

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2026



7 days – 6 nights

Experience the Magic of Christmas in Germany: A journey through tradition, history, and holiday splendor.

As winter blankets the picturesque landscapes of Bavaria and Franconia, the air comes alive with the scent of mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, and freshly baked gingerbread. This magical time of year invites travelers to immerse themselves in the heartwarming traditions, vibrant history, and breathtaking beauty of Germany's most charming regions. Our carefully curated 7-day tour offers the perfect blend of festive celebrations, cultural discoveries, and leisurely exploration, taking you on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Germany's holiday spirit. Starting in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, you'll be greeted by the glittering lights of the famous Christmas markets, where centuries-old traditions and modern festivities combine in perfect harmony. Your journey continues to Nuremberg, where the iconic Christkindlesmarkt, one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world, will capture your heart with its unique charm and authentic flavors. As you step into the fairy-tale town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, time seems to stand still. With its half-timbered houses and medieval walls dusted with snow, Rothenburg offers a glimpse into a magical world. Wander its quaint streets, discover hidden gems at its charming Christmas market and feel the warmth of festive cheer all around you. Your final destination is Heidelbera, famous for its romantic castle perched high above the Neckar River. From medieval castles and UNESCO World Heritage sites to lively Christmas markets and mouthwatering seasonal treats, this tour is designed to be more than just a holiday escape—it's an immersion into the warmth, culture, and festive spirit of Germany at its finest. Whether it's your first visit or a long-awaited return, this journey promises to ignite the joy and wonder of the Christmas season in the most unforgettable way. Join us on this winter wonderland adventure, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN MUNICH

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 in a guided tour. Your first stop is Marienplatz, where you'll find Munich's famous Christmas Market. As you stroll through the bustling square, you'll be greeted by the scent of roasted almonds, mulled wine (Glühwein), and grilled sausages. You can purchase handcrafted ornaments, candles, and wooden toys, perfect for last-minute gifts or souvenirs. Highlight: A visit to Hofbräuhaus, Munich's legendary beer hall, where you can indulge in a hearty Bavarian lunch featuring schnitzel, pretzels, and, of course, beer. Vegetarians will also find several options. In the afternoon you will visit the Munich Residenz Palace, we provide the entrance tickets. Spend the afternoon exploring the Palace, home to Bavarian royalty for centuries. As you walk through its richly decorated rooms, you'll learn about the history of Bavaria's royal family and their traditions. Don't miss the Residenz Christmas Market just outside, offering elegant royalthemed gifts and souvenirs. Your day will end at the Tollwood Christmas Fair, located at Theresienwiese, the same grounds as the Oktoberfest. Unlike the more traditional markets, this fair has a unique twist, combining art, culture, and music with a vibrant festive atmosphere. You can wander through various tents, each offering different types of entertainment, from local bands to street performers. Highlight: The evening culminates at the famous 'Magic Tent,' where lively performances and music create an unforgettable festive experience. Overnight in Munich.

DAILY DEPARTURES

From November 30 through December 15, 2026

PRICE PER PERSON EN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

2-4 Pax EUR 1.590.-5-8 Pax EUR 1.375.-

Single supplement EUR 557.-

2-days EXTENSION EUR 318.-

Single supplement EUR 90.-

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 6 nights in selected hotels with breakfast.
- All excursions mentioned in the program with local english-speaking guide.
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums and Monuments.
- 24 h. support via Whatsapp.

NOT INCLUDED

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

SUGGESTED HOTELS (or similar)

Germania Boutique Hotel 3*** Munich Nuremberg NH Collection City Rothenburg H. Reichs-Kuchenmeister 4**** **Heidelberg** Hotel Heidelberger Hof Boutique 005 Ulm City





DAY 2 MUNICH - NUREMBERG



After a hearty breakfast, you'll embark on a scenic 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, head to 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. For lunch, we will suggest and make a reservation at "Albrecht Dürer Stube," a traditional German restaurant named after Nuremberg's famous artist. Expect hearty, warming dishes such as sausages, schnitzels, and various vegetarian options in a cozy atmosphere that transports you to another era. Then, spend your afternoon wandering through the 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. Highlight: Be sure to try the famous Nuremberg Bratwurst and traditional Lebkuchen (gingerbread). For those seeking vegetarian options, there's plenty to choose from too. In the evening, visit the Hausbrauerei Altstadthof Brewery for a tasting session. You'll sample local beers, including the unique red beer that Nuremberg is known for. Optional Activity: If you're in the mood for something more hands-on, you can also participate in a Christmas baking class to learn how to make traditional Lebkuchen. Overnight. (B)

