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Tour Information

White Christmas *Tours*

Creating magical memories to last a lifetime

Select one of our 8 White Christmas tours. Then choose from a smorgasbord of unique travel experience options and we will design your very own tailor-made Christmas holiday of a lifetime.

As an independent traveller you can commence the tour at any time and even undertake the tour in either direction to create a truly individualised and unique itinerary.



For Families

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Christmas New Year Tour

Christmas in a Castle

Christmas in Germany

Christmas Markets Tour

For Skiers and Snowboarders

Markets Tour & Danube River Cruise

White Christmas

For Families

PRAGUE | VIENNA | SALZBURG | GARMISCH | CASTLE NEUSCHWANSTEIN

Itinerary

16 and 17 December – Prague

Explore the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage listed inner city and the spectacular Christmas market on the Old Town Square with its local handicrafts, like Bohemian crystal and lace.

18 and 19 December - Vienna

Vienna's spectacular architecture, its cosy coffeehouses, atmospheric wine taverns and musical tradition will enchant you. The Christmas market in front of City hall, huge Christmas trees, a visit to the magnificent baroque Palace Schönbrunn, sampling hot mulled wine, traditional Austrian Christmas carols at the famous Christmas market in front of the palace will make you fall in love with Vienna.

20 and 21 December - Salzburg

Enjoy visits to the Salzburg's fortress, the quaint car-free inner city, Mozart's birthplace, the majestic Cathedral, catacombs, the Christmas markets and the funicular railway ride up to the fortress overlooking Salzburg.

A 4-hour 'Sound of Music' tour will take you to the locations where many of the scenes for the movie were filmed: the wedding chapel, Hellbrunn castle and the beautiful lake-side village of Mondsee where you can taste the best crisp apple strudel at Mrs. Brown's café. (Or choose the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour)



22 - 26 December - Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Castle Neuschwanstein

The breathtakingly beautiful town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, at the foot of Germany's highest glacier covered mountain, the Zugspitze, will be a place like no other to celebrate a traditional German Christmas. Stroll through this quaint little township and admire the traditional painted house facades and let the yule-tide spirit enchant you at the village Christmas market with Alpine music, festively decorated booths and culinary regional specialties.



You will have guaranteed snow on the mountain and can enjoy skiing, snowboarding, hikes in the snow and any kind of winter activities imaginable. For a thrill of a lifetime go tobogganing on the glacier.

Or take a romantic evening torch-lit guided hike through the dramatic Parnach Gorge complete with a visit to a rustic mountain hut where some hearty refreshments await you.

Christmas Eve will be celebrated with a festive gala dinner and, if you like, you can afterwards walk through the silent village to attend midnight mass at a little local church.

Another of the highlights of your White Christmas in Germany holiday will be a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride into a picturesque valley. A winter experience that will fill your heart with peace and joy.



Garmisch-Partenkirchen has a lot to offer to non-skiers and skiers alike. During a one day excursion to nearby Neuschwanstein you have the opportunity to visit King Ludwig II fairy-tale castle Neuschwanstein.



Oberammergau, less than one hour from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, world-famous for its woodcarvers, richly painted houses and Passion Play is well worth a visit.

27 December - Munich

Enjoy the view of the picturesque Bavarian mountains and villages during your train ride from Garmisch-Partenkirchen to Munich airport.

Inclusions

Accommodation

- 11 nights in first class, 4 star centrally located hotels or apartments

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required
- Transport by minivan from airport to hotel in Prague on arrival
- 24-hour pass for all public transport in Salzburg.
- Transfer to Munich airport on departure (or any other city within Germany)

Meals

- 11 breakfasts
- Four 3-course or buffet style dinners
- 5-course Gala Christmas evening dinner

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- Guided walking tour in Prague
- Priority admission tickets to Palace Schönbrunn or the Imperial Palace
- 'Sound of Music' or 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour in Salzburg
- Admission tickets to Salzburg Fortress, catacombs and Mozart's Birthhouse
- Admission tickets to Palace Hellbrunn
- Funicular ride to Fortress Salzburg
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride
- Priority admission tickets to King Ludwig's castle Neuschwanstein

Other

- Child minding in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. See hotel website for details.



