

Christmas Markets of Germany & Austria

8 days

Sept 05 - Sept 13, 2017

\$1519 per person pp dbl occ



Escorted Tour Includes:

Flights St. Louis to Munich, Vienna-St. Louis

Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

6 nights accommodations

2 nights Munich

1 night Nuremberg

1 night Salzburg

2 nights Vienna

Hotel portorage

All transfers

9 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners

Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

Experience the charm of the world famous Christmas markets in Munich, Salzburg, Nuremberg & Vienna

Tour Bavarian Munich with its world-famous "dancing" Glockenspiel clock

Visit magical Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and scene of the Sound of Music

View Vienna with its magnificent Baroque palaces, parks and monuments

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Itinerary

DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Germany

DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Munich

Arrive in Munich and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to discover Munich's Christmas Market. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, followed by a Welcome Drink and Dinner at your hotel

DAY 3, Tuesday - Munich City Tour & Christmas Market

This morning, tour Munich and view the major sights of the city, in particular, Nymphenburg Palace, former summer palace of the Wittelsbach dynasty. Continue via the Olympic Stadium to view many of the famous squares, including the delightful Marienplatz to see the Glockenspiel clock with its playful mechanical figures. Here you can begin exploring the largest and most famous Christmas market of Munich. This afternoon is free to further explore the over 20 Christmas markets located throughout the city or, join the *optional* to Linderhof & Oberammergau. Admire the artistically decorated Linderhof castle, built by "Mad" King Ludwig II along with a guided tour of the palace. Proceed via the Ettal Monastery to Oberammergau, world-famous for its Passion Play
Optional: Linderhof & Oberammergau (PM)

DAY 4, Wednesday - Nuremberg Christmas Market

This morning, travel to Nuremberg to visit Germany's most famous Christmas market. With nearly 180 wooden stalls richly decorated with traditional wares, the market has earned the colorful title "Little Town from Wood and Cloth". Enjoy free time to perhaps sample a glass of mulled wine and the local roasted sausage

DAY 5, Thursday - Salzburg City Tour & Christmas Market

This morning head to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart and famous cultural setting for the Sound of Music. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walking city tour of Salzburg where you will view such sights as the cathedral, Getreidegasse, St. Peter's monastery and views of the mighty 11th-century Hohensalzburg fortress. Enjoy free time to browse Salzburg's Christmas Market with a variety of stalls full of decorations, holiday gifts and gingerbread

DAY 6, Friday - Vienna City Tour & Christmas Market

Today, travel to Vienna, the former center of the Hapsburg Empire. Begin along the famous Ringstrasse and view the State Opera House, Parliament and City Hall, the site of the lively Christmas Market. Tonight, attend the *optional* Mozart & Strauss Concert, featuring the classical masterpieces of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens
Optional: Mozart & Strauss Concert (PM)

DAY 7, Saturday - Full Day in Vienna

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Vienna's Christmas Markets or, join the *optional* tour to Bratislava. This morning, enjoy an excursion across the border to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. For centuries, this city has been famous for its charm and beauty. It has undergone a major revitalization and now flourishes as one of Europe's newest capitals. The beautifully restored old town with its winding lanes and medieval courtyards is nestled between the steep Castle Hill and the Danube River. Tonight, enjoy the *optional* Austrian Wine Tavern Dinner. Spend a pleasant evening in a cozy Viennese wine tavern in one of the many villages surrounding the city in the Vienna Woods. A hearty meal is accompanied with local wine and music

Optional: Bratislava, Slovakia (AM)

Optional: Austrian Wine Tavern Dinner (PM)

DAY 8, Sunday - Depart Austria

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight