

Christmas Markets of Austria, Germany and Switzerland

Your itinerary



Start Location

Visited Location

Plane

End Location

Cruise

Train

Over night

Ferry

Day 1

Welcome to Vienna

Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe's most magical Christmas markets. Our journey begins in Vienna, which you will have an opportunity to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for an orientation drive followed by a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal.

Hotel - Hilton Danube Waterfront

Included Meals - Welcome Reception

Day 2

Discover Vienna's Spectacular Christmas Markets

Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Austrian capital, from its Parliament and City Hall to the grand State Opera House and Hofburg Palace, once the winter palace of the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. We feed our Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein, wandering past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare.

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 3

Journey to Munich

Venture along the scenic Danube Valley to Mozart's beloved Salzburg, where we'll Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and other sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, travel past beautiful alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

Hotel - Holiday Inn Westpark

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets

Bundle up warmly and join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of one of Germany's liveliest cities. Embrace the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day savouring the sights, sounds and smells of Munich's Christmas market – a dazzling display of twinkling lights, carols and a magnificent Christmas tree. Continue your feast and indulge in Munich's unrivalled hospitality with an optional visit to enjoy the Gemütlichkeit atmosphere at one of Munich's most traditional restaurants.

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 5

Off to Innsbruck

We leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, which hosts the poignant Passion Play every ten years. Admire the village's intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes depicting Bavarian themes before continuing to Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner.

Hotel - Rumer Hof

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6

Venture to Lucerne

A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck before continuing to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Our final stop today is Lucerne, where we'll spend the next two nights. Our orientation tour of the city takes us past the sad Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge.

Hotel - Astoria

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 7

Explore Lucerne's Festive Glittering Lights

Embrace the Yuletide cheer in true Swiss-style during a visit to Lucerne's Christmas market at Franziskanerplatz, in the heart of the city's Old Town. Ramble past traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of Glühwein in hand, and admire the swirling Christmas carousel, filled with the joyful sounds of happy children. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or to join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience to the peak of a nearby mountain top. Tonight, we celebrate our magical journey together during an exclusive Be My Guest experience and Farewell Dinner filled with Christmas cheer as you Connect With Locals in their home.

Included Meals - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 8

Journey Home

We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Included Meals - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Beautiful Prague By Night

Join our Local Specialist for an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city on private transport and with a little strolling. You'll discover the magical Charles Bridge, enjoy a drink in one of the old town's quaint restaurants while a musician entertains, journey through the Old Town and gaze at the panoramic views of the city.

Adult Price: **€47.00***

*** The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

Scenic Vltava Cruise with Lunch

Take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities. n.b. There is a minimum of 20 guests required for the cruise to operate.

Adult Price: **€58.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Traditional Alsatian Dinner

This evening enjoy a traditional Alsatian meal in a local restaurant located in the Petite France canal district of Strasbourg.

Adult Price: **€59.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Lake Lucerne Cruise With Drinks

Considered to be the loveliest of the mountain lakes, much of the shoreline of Lake Lucerne can only be fully appreciated from the water. As we cruise on the tranquil waters, you will be mesmerised by the mountains circling the lake, the stunning lakeside houses and chocolate-box scenery. Two drinks are also included.

Adult Price: **Fr.49.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Mount Pilatus

The opportunity to discover one of the best known mountains around Lucerne. A short drive takes us to the foot of Mount Pilatus, located in the heart of the Central Alps. Here, via a series of cable cars, we begin our ascent of this majestic mountain. We sail over farms, pastures and forests, and on arrival at the top you will have the time to take a stroll, write a postcard, or just marvel at the experience.

Adult Price: **Fr.85.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Swiss Countryside & Carriages

A chance to get to know the Swiss, you'll meet local farmers and enjoy a delightful countryside tour in horse-drawn carriages. Soak up the stunning scenery as we trot around a typical rural community, en route to a farm where you'll savour local drinks and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Price: **Fr.67.00***

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