Tour price

All prices for this tour are by application. The tour price depends on the number of persons in your family or group, the choice of hotels and age of children under 16.

White Christmas

For Romantics

PRAGUE | VIENNA | HALLSTATT | SALZBURG | AUSTRIAN ALPS | MUNICH | CASTLE NEUSCHWANSTEIN

Itinerary

14 & 15 December - Prague

Explore the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage listed inner city and the spectacular Christmas market on the old Town square, Prague castle and a romantic dinner cruise.

16 & 17 December - Vienna

Vienna's spectacular architecture, its cosy coffee-houses, atmospheric wine taverns and musical tradition will enchant you. The Christmas market in front of City hall, huge Christmas trees, a visit to the magnificent baroque Palace Schönbrunn, sampling hot mulled wine, traditional Austrian Christmas carols at the famous Christmas market in front of the palace will make you fall in love with Vienna.

Take a dreamy ride on a Viennese tram to a historic 'Heurigen' Pub for a traditional Austrian meal and zither music in a building dating back to the 12th Century.

18 December - Hallstatt

The picturesque town of Hallstatt with its breathtaking scenery and a candle-lit dinner in the lake front restaurant will be a dream come true.



19 & 20 December - Salzburg

Enjoy visits to the Salzburg's fortress, the quaint car-free inner city, Mozart's birthplace, the majestic Cathedral, catacombs, the Christmas markets and the funicular railway ride up to the fortress overlooking Salzburg.

A 4-hour 'Sound of Music' tour will take you to the locations where many of the scenes for the movie were filmed: the wedding chapel, Hellbrunn castle and the beautiful lake-side village of Mondsee where you can taste the best crisp apple strudel at Mrs. Brown's café. (Or choose the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour instead)

21 - 25 December - Austrian Alps/Bad Hofgastein

In just over one hour your train takes you up to 1000m into the winter wonderland of Bad Hofgastein, surrounded by 3500m snow covered mountains. In this well-known resort with its historical and rustic houses you will experience an Austrian Christmas and have 5 days to enjoy the snow and all the snow based activities that you ever wanted. On your first evening you can choose to meet other travellers for a welcome drink in front of the fireplace in the lounge.



In Bad Hofgastein there is plenty to do and see for skiers and non-skiers alike. Ski downhill or cross country, go tobogganing (for a special thrill go tobogganing after nightfall), snow-shoe hiking, snowboarding or build a snowman/woman/child or snow kangaroo. Take a cable car to the summit of one of the mountains and gasp at the views to glacier-covered mountain peaks.

Or just be cosy and toasty in front of a fireplace and look out into a magic winter wonderland. After a day in the snow relax in the hot thermal spa complex. Experience several joyful advent festivities that will get you into the 'Christmas spirit'. One of these is a horse-drawn sleigh ride into the romantic Prossau valley.

Your Christmas Eve celebrations will start with a Christmas cocktail, followed by Christmas festivities and a grand Christmas dinner. Don your snow-boots just before midnight and walk through the crunching snow to the village chapel for mass. On your short walk you might come across small groups of carol singers. This will be a Christmas you will remember and cherish forever.

26 December – Munich

The afternoon is yours to explore Munich. Visit the 14th Century residence of the Bavarian rulers, the church of St. Michael, Germany's grandest Renaissance church and the neo-Gothic old town hall at the Marienplatz. Or sample one of Bavaria's famous beers at the Hofbräuhaus and listen to an oompah band.



27 December - Munich - Excursion to Castle Neuschwanstein

Hidden in the seclusion of the Bavarian mountains, King Ludwig II built his dream castle, Neuschwanstein. During your all day trip from Munich you will visit this extraordinary castle, the legacy of Bavaria's fairytale King.

28 December - Munich

Your driver will take you from your hotel to your departure terminal at the Munich airport.

