



WINTER WONDERLAND

Rub shoulders with the locals and warm up over steaming mulled wine, as you experience Europe's best Christmas markets on this whimsical winter escapade.



Explore a swiss mountain by cable car

- 🚩 **FESTIVALS**
- 👁️ **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**
- ☆ **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

🚩 CHRISTMAS MARKETS:

Lose yourself in the festive atmosphere of Christmas where you can shop for local delicacies and try the heart-warming Glühwein. Explore on select departures.

👁️ MUNICH:

At the Christmas Market, meet a local stallholder and taste the delicious Lebkuchen with a fragrant cup of Glühwein, available on trips that visit Munich Christmas Market.

☆ INNSBRUCK:

Meet your coachman and enjoy a delightful horse-drawn carriage ride, surrounded by the mountains and valleys of Tyrol.

☆ LUCERNE:

A spectacular journey by cable car to the summit of Mount Pilatus offers expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne.

FROM \$262 PER DAY

SMALLER GROUPS

COACH WITH EXTRA LEGROOM

TRIP PLANNER - 9 DAYS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT
SAVE UP TO \$263pp

TRIP CODE: W600

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Wed 19 Dec Thu 27 Dec \$2625 # Sun 30 Dec Mon 07 Jan \$2550

NOTES: Twin prices are per person. 🚩 Christmas Markets: 17 Nov explores Innsbruck; 24 Nov explores Salzburg, Innsbruck & Heidelberg; 1 Dec explores Mainz, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne & Heidelberg; 19 Dec explores Mainz, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg & Innsbruck; 21 Dec explores Mainz, Rothenburg, Munich & Salzburg. # Festive Highlight Dinners: 19 Dec Christmas Day in Lucerne, 21 Dec Christmas Day in Innsbruck, 30 Dec New Year's Eve in Munich.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller \$240 | 2nd Trip \$66 | Past Guest \$131

ROOMING OPTIONS: Single Supplement up to \$490 | Triple Room Supplement \$20

EXTRA NIGHT HOTELS PER PERSON - SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS MAY APPLY: Mainz: Hilton Mainz Twin \$105 | Single \$157 | Triple \$105

Heidelberg: Crowne Plaza Heidelberg City Center Twin \$121 | Single \$190 | Triple \$114

ONE-WAY TRANSFERS OUTSIDE SCHEDULE TIMES: Mainz (from Frankfurt): \$60 p.p., Heidelberg (to Frankfurt): \$155 p.p.

PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION: For your Travel Director and Driver \$104 p.p.

BOOK YOUR AIR EARLY: To get the best land & air deal possible!



Key:

✈️ Join/Leave Options

🏛️ UNESCO World Heritage Site

🏠 Central Hotels + Nights

🏠 Scenic Hotels + Nights

🎄 Christmas Markets

**DAY 1****FRANKFURT AND ON TO MAINZ.**

Welcome to Germany. From the Rhine Valley to the Alps, experience lively cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and breathtaking natural scenery. Transfers from Frankfurt airport to your Mainz hotel depart at 09:30 and 12:30. Mainz has been a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 18:00, for a walk through the Cathedral Quarter to witness the magnificent architecture of the city's Dom.

At a local restaurant, enjoy a pleasant evening of good food and wine during your Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Hilton Mainz.

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DAY 2**ROTHENBURG AND THE ROMANTIC ROAD TO MUNICH.**

Head to fortified Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, overlooking the winding Tauber River. Once through the medieval walls, you are immediately transported back into the 16th century, as cobblestone streets lead you to the medieval Market Square with its Town Hall. Perhaps visit Tilman Riemenschneider's 'Holy Blood' altarpiece in St Jakob's Church or pop into the Christmas shop where you'll find the festive spirit all year round? Follow parts of the Romantic Road to fun-loving Munich. (BB)

The Westin Grand Munich.

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DAY 3 · RELAXED START**THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH.**

During your orientation you will see Victory Arch and the university, concluding in the Marienplatz with its soaring Gothic Town Hall and colourful Glockenspiel.

For those arriving before Christmas, visit the festive Christmas Market and meet a local stallholder for a taste of traditional Lebkuchen and a fragrant cup of Glühwein.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Why not try a foaming stein of beer at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus? (BB)

DAY 4 · RELAXED START**LAKE CHIEMSEE TO SALZBURG.**

Travel alongside the beautiful Lake Chiemsee and cross the Austrian border to Salzburg, 'alive with the Sound of Music.' Walk with your Local Expert through the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and admire the city skyline, crowned by the majestic Hohensalzburg Fortress. Cross the Salzach River to see Mozart's birthplace on the Getreidegasse, a lively shopping street lined with charming wrought-iron signs. Follow the narrow lanes of the Old Town to the domed cathedral and the splendid Residenz Fountain, before having time at leisure to enjoy as you please. In the evening, perhaps visit an Austrian chalet for dinner, drinks and the opportunity to learn about life in the countryside? (BB)

Wyndham Grand Salzburg.

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DAY 5**INNSBRUCK, MOUNTAIN-RINGED CAPITAL OF TYROL.**

A scenic journey takes you through snow-capped mountains to Innsbruck. A multitude of Rococo cherubs and angels will greet you when you venture inside the Wilten Basilica. See the Imperial Palace and magnificent Golden Roof in the Old Town, then lose yourself in the festive atmosphere as you spend some time exploring Innsbruck's magical Christmas Markets. The giant Christmas tree dominates the square and is adorned in lights and decorations. Peruse the market stalls, selling handmade trinkets that make perfect gifts for friends and family, along with delicious local treats of home-made biscuits, jams and delicious, soul-warming Glühwein. In the afternoon, meet your coachman and take in the delightful scenery and pure fresh air on a horse-drawn carriage ride, known as a Fiaker.

At night, journey to the charming town of Hall in Tirol, which boasts one of Austria's best-preserved historic town centres. Enjoy a medieval highlight banquet set in a 700-year-old building. (BB) (DW)

AC by Marriott/Doubletree Hilton, Innsbruck.

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DAY 6 · RELAXED START**LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE BY THE LAKE.**

Delightful scenery abounds as you make your way to the Arlberg Tunnel. Stop in Vaduz, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, one of Europe's smallest countries. Cross the Swiss border and continue to lakeside Lucerne. Your Travel Director will show you the covered wooden Chapel Bridge and you'll learn about the poignant history of the Lion Monument. Then you are at leisure to shop for Swiss watches or delicious chocolate. (BB)

The Hotel Astoria Lucerne.

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DAY 7**LOVELY LUCERNE.**

Start the day with a spectacular cable car ride with incredible views up Mount Pilatus. Back in Lucerne, you are free to admire the superb baroque Jesuit Church, stroll along lakeside promenades, or explore the old walls and watch towers of the medieval fortifications. (BB) (DW)

DAY 8**HEIDELBERG, ROMANCE ON THE NECKAR.**

Stop at Schaffhausen to see the Rhine River thundering over the Rhine Falls. Cross the German border and venture deep into the Black Forest. Following the Rhine Valley north, head for the town of Heidelberg, set on the banks of the river Neckar and dominated by its magnificent red sandstone castle. Stroll through the old town or perhaps see the old Student Prison?

In the evening, enjoy good food, wine and company at your Celebration Dinner. (BB) (DW)

Crowne Plaza Heidelberg City Centre.

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DAY 9**DEPART FRANKFURT AIRPORT.**

A transfer to Frankfurt airport's Terminal 1 arrives at 09:00 and Terminal 2 at 09:15. (BB)