

# **DRIVING YOU TO GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2026**

8 days - 7 nights

Discover the magic of Germany during the festive season with this carefully curated 8-day journey, designed to immerse you in the country's rich history, fairy-tale landscapes, and enchanting Christmas markets. This exclusive itinerary ensures that you experience the best of Bavaria, Franconia, and the Rhine region in utmost comfort and style, with the added benefit of private transportation and a dedicated driver. From the moment you land in Munich, a private driver will pick you up, providing seamless and stress-free travel throughout your adventure. Relax in the comfort of a premium vehicle, allowing you to fully enjoy the breathtaking scenery and delightful stops along the way, without the hassle of navigating unfamiliar roads or coordinating public transport.

Each day is designed to showcase the charm and beauty of Germany's most iconic cities, towns, and castles, all while indulging in the festive atmosphere of the country's renowned Christmas markets. Whether you're marveling at the grandeur of Neuschwanstein Castle, exploring medieval towns like Rothenburg ob der Tauber, or enjoying the scenic beauty of the Rhine Valley, your private driver will ensure timely and convenient travel, leaving you free to focus on the sights, sounds, and experiences of your holiday. With door-to-door service, your driver will not only transport you between destinations but also provide valuable local insights, helping you make the most of each day's itinerary. This personalized service guarantees a journey that is not only luxurious but also flexible, allowing you to enjoy each destination at your own pace. Whether you wish to linger a little longer at a Christmas market, pause for a scenic photo opportunity, or make an impromptu stop at a hidden gem, your private driver is there to accommodate your preferences. From the festive streets of Munich and Nuremberg to the romantic town of Heidelberg and the enchanting Rhine River, this itinerary blends cultural exploration with the convenience and ease of private transportation, ensuring a truly unforgettable holiday experience.

# DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN MUNICH Visit the Christmas markets

Upon arrival in Munich, transfer to your hotel and settle in for the start of your adventure. The crisp winter air and festive decorations will immediately immerse you in the holiday spirit. After a short break at the hotel, start exploring the city at the famous Christmas Market in Marienplatz, one of the city's most iconic holiday spots. Stroll through the festive stalls filled with handmade ornaments, holiday treats, and traditional mulled wine (Glühwein). In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Residenz Palace and Treasury, a stunning display of royal history and opulent jewels. The palace's ornate rooms and extensive art collection will immerse you in Bavaria's royal past. In the evening, head to the Christmas Market at Theresienwiese, a quieter and more local market offering a more intimate festive experience. Explore traditional food stalls and try regional specialties. Overnight in Munich at the selected hotel.

# **DAY 2** MUNICH Day trip to Neuschwanstein and Linderhof Castles

After breakfast, leave the hotel on a guided tour to visit the most visited monument in Germany, the Neuschwannstein Palace. Departing from Munich, you'll first visit Linderhof Castle, a French rococostyle castle inspired by Versailles itself and surrounded by immaculately manicured gardens. A quick hopping and photo stop in the charming village Oberammergau will recharge your batteries for the second half of your day. You'll arrive at idyllic Neuschwanstein Castle around 1:00 p.m, where

#### **DAILY DEPARTURES**

From November 30 through December 13, 2026

PRICE PER PERSON EN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

2-4 Pax EUR 2.598.-5-8 Pax EUR 2.069.-

Single supplement EUR 396 .-

**UPGRADE TO 5\*\*\*\*\* HOTELS** AND ADDITION OF OTHER MARKETS UPON REQUEST

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- 7 nights in 4\*\*\*\* hotels with breakfast.
- Private transfers from/to airport
- Local private drivers for connections between cities.
- Visit Christmas markets at your own pace
- Guided day trip to Neuschwanstein and Linderhof Castles.
- Evening Night Watchman's Tour in Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Guided city tour in Heidelberg with Castle
- Visit at your own pace the Eberbach Abbey and the Rheistein Castle on the way to Rüdesheim am Rhein
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums and Monuments.
- Table reservation for your meals
- 24 h. support via Whatsapp.

