

Christmas Markets of Austria, Germany & Switzerland



Departs: December 10, 2014

Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Double Room: \$1,942

Single Room Supplement: \$484

***Subject to change as day by day itinerary is not finalized.**

Insider Experiences

- **Hidden Treasure:** Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure experience, unique to your itinerary, courtesy of your expert Travel Director.
- **Local Guide:** For included sightseeing in Vienna and Salzburg.

Sightseeing Highlights

- **Christmas Markets:** In Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne & Zurich.
- **Vienna:** See the Hofburg, City Hall and State Opera House.
- **Salzburg:** Admire the Mirabell Gardens and Mozart's birthplace.
- **Munich:** View the Hofbräuhaus and the Glockenspiel in Marienplatz.
- **Neuschwanstein Castle:** Horse and carriage ride to the castle for a guided visit of the apartments.
- **Oberammergau:** Visit the Passion Play village.
- **Innsbruck:** See the Golden Roof and Old Town Square.
- **Lucerne:** See the Lion Monument and wooden Chapel Bridge.

Dining

- 7 hot buffet breakfasts.
- 4 evening meals including: Welcome Reception including a light meal and drinks with your Travel Director in Vienna, 2 three-course dinners, Farewell Dinner with wine in Lucerne.



Travel Highlights

- First Class hotel accommodation featuring twin rooms and private facilities.
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes included.
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and an onboard restroom.
- The services of a professional Travel Director throughout your journey.
- Complimentary keepsake photo and map.
- Audio Headsets Provided throughout your trip to enhance your included sightseeing experiences.
- A travel wallet with your documentation.



Shop for seasonal treats as you tour historic European Christmas markets. Relish the smells of roasting chestnuts and mulled wine as you admire illuminated sights of Vienna and the charming European towns of Salzburg, Munich, Oberammergau, Zurich, Liechtenstein and Lucerne. Europe at Christmas is a magical winter wonderland!

DAY 1 DEPART

Overnight flight to Vienna.

DAY 2 ARRIVE VIENNA (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to the magical Austrian capital, Vienna. Relax after your journey. Later, meet your fellow travelers and your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal followed by an evening orientation drive.

MEALS: (Welcome Reception)

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Vienna Danube

DAY 3 VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Explore the Ringstrasse during your festive sightseeing tour of Vienna. Your Local Guide shows you the Hofburg which was the former home of the Hapsburgs. You will also see the Parliament, City Hall and the grand State Opera House. Visit the 'Christkindlmarkt' and buy handmade wooden toys, seasonal gifts, delicious gingerbread and warming Glühwein from traditional decorated wooden stalls.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast)

DAY 4 VIENNA – SALZBURG – MUNICH (2 NIGHTS)

Drive along the scenic Danube Valley to the beautiful city of Salzburg. Visit the enchanting Christmas market. See the beautifully manicured Mirabell Gardens, Mozart's birthplace and the Old City on your walking tour with a Local Guide. Then cross fairytale Alpine landscapes to Munich, capital of Bavaria. Dine this evening at your hotel.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

OVERNIGHT: Sheraton Munich Westpark

DAY 5 MUNICH ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Discover Munich on an orientation with your Travel Director. Admire the Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Spend the rest of your day enjoying the festive spirit at the Christmas market. Consider a visit to a famous beer hall and experience the warmth and hospitality for which this city is renowned.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast)

DAY 6 MUNICH – NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE – OBERAMMERGAU – INNSBRUCK

Visit King Ludwig's castle. Standing on a rugged hilltop and set against dramatic snow-capped mountains, this Gothic Revival building is every inch the fairytale castle! Visit Oberammergau, where the seven-hour long Passion Play is performed every 10 years. Admire the 15th century Golden Roof at Innsbruck. Visit the Christmas Market in the Old Town Square and immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere!

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

OVERNIGHT: Grauer Bär

DAY 7 INNSBRUCK – ZURICH CHRISTMAS MARKET – LUCERNE (2 NIGHTS)

Travel through alpine landscapes into Switzerland. Explore the Christmas market in Zurich, held inside the main train station – the biggest indoor festive market in Europe before continuing on to lakeside Lucerne.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast)

OVERNIGHT: Astoria

DAY 8 LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Visit the Lion Monument in Lucerne. See the 14th century wooden Chapel Bridge and the beautiful Baroque Jesuit Church. Shop for souvenirs in Lucerne's quaint Christmas market. This evening, join your companions and Travel Director for a delicious festive Farewell Dinner with wine.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast / Farewell Dinner)

DAY 9 LUCERNE – DEPART ZURICH

Say farewell to your traveling companions as you return home full of the joys of Christmas! Morning transfer to Zurich airport from Lucerne, conditions apply. Please do not book flights which depart before 10:00am from Zurich airport.

MEALS: (Buffet Breakfast)

