

EUROPE CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOUR



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Christmas Markets of Europe Tour & Flights

Duration: 16 days

Stay: 14 nights hotels, 1 overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EXMT16M

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16 Days European Christmas Markets Tour & Flights

About the holiday

Experience a magical lead up to Christmas as you journey through Romania, Germany, Austria and Hungary's most charming cities.

Delve into the festive atmosphere of Bucharest and explore the ancient Cozia Monastery. Discover the enchanting beauty of Salzburg, where the Christmas market comes alive with local crafts and traditional delicacies. Wander through the picturesque Vienna and explore Munich.

Throughout the two-week tour, you'll be immersed in the rich cultural heritage and timeless traditions of a European Christmas.

Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy travelling through Europe at the most festive time of the year

Licensed local guides will share the wonders of the regions with you

Group size of 12-42 people, with all travellers being 18+ years

Visit Bucharest, Sibiu, Brasov, Bucharest, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna & more

Appreciate the comforts of 4-star hotels and convenience of included daily breakfast

Have the merriest festive season with all the traditional trimmings!

Travel dates

2024 - Select dates in 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.

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Christmas Markets Escorted Tour includes:

- **Flights** - Return economy airfare, fly Australia to Bucharest & from Budapest
 - One-way economy airfare from Bucharest to Munich
- **Accommodation** - 14 nights in 4-star hotels, or similar, based on twin share
 - 3 nights Bucharest
 - 2 nights Sibiu
 - 2 nights Brasov
 - 2 nights Munich
 - 2 nights Salzburg
 - 2 nights Vienna
 - 1 night Budapest
- **Escorted Tour** - Complimentary WiFi access at hotels (where available)
 - 14 breakfasts
 - Transportation in air-conditioned coach or mini-bus
 - Services of experienced local guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism
 - Airport arrival transfers from Bucharest Airport to the hotel on day 1

Package excludes:

Transfers, other than those specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Meals, except for daily breakfast

Entrance fees to the sights & museums

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. Solo travellers have the option to share or pay a single supplement for private rooms.

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Itinerary:

Day 1 : Fly from Australia to Romania

Day 2 : Arrive Bucharest

Welcome to Bucharest! At the airport, keep an eye out for the local representative sign for your transfer to the hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring the city at your leisure. In the evening, attend a welcome meeting with your fellow travellers to get to know each other and go over the itinerary for the next few days.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Mercure Unirii - 4 Star
- **Included Activities**
Welcome Meeting
- **Optional Activities**
Group Dinner

Day 3 : Bucharest City Tour

After breakfast, take a guided tour of Bucharest to see the city's main sights, such as the Palace of the Parliament and the National Village Museum. In the afternoon, visit Bucharest's Christmas markets, such as the one in the Old Town, to sample local food and drink and pick up some souvenirs.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Mercure Unirii - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Bucharest City Tour

Day 4 : Cozia Monastery, Sibiu Old Town & Christmas Market

Travel to Cozia Monastery in the morning, an ancient and beautiful Orthodox monastery. After a tour, continue to Sibiu and explore the charming Old Town with a guide, including the famous Christmas market. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and taste local food and drinks.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Golden Tulip Ana Tower - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Visit to Cozia Monastery
Sibiu Sightseeing

Day 5 : Rasinari Tram, Sibiu

Ride the Rasinari Tram to the village of Rasinari, where you can visit a local museum and learn about traditional life in the area. Return to Sibiu for more time in the Christmas market or to explore other parts of the city.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Golden Tulip Ana Tower - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Rasinari Sightseeing

Day 6 : Sighisoara, Brasov City Tour & Christmas Market

Visit the medieval city of Sighisoara, birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (also known as Dracula). Take a walking tour of the town, including the Clock Tower Museum, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, travel to Brasov for a city tour and visit the Christmas market in the evening.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Ambient - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Visit to Brasov
Sighisoara Sightseeing

Day 7 : Bran Castle, Brasov

Visit the famous Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's Castle, and learn about the history and legends associated with it. Return to Brasov for some free time in the afternoon to explore the city or do some Christmas shopping.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Ambient - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Visit to Bran Castle

Day 8 : Sinaia, Peles Castle, Bucharest

Travel to Sinaia to visit Peles Castle, a beautiful Neo-Renaissance palace built in the late 1800s. After the tour, return to Bucharest for some final Christmas shopping.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel Mercure Unirii - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Visit to Peles Castle

Day 9 : Bucharest, Munich (By Flight)

Are you ready to say goodbye to Romania and fly to Munich, Germany's third-largest city? Munich is known for its rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture, and world-famous Oktoberfest. Upon arrival enjoy some free time to explore the city's famous landmarks, including Marienplatz, the Viktualienmarkt, and the Englischer Garten.

