

GERMANY CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOUR



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Christmas Markets of Germany Escorted Tour

Duration: 8 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 7 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour

Booking code: GXTG8M

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8 Days Christmas Markets Tour of Germany

About the holiday

Enjoy travelling through Germany at the most festive time of the year!

Start off in Berlin and get acquainted with a European winter (fingers crossed for snow to complete the traditional scene). Travel to Dresden, where you'll find Germany's oldest Christmas market and the famous 48-foot high Christmas pyramid, a historic Ferris wheel with candy-striped gondolas, and more than 200 stalls selling everything from intricate glass ornaments and wooden toys, to traditional cakes and decorative wreaths.

Next stops are Bavaria's historic cities of Nuremberg and Munich. There's much to be enjoyed as you tour the Old Towns, enjoy the aroma of hot chestnuts and gingerbread that wafts from the Christmas markets and maybe join a fun optional evening tour to a Bavarian beer hall.

Celebrate an unforgettable lead up to Christmas and embrace the festive atmosphere Germany. 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

Explore Berlin, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rottenburg ob der Tauber & Munich

Have the merriest festive season with all the traditional trimmings!

Travel dates

2023 & 2024 - Select dates in November & December, see our website for details

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please contact us for current rates.



Escorted Christmas Markets Tour includes:

- 7 nights First Class hotels
 - 2 nights Berlin
 - 1 night Dresden
 - 2 nights Nuremberg
 - 2 nights Munich
- 10 meals: 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Package excludes:

Flights to Germany - please contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, Wi-Fi 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 hotels, tour company & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Tour special features:

- Experience the dazzling Christmas Markets in Berlin, Dresden, Nuremberg & Munich
- Cross the former Iron Curtain to the landmarks of Berlin including "Checkpoint Charlie"
- Discover Dresden, an astonishing city that emerged from destruction to splendour
- In Nuremberg, view the historic Palace of Justice where the Nuremberg Trials were held
- Excursion to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the fairytale town in the Franconian heartland
- At Marienplatz Square in Munich, watch the famous glockenspiel clock

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Monday - Arrive in Berlin

Arrive in Germany's magnificent capital city of Berlin - vibrant and glistening over the joyful holiday season. After arranging your own transport to the hotel, the rest of the day is yours to immerse yourself in the dynamic spirit of the city. The tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM, followed by a light dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive by 4 PM

Overnight: Berlin

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Tuesday - Berlin City Tour & Christmas Market

The major sights of Berlin are revealed as you cross the former Iron Curtain to the landmarks of the city including the glass dome Reichstag building, triumphal Brandenburg Gate and "Checkpoint Charlie." View the State Opera House, Cathedral, bustling Unter den Linden Street and Kurfurstendamm, magnificently decorated with unending rows of sparkling Christmas trees. Time on your own this afternoon to visit Berlin's lively Christmas Market. Sip on mulled wine and munch on Lebkuchen, a gingerbread-like cookie, as you browse stalls with handcrafted gifts beneath canopies of colourful lights. Or, join the *optional* Berlin's Hidden Past tour and delve beneath the surface to learn more about the defeat of the Nazis, the liberation, and the destruction and division of Germany's capital. In the evening, perhaps walk along the stunning illuminated squares and landmarks of the city to one of the city's premier restaurants

Optional: Berlin's Hidden Past

Overnight: Berlin

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3, Wednesday - Dresden City Tour

This morning, travel to the splendid baroque art city of Dresden, on the banks of the Elbe River. Discover this astonishing Renaissance city distinguished by its celebrated art museums and classic architecture that emerged from wartime destruction to luxurious splendour. Stop at the Versailles-inspired Zwinger Palace, once setting for court festivities and the world-famous Semper Opera House. Continue to the baroque Frauenkirche Church, symbol of reconstruction with its magnificent baroque dome. A highlight of the day is an intriguing visit to the celebrated Green Vault to admire the jewels and treasures of Saxon kings. The rest of the evening is yours to discover Dresden's Christmas Market traditionally called Striezelmarkt, named after the world's most famous Stollen Christmas cake! This traditional market with its romantic and festive charm is a treasure trove for traditional handmade crafts

Overnight: Dresden

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Thursday - Nuremberg City Tour & Old Town Christmas Market

Today, you head to Nuremberg, Bavaria's energetic city with its history of almost one thousand years. View the historic Palace of Justice where the War Crimes Tribunal met in 1946, known as the Nuremberg Trials, and the chilling Nazi Rally Grounds where mass events were held to fuel the party propaganda. After destruction in WWII, the city has been painstakingly reconstructed, returning to some of its former glory. Since the Middle Ages, Nuremberg has been well-known for its craftsmen and artists who settled the city. Some of this delicate craftsmanship can be found at its renowned spectacular Christmas market in the Old Town which brings visitors from all over the world. The air is scented with a Christmas aroma of roasted almonds, gingerbread and hot chestnuts. Look up and see the golden angel with her white dress and jewelled crown, symbol of this magical market. Tonight, a festive dinner together at a popular local restaurant

Overnight: Nuremberg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Friday - Rothenburg ob der Tauber Excursion

A delightful excursion today to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the picturesque walled town in the Franconian heartland where time has stood still. Untouched by the ravages of war, you'll be enchanted by this fairytale gem with its medieval cobble streets, ramparts, and century's old mansions. On the walking tour, stop at the Town Hall square with its unusual clock that displays a mechanical drinking scene with moving figures. At St. Jacob's Church, view the treasured 500-year-old altarpiece, considered one of Germany's greatest pieces of woodcarving. Linger at one of the cute ornament shops, visit the Christmas Museum with its old time gifts, or just sit at a café and enjoy the ambiance before returning to Nuremberg for leisure time

Overnight: Nuremberg

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Saturday - City Tour of Munich

Travel to Munich, the pride of Bavaria with its fun loving spirit. At Marienplatz Square, cultural centre of the city, join the crowds watching the famous glockenspiel clock dating back to 1908 with its colourful mechanical figures dancing at the top of the hour. Continue to the Olympic Stadium in the heart of Olympia Park, main venue for the 1972 Summer Olympics. Driving through the city, view the Nymphenburg Palace with its gorgeous baroque facade, once summer residence of Bavarian rulers and historic monuments including the Koenigsplatz. Tonight, don't miss the *optional* Bavarian Evening that includes a tour of night lit and holiday decorated Munich combined with dinner at a Bavarian beer hall. Drinking beer in Germany is a serious pastime and there's no better place to indulge than here in Munich!

Optional: Bavarian Evening with Dinner

Overnight: Munich

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Sunday - Full Day in Munich

At leisure to independently enjoy the delights of the city and its dazzling Christmas Market. The 100-foot glittering Christmas tree welcomes you! Delight in the multi-coloured twinkling lights, shop for unique Bavarian gifts, and nibble on warm spiced cake as you make your way to some of the more than 20 magical markets.

Alternatively, join the *optional* excursion to fairytale Linderhof Palace, built by "mad" King Ludwig II and Oberammergau, world-famous for its Passion Play - two of the highlights of Southern Bavaria in the high Alps. Tonight during dinner, share wonderful memories of your journey and bid farewell to your Tour Manager

Optional: Linderhof and Oberammergau

Overnight: Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Monday - Depart Germany

Make your way to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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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