

CHRISTMAS MARKET RIVER CRUISE PACKING LIST

There are my packing tips to stay cozy and festive on a Christmas Market river cruise:

Daytime Exploring (Markets & Excursions)

- Warm coat (water-resistant or insulated)
- Sweaters or fleece layers
- Base layers (thermal tops and bottoms)
- Comfortable pants (jeans, corduroy, or thermal-lined trousers)
- Comfortable walking shoes/boots (insulated, waterproof, and slip-resistant)
- Warm socks (wool or thermal)
- Winter accessories: Scarf, Hat (preferably fleece-lined), Gloves (insulated, touchscreen-compatible)
- Day pack or crossbody bag for market shopping

PRO TIP: If you plan to do any bike excursions, make sure you bring a hat without a pompom on top so it fits under the bike helmet.

Evenings Onboard

- Smart casual attire for dinners and events
- Festive outfits for special evenings (optional, but adds a holiday spirit)
- Comfortable lounge wear for relaxing on the ship
- Slip on shoes or cozy slippers to change out of in the evenings or for early morning coffee runs to the lounge.
- A scarf or wrap to keep warm on the ship. The doors open a lot while in port as guests come and go which can make it chilly.

I layered: tee shirt, sweater, puffer jacket, waterproof trench and paired that with leggings and jeans, boots with wool socks, scarf, hat and gloves. This worked for me!

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Compact umbrella

Sunglasses (for crisp sunny days)

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Electronics

Travel adapter for European outlets
Camera or smartphone for photos
Power bank for extra charging
E-reader or book for downtime

Important Documents

Passport (valid for six months after your travel dates)
Cruise documents and tickets
Travel insurance info
Emergency contact list

Health & Comfort

Medication (daily prescriptions and over-the-counter remedies for colds or motion sickness)
Lip balm (winter-proof)
Moisturizer for dry skin

For the Markets

Cash (euros, smaller denominations for tipping. I tip my tour guides 5 or 10 euro and my bus drivers 2-5 euro).
Credit cards (check for chip-enabled and no foreign transaction fees)
I brought a compact shopping bag that I tucked into my crossbody so I could pull it out and use it as needed.