### NOT INCLUDED

- o International and local flights
  - Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- o Local airport taxes o Personal expenses
- o Optional tours
- o Other services not mentioned here





German countryside on your way to the legendary extravagance of the German castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Known for their elaborate construction and world-famous architecture, these two extraordinary structures were dreamed up by Germany's own Ludwig II, also known as the Swan King. You'll soon find out why many believe Neuschwanstein inspired Disney's storybook castles -get ready to feel like you're living a real-life fairy tale. Hidden in the seclusion of the mountains, German King Ludwig II built two of his dream castles: Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Both testify to the vision of Bavaria's fairytale King. Return to Munich. Overnight. (B)

#### DAY 3 MUNICH - NUREMBERG

After a hearty breakfast, you'll embark on a scenic private drive to Nuremberg, which will take a bit more than 1 hour in train. Rolling Bavarian landscapes will accompany your journey, providing a serene start to your day. Upon arrival in Nuremberg, you will be taken to the selected hotel and after a short break head to the Nuremberg Castle, where you can take in panoramic views of the entire city. From the castle walls, the bustling Christmas markets below will begin to come into view, creating a perfect backdrop for photos. In the afternoon, explore the world-renowned Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's most iconic Christmas markets. The market's origins date back to the 16th century, and it's famed for its wooden stalls adorned with twinkling lights. Sip on hot mulled wine as you browse handmade gifts and decorations. Be sure to try the famous Nuremberg Bratwurst and traditional Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Overnight. (B)

#### DAY 4 NUREMBERG - ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

After breakfast, your driver will be waiting for you at the hotel to drive you privately to the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This picturesque village, with its half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets, feels like stepping into a fairy tale. Upon arrival, you'll join a walking tour that takes you through the town's winding lanes and historic buildings. Learn about Rothenburg's fascinating medieval history while admiring its perfectly preserved architecture. A visit to Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village and Museum, where you'll discover the world's largest collection of Christmas decorations will enhance your visit. In the afternoon head to the Rothenburg Christmas Market, a charming market that feels almost frozen in time. You can enjoy the sweet local pastry, Schneeballen, while browsing traditional Christmas ornaments and crafts. In the evening, join the iconic 'Night Watchman's Tour' where a costumed guide leads you through Rothenburg's medieval streets. The guide shares fascinating stories of life in medieval times, adding an immersive layer to your exploration of the town. Highlight: Visit the Medieval Crime Museum, a unique experience that reveals the often dark side of medieval law enforcement. Overnight. (B)

#### DAY 5 ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER – HEIDELBERG

Breakfast at the Hotel. Your private driver will drive you to to Heidelberg, where history, romance, and festive cheer combine to create an unforgettable atmosphere. After a short break at the hotel, you will join a guided tour through the city and the Heidelberg Castle, a grand structure overlooking the city. Explore the castle grounds, learn about its history, and visit the fascinating Apothecary Museum inside. Be sure to stop at the Great Barrel, the world's largest wine barrel. Later, enjoy the Heidelberg Christmas Market that spreads across several squares, each with its own unique feel. As you explore the markets, you can sample local specialties like roasted chestnuts and enjoy the festive decorations. Overnight. (B)

# **HEIDELBERG - FRANKFURT**

After enjoying a hearty breakfast at your hotel in Heidelberg, embark on a comfortable private transfer to Frankfurt, the bustling metropolis and financial hub of Germany. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, where you can relax before exploring the city. Your afternoon begins with a visit to the Frankfurt Christmas Market, one of the most iconic in Germany. Located in the historic Römer Square, this festive market is set against the backdrop of beautifully restored medieval buildings, including the Römer, Frankfurt's historic town hall. The market boasts a rich history dating back to 1393, making it one of the oldest Christmas markets in the country. As you stroll through the market, you'll be captivated by the twinkling lights, the scent of roasted chestnuts, and the sounds of Christmas carols filling the air. Be sure to sample traditional holiday treats like Bethmännchen, a



