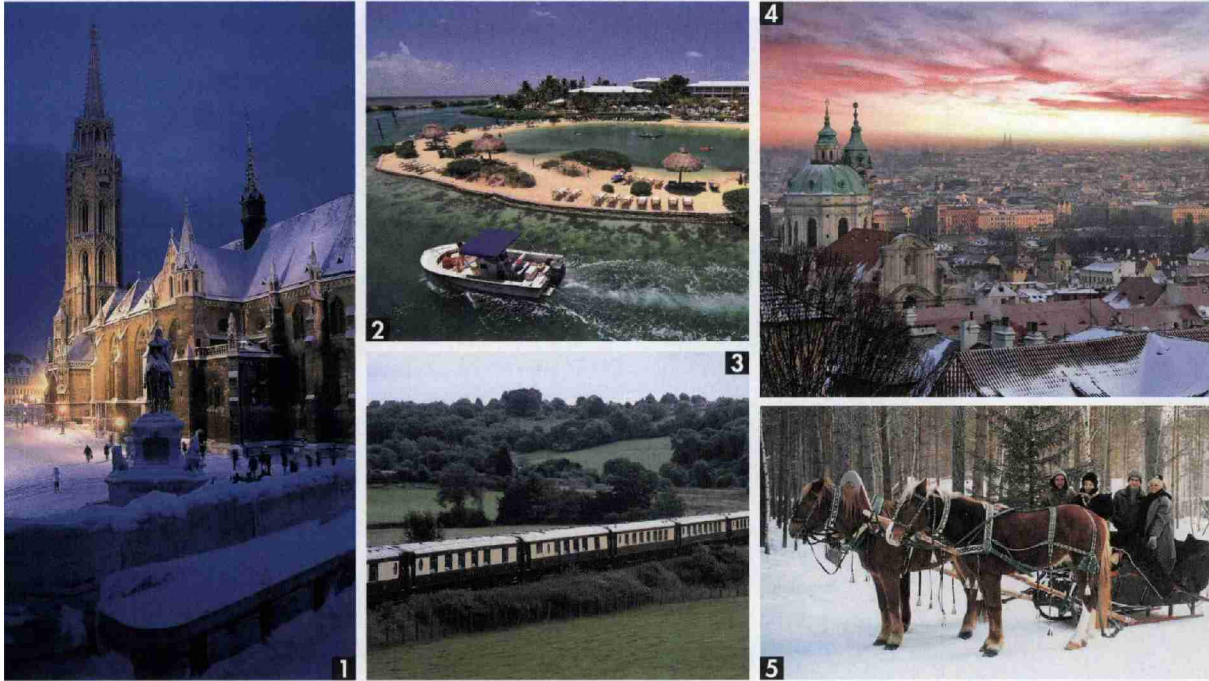




TRAVEL TALK // HOLIDAYS



5 HOLIDAY GETAWAYS

Celebrate December holidays and the arrival of a new year with a trip out of town.

1 Celebrate the holidays while cruising on Uniworld's "Classic Christmas Markets" from Nuremberg to Frankfurt on the *River Queen*. Enjoy the enchantment of a storybook world as you sail Germany's Main River and explore all the delights of the season, including the Christmas markets that started there more than 500 years ago. Try warm apple cider, *glühwein* (warm spiced wine), sweet gingerbread and cold holiday beer. 800.257.2407 or uniworld.com

2 Deck the halls at **Hawks Cay Resort**. This is holiday hoopla with a Florida Keys twist. Think Santa on a Jet Ski rather than a sleigh. From Nov. 29 through Dec. 18, enjoy discounted rates on accommodations and resort activities. Designed for all ages, families will enjoy Christmas cookie decorating, hot chocolate and story time with Mrs. Claus, writing letters to Santa, creating family holiday cards and meeting Santa himself. Promo code is "hexmas." 888.395.5539 or hawkscaychristmas.com

3 Calling all anglophile train aficionados – Canterbury Christmas carols are celebrated while **The Belmond British Pullman** embarks on a rail journey to the ancient city of Canterbury. Departing from London's Victoria station, guests will be dining on brunch while sipping bellinis, and

enjoying a candle-lit performance by the legendary Canterbury Singers. Then finish that holiday shopping during some free time in town before heading back to London. 800.524.2420 or belmond.com

4 Spend New Year's in **Prague**, known there as St. Sylvester's Day after the saint's feast day. For good luck that will last all year, ring in 2015 with a taste of herring before midnight while toasting with the national drink – beer! Wish your new Czech friends "Stastny novy rok!" as the clock strikes midnight. This "golden" city of arts and culture shines. Prague's long history as an artistic and cultural center is mirrored in its wide diversity of architectural styles, from Romanesque to radical. 800.227.3235 or go-today.com

5 Dance with the Czars. This New Year's Day celebratory tour called **Russian Winter Wonder Land** is built around Moscow merrymaking and the glorious unparalleled St. Petersburg. New Year's Eve is the most festive holiday of the year in Russia, with parties, festivals and vodka toasts. Party at the lavish Czar's Ball in Catherine's Palace, where tiered crystal chandeliers illuminate the polished parquet floors and an orchestra invites you to waltz. "Nastrovia!" 800.424.7289 or mircorp.com/trip/russian-winter-wonder-land

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