmas market. Celebrate the end of your trip at the Captain's Gala Dinner filled with holiday spirit. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sunday, December 6, 2026 Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends Disembark after breakfast and say goodbye to the iconic Danube. (B)

Experience It! Nuremberg Christmas Market

A Christmas market, also known as *Christkindlesmarkt*, is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. These markets originated in Germany, Austria and Alsace. The history of Christmas markets goes back to the Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe. The Nuremberg Christmas market, first held in 1628, is one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world. It attracts 2 million visitors annually and has over 250 wooden stalls offering traditional ornaments, gifts, handicrafts and fresh food. Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing, the market sells local food, drink and seasonal items from open-air stalls.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$799.00 USD double, \$999.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1294331>

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

During the walking tour in Vienna, you may expect a lot of walking along cobblestone streets at times and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods, up to two hours at a time.

In Nuremberg and Regensburg, the walking tours will take approximately two hours along cobblestone streets with occasional steps.

****If you choose to participate in the Choice on Tour Mariahilf hilltop church hike, please note that you must be able to walk up and down more than 300 steps.**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

While this tour is appropriate for travelers that require some mobility assistance devices, river cruises cannot accommodate travelers on wheelchairs or with restricted mobility due to gangway accesses, mooring requirements, and lack of elevator accessibility to every deck of the ship.

*Driving distance from Frankfurt airport to Würzburg is 127 km (79 miles) and expected traveling time is 1.5 hours depending on traffic.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Cabins are available on lower (Haydn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) are available on a very limited basis.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Embarkation on day 3 is after 3:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is by 9:00 a.m.

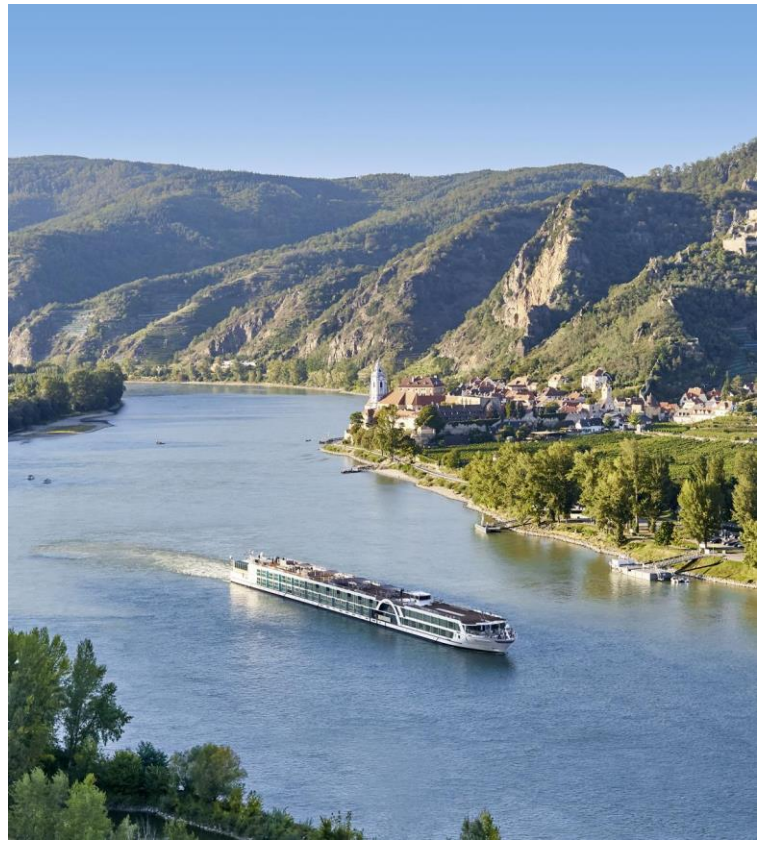
Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities.

Our arrival transfers will depart from Frankfurt airport. Our departure transfers will depart for Vienna airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt, Germany airport and depart from Vienna, Austria airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of November 22, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 31, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until November 29, 2025.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gatewaygocollette.com/link/1294331>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**



162 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI • 02860
Phone: 1-800-852-5655 Fax: 1-401-727-9014

BOOKING NUMBER: 1294331

TOUR: Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-Night
Danube River Cruise

DEPARTURE DATE: November 28, 2026

GROUP NAME: Victoria College Academy of Lifelong
Learning

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Regensburg

The Palais Thurn & Taxis and Its' Christmas Market

\$80 USD

Experience the beauty and magic of the romantic Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Palace in Regensburg. Begin your tour by visiting the state rooms of the princely palace and the palace courtyard to stroll the royal gardens and take in the festive atmosphere of the enchanting Christmas market. Make your way through the stalls of festive wooden huts and explore artisan crafts and culinary delicacies. The above option is only available until 20 days prior to departure. after this time, availability depending, the option may be purchased once you are on the tour from your Tour Manager. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 25 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Vienna

Experience the Schönbrunn Palace & Christmas Market

\$90 USD

Travel from the port to one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings, the Schönbrunn Palace, which was modeled after the palace of Versailles, the residence of Louis XIV (Le Roi Soleil). Here you can view the state apartments of the Habsburgs' summer residence for many years. The Schönbrunn Palace is one of Austria's treasures and a sight to be seen! Later enjoy a delightful visit to the amazing Christmas market. The above option is only available until 20 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are on the tour from your Tour Manager. Due to the nature of this option once purchased it will be nonrefundable. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 25 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



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TOUR: Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-Night Danube River
Cruise
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DEPARTURE DATE: Nov 28, 2026
BOOKING NUMBER: 1294331

AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS

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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	The Palais Thurn & Taxis and Its' Christmas Market <i>The above option is only available until 20 days prior to departure. after this time, availability depending, the option may be purchased once you are on the tour from your Tour Manager.</i>	80.00
	Experience the Schönbrunn Palace & Christmas Market <i>The above option is only available until 20 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are on the tour from your Tour Manager. Due to the nature of this option once purchased it will be nonrefundable.</i>	90.00



TRAVEL DATE: 11/28/2026 TERRITORY: T3
RES#: 1294331

**Christmas on the Danube featuring a 6-Night
Danube River Cruise**

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$699 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague" () Yes () No

CABIN PREFERENCE:

Please Number Your Choices from 1 to 4. (1 being your top choice)

() Lower Outside () Middle Outside () Suite () Upper Outside

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

Extend your vacation with

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$799.00 USD double, \$999.00 USD single, land only

2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

Day 9: Vienna, Austria - Prague, Czech Republic

This morning, say goodbye to your cruise ship and continue through the lovely European countryside to Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arrival, settle into the hotel and join your Tour Manager on an orientation walk of the city.

Day 10: Prague

Your day in this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour through the city before arriving at Hradcany Castle for a stroll across the Charles Bridge. Visit the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral and see the iconic statue-lined Charles Bridge. After you've toured the city, it's time to explore the magical Christmas markets of Prague with your local guide. Wander the stalls filled with hearty food, soul-warming mulled wine, and handmade crafts and ornaments. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: Prague

Your tour ends this morning. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you can partake in a two-hour walking tour covering up to 2 miles (including breaks), over a variety of terrains. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease and handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 15 passengers is not met to operate.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

Tour Extension Travel Requirements:

While visas are not required for U.S., Australian, New Zealand, UK or Canadian citizens for a stay of up to 90 days, we recommend you inquire with your consulate for further information.

Visitors are required to show proof of travel medical insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad with specific coverages. Please visit <https://travel.state.gov> (the U.S. State Department) for the latest details with regards to entry requirements. If you have **purchased our Travel Protection Plan**, your coverage meets this requirement.



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____