- **Accommodation**
Holiday Inn Munchen Sud or Tulip Inn Munchecn Messe - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast

Day 10 : Munich

Start your day with a visit to the Frauenkirche, Munich's iconic cathedral, to kick off your orientation walk of this famed town. Explore the city's famous Christmas markets including the Christkindlmarkt in Marienplatz and the medieval market at Wittelsbacher Platz. Enjoy a traditional Bavarian lunch and explore the markets at your own pace. In the evening, take a walk through the Schwabing neighbourhood and enjoy some local food and drinks.

- **Accommodation**
Holiday Inn Munchen Sud or Tulip Inn Munchecn Messe - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Munich City Tour
- **Optional Activities**
Allianz Arena FC Bayern Museum & Arena Tour (approx. €40)
Hofbrauhaus Bavarian Dinner Night (approx. €45)

Day 11 : Munich-Salzburg

Travel southeast into Austria to Salzburg today. On arrival, check in to your hotel and then head out into the city for an orientation walk with your leader. The city will captivate with its history, cobblestone lanes, bubbling river and charmingly kitsch atmosphere. In the late afternoon, visit the atmospheric Christmas market in Cathedral Square, where the smells of gluehwein, roasted chestnuts, toasted almonds and cinnamon brushed baked apples waft through the marketplace and traditional Salzburg choirs fill the air. Later on, jump in to a cable car and reach the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the city's most visible landmark. This fully preserved castle hosts a small, intimate Christmas market and if you're lucky, Christmas themed live music.

- **Accommodation**
Austria Trend Hotel Europe Salzburg or similar - 4 star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast

- **Included Activities**
Salzburg City Tour
Hohensalzburg Fortress Sightseeing

Day 12 : Salzburg

Today is a day for you to freely explore Salzburg and its nearby regions. You may consider taking a trip to the salt mine located in Berchtesgaden, which can be found in the German Alps. Alternatively, you can immerse yourself in the world of the von Trapp family from the classic film “The Sound of Music” by visiting the famous filming locations such as Mirabell Gardens, Pegasus Fountain, Leopoldskron Palace, and Hellbrunn Palace. In the evening, you could return to the bustling Christmas markets to revel in the festive ambiance a bit longer.

- **Accommodation**
Austria Trend Hotel Europa Salzburg or similar - 4 star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Optional Activities**
House of Mozart (approx. €25)

Day 13 : Salzburg, Vienna

Once you arrive in Vienna today, take part in a guided walking tour led by your guide. During the tour, you will get to see magnificent buildings, parks, and monuments that pay homage to celebrated composers and notable historical figures. During your leisure time, consider visiting the stunning Hofburg Palace or the Leopold Museum, or you can take in stunning city views from the top of the Prater Ferris Wheel.

Later in the day, make your way to the Christmas markets located in front of the City Hall. There, you can peruse the various stalls, indulge in some delicious freshly baked cinnamon biscuits, and enjoy a warm cup of Christmas punch.

- **Accommodation**
Eventhotel Pyramide or Austria Trend Hotel Ananas - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Vienna City Tour

Day 14 : Vienna

You have a full day to spend exploring Vienna, so why not consider visiting Schoenbrunn Palace, personally designed by Empress Maria Theresa? While the gardens are open to all visitors free of charge, there is a fee for entering the palace and taking tours. To avoid lengthy queues, it’s recommended to book your tickets in advance through schoenbrunn.at.

Return to the sparkling Christmas markets in the afternoon, with more than 12 Christmas markets scattered throughout the city, you're bound to discover the perfect holiday gift!

- **Accommodation**
Eventhotel Pyramide or Austria Trend Hotel Ananas - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Vienna City Tour
- **Optional Activities**
Schonbrunn Palace - Imperial Tour (approx. €50)
Danube Tower (approx. €30)
Salzbergwerk Berchtesgaden Salt Mine (approx. €40)

Day 15 : Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest

Travel from Vienna to Bratislava today, where you'll have a few hours to explore the Slovakian capital on your own. Stroll along the Danube promenade, visit the Bratislava Castle, or try some traditional Slovakian food. In the afternoon, continue on to Budapest, known as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. After a short orientation walk around the city, it's time to visit the Christmas markets.

- **Accommodation**
Hotel City Inn or Novotel Budapest City - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Budapest Orientation Walk

Day 16 : Depart Budapest, fly to Australia

Check out of your accommodation this morning and say goodbye to your fellow travellers. If you have some extra time, you may want to visit some of Budapest's other attractions, such as the Fisherman's Bastion or the Hungarian National Museum. Alternatively, you could head back to the Christmas markets to pick up any last-minute souvenirs or indulge in some more traditional Hungarian food and drink. When it's time to depart, your tour leader will be on hand to offer any assistance with transport arrangements to the airport to catch your return flights to Australia.

- **Meals Included**
Breakfast

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road and river 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 understanding and flexible in this regard.

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