marzipan pastry native to Frankfurt, and sip on a warm cup of Glühwein to keep the chill at bay. The market is also an ideal place to pick up handcrafted gifts, ornaments, and souvenirs from the many artisan stalls. After soaking up the festive atmosphere in Römer Square, take a short walk to Zeil Street, Frankfurt's premier shopping destination. Known as one of the busiest shopping streets in Germany, Zeil offers a vibrant mix of high-end boutiques, department stores, and popular international brands. Whether you're looking for luxury items or local crafts, Zeil has something for everyone. During the Christmas season, the street is beautifully decorated with festive lights, and you'll find pop-up holiday shops offering unique gifts. In the evening, you may wish to return to Römer Square to enjoy the market under the twinkling stars, as the Christmas tree lights up the square and the atmosphere becomes even more magical. The nearby Paulskirche, the site of Germany's first national assembly, adds a touch of historical grandeur to the festive surroundings. Take your time wandering through this festive wonderland, or stop by a cozy café for a relaxing break as you soak in the holiday spirit of Frankfurt. Return to your hotel in the evening to unwind after a day filled with shopping, history, and holiday cheer. Overnight in Frankfurt. (B)

## DAY 7 FRANKFURT – RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN

After breakfast, your private driver will whisk you away on a scenic journey through the rolling hills and vineyards of the Rheingau region. Your first stop is the historic Eberbach Abbey, a former Cistercian monastery dating back to the 12th century. This abbey is not only a significant cultural site, known for its stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture, but also for its role in the film The Name of the Rose. During the Christmas season, the abbey hosts a small, intimate Christmas market within its ancient cloisters. Browse stalls featuring regional crafts and delicacies, all set within the serene, atmospheric surroundings of this centuries-old religious site: Next, continue to the Rheinstein Castle, a 13th-century fortress perched dramatically above the Rhine River. Explore its impressive medieval architecture, walk along its winding staircases, and admire the panoramic views over the Rhine Valley. The castle is steeped in history, with richly decorated interiors, stained glass windows, and beautifully restored rooms that transport you back to the era of knights and nobles. Take some time to explore the castle grounds, and be sure to capture photos of the majestic landscape. After the castle visit, proceed to Rüdesheim am Rhein, a picturesque town known for its vineyards, half-timbered houses, and a festive Christmas spirit that fills the air during December. Upon arrival, visit the enchanting Rüdesheim Christmas Market of Nations, where over 120 stalls from different countries bring international holiday traditions to life in this charming riverside town. Stroll through the market's winding lanes, and you'll find everything from German woodcrafts and glass ornaments to festive treats and warming beverages from around the world: Rüdesheim is also famous for its cuckoo clock shops, where you can admire intricately crafted clocks and find unique souvenirs to take home. For food lovers, the market offers a tempting array of seasonal delicacies, from Rüdesheim coffee, a rich local specialty made with Asbach brandy and topped with whipped cream, to traditional Bratwurst, roasted chestnuts, and Reibekuchen (potato pancakes served with applesauce). Pair these with a steaming cup of Glühwein, or try a regional Rheingau Riesling, a local wine known for its crisp and refreshing flavor, perfectly suited to the chilly winter air. As you explore, take time to visit Drosselgasse, the town's famous narrow alleyway, lined with taverns, wine bars, and specialty shops. The festive decorations and twinkling lights make this a magical place to wander during the Christmas season. After enjoying the festive delights of Rüdesheim, your private driver will bring you back to Frankfurt in the evening, where you can unwind at your hotel, and reflect on a day filled with history, culture, and holiday cheer. Overnight in Frankfurt. (B)

# DAY 8 FRANKFURT

Breakfast at the Hotel. We will take you to the airport in FRankfurt for your flight back home or continuation of your adventure in Europe. Depending on the departure time, you may have time to walk again through the Chirstmas Market in Frankfurt. End of our services. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