Inclusions

Accommodation

- 14 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required
- Transport from airport to hotel in Prague on arrival
- VIP transport between train station and hotel in Bad Hofgastein on arrival and departure
- Transport by chauffeured car from hotel in Munich to airport on departure

Meals

- 14 breakfasts
- 3-course Czech dinner
- Romantic dinner cruise in Prague (or alternatively Black Light Theatre tickets)
- Dinner in Viennese wine tavern
- Candle-lit dinner at lake-front restaurant in Hallstatt
- Four 4-course dinners in Bad Hofgastein/Austrian Alps
- 4 afternoon 'Jausen' (refreshments)
- Christmas eve celebration cocktail
- 4-course special Christmas evening dinner with Christmas festivities around the Christmas tree

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Bad Hofgastein
- Guided city tour in Prague
- 2-day transport pass in Prague
- Priority admission tickets to Palace Schönbrunn or the Imperial Palace
- 2-day ticket for all transport in and around Vienna
- 'Sound of Music' tour in Salzburg (or alternatively 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour)
- Tickets to the 'Sound of Music' musical (optional)
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride into the romantic Prossau valley
- Guided flame-torch hike at night to rustic mountain hut. (If available during your stay)
- Christmas Eve festivities
- Access to 'Alpentherme' thermal spa complex
- Excursion to King Ludwig's fairytale castle Neuschwannstein.

Tour price

All tour prices are published on our **website**.

White Christmas

New Year Tour

MUNICH | CASTLE NEUSCHWANSTEIN | AUSTRIAN ALPS | SALZBURG | BUDAPEST | VIENNA

Itinerary

18 December - Munich

Your driver will take you directly from the airport to your hotel in the center of Munich.

The afternoon is yours to explore Munich. Visit the Christmas market in front of the neo-Gothic old town hall at the Marienplatz and sample your first cup of hot mulled wine. Or visit the less famous but very interesting medieval market at the Odeonsplatz. See the 14th Century residence of the Bavarian rulers and the church of St. Michael, Germany's grandest Renaissance church.



19 December - Munich - Excursion to Castle Neuschwanstein

Hidden in the seclusion of the Bavarian mountains, King Ludwig II built his dream castle, Neuschwanstein. During your all day trip from Munich you will visit this extraordinary castle, the legacy of Bavaria's fairytale King.

20 December - Munich - Excursion to Nürnberg

A pleasant walking tour through the Old Town offers insights into and information about the history of this ancient town, the castle, fortifications, wells and art treasures. Nürnberg has Germany's most famous Christmas market and the 180 stalls festooned with red and white cloth have given this Christmas market its name: Little town of wood and cloth.

No visit to Munich is complete without trying one of Bavaria's famous beers at the Hofbräuhaus and listening to an oompah band.

21 - 25 December - Austrian Alps/Bad Hofgastein

In just over one hour your train takes you up to 1000m into the winter wonderland of Bad Hofgastein, surrounded by 3500m snow and glacier- covered mountains. In this well-known resort with its historical and rustic houses you will experience an Austrian Christmas and have 5 days to enjoy the snow and all the snow-based activities that you ever wanted. On your first evening you can choose to meet other travellers for a welcome drink in front of the fireplace in the lounge.

In Bad Hofgastein there is plenty to do and see for skiers and non-skiers alike. Stroll among the stalls of the quaint village Christmas market, just next to your hotel, where local musicians play their Alpenhorns and provide a very festive atmosphere.

Ski downhill or cross country, go tobogganing (for a special thrill go tobogganing after nightfall), snow-shoe hiking, snowboarding or build a snowman/woman/child or snow kangaroo. Experience the iridescent- blue of the frozen waterfalls and go ice-climbing (beginners to advanced). Take a cable car to the summit of one of the mountains surrounding Bad Hofgastein and gasp at the views of glacier-covered mountain peaks. During a one day excursion to nearby Zell am See (optional) you have the opportunity to visit a very picturesque traditional Christmas market.