DAY 3 NUREMBERG - ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER



After breakfast, you'll set off for the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a 1.2hour train ride from Nuremberg. 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. Highlight: A visit to Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village and Museum, where you'll discover the world's largest collection of Christmas decorations. Stop for lunch at the Hotel Eisenhut, where the medieval decor adds a special charm to your meal. Reservation for you will be made. Sample Franconian specialties like roasted pork with potato dumplings or enjoy a seasonal vegetarian dish. After lunch, 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. Optional Activity: For an unforgettable experience, you can opt for a horse-drawn carriage ride through Rothenburg's scenic streets. End the day with a delicious dinner at Restaurant Reichsküchenmeister, where you'll dine with a view of the stunning St. Jakob's Church, a perfect end to a magical day in Rothenburg. Your table will be reserved.

DAY 4 ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin your day with a visit to St. Jakob's Church, where you can partake in a peaceful meditation session in this historic and sacred space. Rest of the day is free for private activities. Walk on the city walls, you will be marveled with its architecture and construction. Continue wondering the christmas market and go shopping browsing boutiques, or enjoying a cup of cofee at a cozy café. 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. Enjoy a leisurely 3.5-hour train ride from Rothenburg 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. We suggest and make a reservation for you at the historic Zum Roten Ochsen for lunch, known for its traditional German



food and cozy ambiance. 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. Highlight: Take a ride on the Heidelberg Bergbahn (funicular railway), which offers breathtaking views of the city and its Christmas lights. In the evening, enjoy a wine-tasting session at a local vineyard near Heidelberg, where you'll sample regional wines and learn about the area's rich wine-making history. Overnight. (B)

DAY 6 HEIDELBERG - MUNICH



Breakfast at the Hotel. Start your day with a peaceful stroll along the Philosopher's Walk, which offers panoramic views of Heidelberg and the Neckar River. The path is especially scenic during winter, with the misty river and festive lights twinkling in the distance.

Later on, you will take the train back to Munich, enjoying the views on a 2-hour ride back to Munich. Along the way, you can reflect on the week's adventures and get ready for the final leg of your trip. Once back in Munich, you'll have a free afternoon to explore the Viktualienmarkt. This vibrant market offers fresh local produce, artisanal goods, and a range of holiday gifts. It's the perfect spot for any last-minute Christmas shopping. End your journey with a traditional Bavarian meal at the famous "Zum Dürnbräu" pub. Known for its cozy ambiance and hearty dishes, it's the ideal place to bid farewell to Bavaria in true festive style. Overnight. (B)

DAY 7 MUNICH

Breakfast at the Hotel. We will take you to the airport in Munich 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 different Chirstmas Markets in Munich . End of our services. (B)

TWO-DAY EXTENSION TO GARMISCH **PARTENKIRCHEN**

For those looking to extend their holiday journey and embrace the magic of the Bavarian Alps, this two-day optional add-on takes you to the stunning mountain town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Nestled at the foot of Germany's highest peak, Zugspitze, this winter wonderland offers a thrilling mix of adventure, relaxation, and Alpine charm.

DAY 7 MUNICH - GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN



Breakfast. Train ride to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Upon arrival, your day begins with a breathtaking ride on the Zugspitze Mountain Cable Car, whisking you up to an altitude of nearly 3,000 meters. As you ascend, the snow-dusted peaks of the Alps stretch out

before you, providing an awe-inspiring panoramic view of four countries: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. At the summit, take in the crisp mountain air and marvel at the serene beauty of the winter landscape below. In the afternoon, the slopes of the Garmisch resort await. Whether you're an adrenaline seeker or a first-time adventurer, the resort offers something for everyone. For those who prefer a more leisurely pace, there are also opportunities to explore the Alpine hiking trails or relax with a warm drink at a mountainside café, soaking in the spectacular surroundings. As the day draws to a close, retreat to the comfort of a traditional Alpine lodge. Your cozy accommodation, set against the backdrop of towering snowcapped mountains, promises a magical winter evening. Spend your evening unwinding with a warm drink. Overnight (B)

DAY 8 MUNICH - GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN

Next day, after a relaxing breakfast with breathtaking views of the Alps, enjoy a leisurely morning in Garmisch-Partenkirchen before heading back to Munich. Whether you prefer a final stroll through the picturesque town or one last ride on the slopes, this final morning will allow you to savor the tranquility of the mountains before your return journey.

By late afternoon, you'll make your way back to Munich in time for your evening flight, carrying with you the memories of an unforgettable Alpine adventure. End of our services. (B)

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



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