

Christmas Markets of Austria, Germany and Switzerland

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As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 4 Countries | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Nov - Dec

Fill your festive cheer with candles, carols, snowflakes and stollen as you wander past heaving market stalls and pay tribute to old-world traditions, local craftsmanship and mesmerising city backdrops.



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. Take the opportunity to explore on your own before meeting your fellow travellers. Today, your Travel Director will provide an orientation drive of the Austrian capital before dinner. **(D) Hotel: Imperial Riding School**

Transfers: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:30.

DAY 2 Discover Vienna's Spectacular Christmas Markets Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. Admire the grand exteriors of Parliament and City Hall and learn about the eventful history of the State Opera House. See Hofburg Palace, which served as 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. Wander past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare. **(B)**

DAY 3 Journey to Munich Venture to Mozart's beloved Salzburg. Dive Into Culture with a **Local Specialist** on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and iconic sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, dramatic vistas accompany your journey as you travel past alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, dinner is served at the hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark/ Leonardo Royal**

DAY 4 Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets Bundle up warmly and join a **Local Specialist** on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** to discover lost and forgotten Advent traditions. 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 with an optional visit to enjoy the Gemütlichkeit atmosphere at one of Munich's most traditional restaurants. **(B)**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Discover Munich through Bavaria's lost and forgotten Advent traditions, playing a significant part of regional cultural revitalisation, and stop for tastings along the way. Your experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 5 Off to Innsbruck We leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, where the poignant Passion Play is hosted every ten years. Admire the Bavarian themes depicted in the village's intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes. Continue to Austria's Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner. **(B, D) Hotel: Tivoli Innsbruck**

DAY 6 Venture to Lucerne A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck. Continue 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. An orientation tour of the city provides an opportunity to take in the history and beauty of Lucerne. See the morose Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge. **(B) Hotel: Astoria**

DAY 7 Explore Lucerne's Festive Glittering Lights Embrace the Yuletide cheer in true Swiss spirit during a visit to Lucerne's Christmas market. Ramble past traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of Glühwein in hand. Later, we celebrate our magical journey together during a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, L)**

Be My Guest

Visit the Meyer family at Küssnachter Alpenhof and gain insights into the workings of the farm and the animals that live there. Settle into the family's dining room area for a delicious home-cooked meal.



DAY 8 Journey Home We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. **(B)**
Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists
Vienna and Salzburg

Discover on City Orientations
Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Vaduz, and Lucerne

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Christmas Markets of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein

View Must-see Landmarks
Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the Marienplatz in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck and the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

One-of-a-kind Experiences
See day 7 for your unique local encounter

Travel Responsibly
See day 4 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Enjoying a white Christmas in Salzburg with my eldest daughter.

Nelie

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