Magical European

Christmas Markets 2026

Guided Tour of France, Germany & Austria's Christmas Markets

Few places summon the Festive Spirit quite like the Christmas Markets in Europe. Stroll medieval streets, sip Glühwein, indulge in culinary treats & delight in the centuries-old tradition of the Christmas Markets.

Travel Quest

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2026

INCLUDES: * professional tour director and driver, accommodations, luxury coach, meals (daily breakfasts, 5 dinners), luggage handling, group arrival and departure transfers, all gratuities

EXCLUDES: international flights, insurance and optional excursions (approx 5)

PRE-REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \$500.00 per person

* This itinerary is based on 2025 and final itinerary may vary. Deposits refundable subject to final itinerary and rates.



DAY 1 Welcome to Germany

Welcome to Germany. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon at 3pm for an orientation of the city that will show you some of the city's major sights, culminating in the Marienplatz, with its soaring Town Hall and Glockenspiel. Here, the Christkindlmarkt will be in full swing, an entrancing festival of light and music. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for dinner

Included: Welcome Dinner with wine Hotel: Munich Marriott or similar (2 nights)

DAY 2 Free Time in the Bavarian Capital

Explore Munich with your personal choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city center. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and Treasury. This afternoon, consider joining an optional experience to explore the romantic royal palaces of the Bavarian Alps or enjoy free time to explore the markets.

Included: Breakfast

DAY 3 Lake Chiemsee, Salzburg and Innsbruck

Travel alongside the tranquil waters of Lake Chiemsee on your way to Salzburg in Austria, where the spires and domes of the Old Town are often draped in snow in December. Visit Mozart's birthplace to learn more about his life, and sit down to a musical demonstration on his original pianoforte. Enjoy a visit to Swarovski in the afternoon followed by a highlight dinner. Head through the mountains to your Innsbruck hotel.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: AC Hotel Innsbruck or similar (2 nights)

DAY 4 Innsbruck at Leisure

Enjoy a horse & carriage ride in the morning. Immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere of the Old Town and Christmas Markets, set in front of the Golden Roof, graced by beautifully preserved medieval facades.

Included: Breakfast

DAY 5 The Black Forest via Lindau

Travel through the Alberg tunnel, Austria's longest road tunnel, as you return to Germany and pause in the tiny island-town of Lindau. Walk through the maze of ancient streets down to the harbor. Across the lake, often shrouded in mist, look for the rising silhouette of snow-capped peaks. After time to explore, continue along the shores of the Bodensee to your hotel in the Black Forest.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: Hotel Stadt Lorrach or similar (3 nights)



DAY 6 Freiburg Sightseeing

Visit Freiburg in the morning, a lively university city with a charming Christmas atmosphere. Walk from the medieval Münster through the heart of the historic old quarter, past colorful stalls offering a range of festive goodies from the Black Forest.

Included: Breakfast

DAY 7 Strasbourg and Alsace Experience

Cross the Rhine to the region of Alsace, wedged between the Black Forest and the Vosges Mountains. This area has changed nationality four times since 1870! Arrive in Strasbourg, the City at the Crossroads, where the Christmas Market is the oldest and one of the largest in France. Spend time in a cozy neighborhood of timbered fairy-tale buildings, with Christmas shops and a gingerbread bakery, warm with fragrant promise. Return to Germany and venture to a local restaurant for a delightful dinner of local specialties.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

DAY 8 The Swiss City of Zürich

Cross the Swiss border and head for Zurich where a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® visit takes you through the streets of Zurich. A highlight is Europe's biggest indoor Christmas extravaganza held in the main railway station, with over 160 wooden chalets. Toast to the culmination of your Yuletide journey during a festive Celebration Dinner with wine at a local restaurant with its own microbrewery.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: Mövenpick Hotel Zürich-Airport or similar (1 night)

DAY 9 Homeward Bound

After breakfast, it's off to the airport and home with sweet cinnamon scented memories and the joy of the Holiday Spirit.

Included: Breakfast

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