

# ***EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS TOUR***



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## Christmas Tour of Europe with Flights

Duration: 15 days

Departs: December 2023 & 2024

Stay: 13 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EXTT15M

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# 15 Days Europe White Christmas Tour & Flights

## About the holiday

This tour showcases 11 countries in Europe at the most festive time of the year!

Start off in Amsterdam and get acquainted with a European winter. From frozen canals and hot waffles, to the picture-perfect beauty of Germany's Rhine Valley. Soak up the sights of the celebrated city of Nuremberg. Spend Christmas in one of the continent's finest capitals - Prague!

Journey between Bratislava, Budapest, Vienna and Ljubljana. Discover the charms of Italy's Tuscany region. Celebrate an unforgettable New Year's Eve in Switzerland and embrace the festive atmosphere of Paris. There's no doubt about it - Christmas in Europe is a bucket-list-worthy experience!

## Why you'll love this trip...

Make it a Christmas to remember on a very special winter journey

Start and finish in Amsterdam, with flights included from Australia

Explore the Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland, France and Belgium

Have the merriest of Christmases with all the traditional trimmings!

## Travel dates

Departs Australia on 21 December 2023 & 19 December 2024

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for tours at other times of the year.*

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## Escorted Christmas & New Year Tour includes:

### Flights

- Return economy airfare to Amsterdam
- Fly from Australian capital cities with checked baggage (*prices may vary*)

### Accommodation

- 13 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for a private room*

### Meals

- 13 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners  
*\*Vegetarian options available for all meals on request*

### Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

### Escorted Tour

- Services of your tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

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## Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential - we can assist with a quote

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Subject to confirmation by airlines, tour company & local operators.*

*Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.*

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## Tour special features:

- Enjoy a cheese and clogs demonstration
- Marvel at the stunning scenery in Zaanse Schans
- Visit the lakeside town of Volendam
- Cruise the canals of Amsterdam
- Cruise along the Rhine River
- Indulge in a wine tasting in the Rhine Valley
- Visit the historic Bavarian city, Nuremberg
- See the best of Prague on a guided walking tour
- Taste authentic Czech cuisine
- Visit Bratislava, capital of Slovakia
- Go on a walking tour of Vienna, Austria's capital
- Drive along and see the best-loved sights in Budapest
- Visit Lake Balaton
- Lunch stop in Maribor
- Walking tour of Ljubljana with a local guide
- Orientation tour to the heart of Venice
- Walking tour of Florence
- Dinner in Florence
- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Enjoy a scenic mountain drive to Switzerland
- Head out on a driving tour of Paris
- Visit the port city of Ghent

## Itinerary:

### ***DAY 1, Saturday - Depart for the Netherlands***

Board your flights from Australia

### ***Day 2: Start of tour in Amsterdam***

Welcome to the start of this exciting Christmas and New Year tour of Europe! The festive adventure begins in Amsterdam where you will meet up with your group and tour leader. The tour kicks off with Dutch staples - cheese and clogs! See how these classic Dutch items are made the traditional way before visiting Zaanse Schans, a Dutch town famous for its historic windmills and wooden houses. Travel to Volendam for lunch and free time this afternoon. Next, it's back to Amsterdam for the best introduction to this vibrant city - a canal cruise! Finish off day one with a delicious group welcome dinner.

### ***Day 3: Amsterdam - Rhine Valley***

Day three and it's time for a new country! Cross the border into Germany and travel to the beautiful Rhine Valley. Arrive and enjoy a wine tasting at Boppard before embarking on a river boat cruise from Boppard to St Goar. Enjoy the scenic views along the riverbank during the cruise - this section of Germany is home to the highest concentration of medieval castles in all of Europe! Disembark and pay a visit to the fascinating local steins and cuckoo clock workshop. Travel to tonight's accommodation and enjoy dinner with the group at the hotel.

### ***Day 4: Nuremburg - Prague***

Today we're off to Prague via Nuremberg, stopping in the Bavarian city for a comfort stop. Having served as a residence for German kings over many centuries, Nuremberg was an architectural marvel, and famous for its artists too. Heavily bombed during WW2, the city was painstakingly rebuilt, and today has been returned to some of its former glory - many buildings being rebuilt in the original stone. Prague is a beautiful city, boasting elaborate baroque, gothic, art nouveau and cubist architecture, and rewarding those who explore it with quirky bars, cobbled lanes and courtyards. Known for its brilliant beer and abundance of art, any exploration of Prague will be a rewarding one, and this evening we'll round off the day with an included dinner.

### ***Day 5: Prague (Christmas Day): Free Day***

Merry Christmas! The day is free for you to explore as you wish. You can choose to go for a sung mass in the morning, go to the theatre, or - if there's snow - go skating or sledging. Alternatively, take a walk in Stromovka, visit Christmas markets in the many town squares or visit the zoo. Described by some as the 'Jewel in the Crown' of Central Europe, you'll find that Prague is just as engaging as Rome, London or Amsterdam, and is at least as beautiful as Paris. Let yourself wander and explore today - you never know the delights you might find!

Start off with the Charles Bridge, which joins the old and the new town, and marvel at how Prague's dramatic history is reflected in the beauty of its churches, opera houses, concert halls and of course Prague castle. You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy an optional Christmas meal this evening.

### ***Day 6: Bratislava - Vienna***

Today we head for the grandeur of Vienna, visiting Bratislava, Capital of Slovakia, for a quick comfort stop. Surrounded by mountains, vineyards, ski runs and unbridled wilderness. Bratislava is a charming city. Spot the medieval castle overlooking the old town and marvel at recent Socialist-era architecture. Next stop, the beautiful Austrian city of Vienna. A guided walking tour of the UNESCO-credited city centre. See sights like the Hofburg Palace and St Stephen's Cathedral. Dinner is included tonight and afterwards and you could enjoy an orchestra performance. What could be better than experiencing music in one of the city's concert halls?

### ***Day 7: Vienna - Budapest***

Wave goodbye to Vienna and travel to the striking Hungarian capital of Budapest. Sitting astride the Danube River, this scenic city is known for its singular mix of Baroque, Neoclassical and Art Nouveau architecture. On arrival in Budapest, get an overview of this historic city on a driving tour, headed up by a local guide. The trip will start on the Buda side of the river and include an excursion to Fisherman's Bastion, glimpses of the Houses of Parliament & more. This afternoon you have the freedom to explore the city and all of its delights however you please. Enjoy an optional dinner cruise along the Danube this evening.

### ***Day 8: Lake Balaton - Maribor - Ljubljana***

Leaving Budapest, to an iconic holiday destination in Hungary - the beautiful Lake Balaton. With nearly 200km of shoreline, it is the largest lake in central Europe. It's a great place to take a dip on a hot summer day. Next, we'll stop in Maribor in Slovenia. While here, enjoy lunch and visit the fascinating City Museum. Then on to our final stop of the day, the Slovenian capital Ljubljana. It's filled to the brim with fairytale castles, beautiful architecture and plenty of natural beauty. An expert local guide will accompany us on a walking tour to point out all the must-see attractions. Afterwards, explore the city on your own or join an optional Slovenia Evening excursion before heading back to your hotel for the night.

### ***Day 9: Ljubljana - Venice***

Say farewell to Slovenia and *ciao* Italy! Today's destination is Venice. This floating city is famous around the world for its canals, gondolas and artistic masterpieces! It is truly a destination that will capture your imagination and leave its mark on your heart. Learn more about Venice and its top sights on an orientation tour with your tour leader. Look forward to seeing highlights like St Mark's Square, the Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge.

Later, enjoy free time to explore. This is your chance to enjoy a classic Venetian experience - a gondola ride or water taxi trip along the canals!

### ***Day 10: Florence - Tuscany***

Journey into the hills of Tuscany today. Travel towards Florence and admire the rolling hills, vineyards and charm of the countryside along the way. Arrive and enjoy a panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. Next up is a locally guided walking tour of the city. Enjoy the historical landmarks of the city which will be specially decked out for the festive time of year. Learn more about the riveting history of Florence too, including stories about the Renaissance age and the De Medici family! Tonight, enjoy a traditional Italian meal during dinner at a local restaurant. After a day filled with the delights of Florence, it's time to spend the night in a hotel in the Tuscan countryside.

### ***Day 11: Pisa - Swiss Alps (New Year's Eve)***

Depart Tuscany and head for the hills (well, mountains actually!) En route to the Swiss Alps, make a stop at one of the world's most famous buildings - the Leaning Tower of Pisa! Be sure to have your cameras ready to snap some photos! Afterwards, strap in for a journey through the Alps. Cross the border into Switzerland and enjoy a scenic mountain drive before arriving at the small Swiss Alpine town which will be home for tonight and the perfect spot to say farewell to the old year and ring in the new! Tonight, celebrate New Year's Eve with the tour group surrounded by the beauty of the Swiss Alps.

### ***Day 12: Swiss Alps: Free Day***

Make the most of the first day of a new year and enjoy the splendour of the Alps on this free day! You can make the most of your time by taking a leisurely stroll through the local villages and alongside crystal-clear lakes. Or hit the slopes for a spot of skiing if you're feeling up to it. Why not take a train or cable car to higher altitudes and surround yourself with snow-capped peaks and white winter snow? If you decide to go into a local village your options are limitless! Walk through the market-stalls, indulge in the local refreshments or start celebrating the new year with some warm gluhwein - delicious!

### ***Day 13: Swiss Alps - Paris***

So long Switzerland, it's time for Paris! Today calls for an early start. Travel through the French countryside and arrive in Paris this afternoon. Get your cameras ready and head off on a driving tour of the "City of Lights. The city's most famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Arc du Triomphe are on the itinerary! Following the driving tour is a group dinner at a restaurant in the city! After a delicious meal with your new-found travel buddies, it's time to travel back to the hotel to get some rest for another free day tomorrow.

### ***Day 14: Paris: Free Day***

Discover the magic of Paris at your own pace today. There are a variety of optional activities to enjoy on this free day. See the city from the water on a cruise along the River Seine, stroll along the Champs-Élysées, admire the views from the Montparnasse Tower or delve deeper into the city on an optional Paris+ tour. There are museums, festive markets, cafes and gardens just waiting to be explored. As the sun sets, the city bursts with exciting activities! Why not experience an evening in Montmartre or live it up at a cabaret show? *C'est la vie!*

### ***Day 15: Paris - Ghent - Amsterdam***

This festive two-week tour comes to an end today with one last stop and one more new country along the way! Say au revoir to Paris and travel on to Ghent in Belgium. Enjoy a lunch stop and free time to explore the charming medieval city centre. Afterwards, it's time to journey onwards to Amsterdam where the tour will conclude. Before saying farewell, be sure to swap contact details with your new travel friends. Arrive in Amsterdam where you will continue with your onward journey. We hope you enjoyed this Christmas and New Year tour of Europe - travel is a truly memorable way to celebrate!

**Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels and conditions, road accessibility, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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