Or just be cosy and toasty in front of a fireplace in your warm and delightful hotel and look out into a magic winter wonderland. After a day in the snow relax in the hot thermal spa complex of your hotel. Experience several joyful advent festivities that will get you into the 'Christmas spirit'. One of these is a horse-drawn sleigh ride into the romantic Prossau valley. Every evening indulge in a 4-course meal featuring different Austrian specialties.

Christmas in continental Europe is celebrated on Christmas Eve. Your celebration will start with a Christmas cocktail, followed by Christmas festivities and a grand Christmas dinner. Don your snow-boots just before midnight and walk through the crunching snow to the village chapel for mass. On your short walk you might come across small groups of carol singers. This will be a Christmas you will remember and cherish forever.

26 December - Salzburg

Explore the small, car-free inner city. Visit Mozart's birthplace, the majestic Cathedral and take the funicular railway up to the fortress overlooking Salzburg.



27 December - Salzburg

The 'Sound of Music' tour takes you to the location where many of the scenes for the movie were filmed. The English speaking guide not only shows you the highlights of the 'Sound of Music' but also the historical and architectural landmarks in the city, as well as a part of the picturesque lake district. Explore the beautiful village of Mondsee and taste the best crisp apple strudel at Mrs. Brown's café. Or you can choose to undertake the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour.

28 & 29 December - Budapest

Visit the landmark building in Budapest, the neo-gothic Parliament on the banks of the Danube, topped by an elegant dome. The 691 rooms and staircases stretch for more than 12 miles.

During a half-day guided coach and walking tour you will see the Royal castle and Matthias Church and walk along Fishermen's Bastion.



29 December - Vienna

Stroll around the historic inner city and you will be enchanted by Vienna's spectacular architecture, its cosy coffeehouses, atmospheric wine taverns and musical tradition. In the evening take a dreamy ride on a Viennese tram to one of the oldest 'Heurigen' pubs and enjoy a traditional Austrian meal and zither music.

31 December - Vienna

You have a pass for all local transport in and around Vienna. Explore the entire city at your leisure. Hire ice-skates and skate on the frozen Danube or on the Ice Rink (with hot punch stalls) in front of the baroque historic museum. Visit the magnificent baroque Palace Schönbrunn. Stay on for a last stroll across one of Europe's most famous Christmas markets in front of the palace.



Vienna offers everything for young and old on New Year's Eve. For children there is a special 'Okidoki' program starting from 2pm in the afternoon.

The historic inner city has what is called a 'Sylvesterpath' with food stalls, music and other entertainment. It is tradition in Vienna to waltz into the New Year. At the stroke of midnight the fireworks will start and so will the Vienna Waltz music. This will be a very special and joyful moment to dance the Blue Danube Waltz on the squares of old Vienna at midnight.

1 January - Vienna

Your driver will take you from your hotel to the airport.

Inclusions

Accommodation

- 14 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required
- Transport by chauffeured car from the airport to hotel in Munich on arrival
- VIP transport between train station and hotel in Bad Hofgastein on arrival and departure
- Transport by minivan from the hotel in Vienna to airport on departure

Meals

- 14 breakfasts
- Four 4-course dinners in Bad Hofgastein/Austrian Alps
- Welcome drink in Bad Hofgastein
- 4 afternoon 'Jausen' (refreshments)
- Christmas eve celebration cocktail
- 4-course special Christmas evening dinner with Christmas festivities around the Christmas tree

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Munich, Bad Hofgastein and Vienna
- Excursion to King Ludwig's fairytale castle Neuschwannstein
- Full day excursion to Nürnberg
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride into the romantic Prossau valley
- Guided flame-torch hike at night to rustic mountain hut (If available during your stay)
- Christmas Eve festivities
- Access to 'Alpentherme' thermal spa complex
- 'Sound of Music' tour in Salzburg (or alternatively 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour)
- Tickets to the 'Sound of Music' musical. (optional)
- Sightseeing tour in Budapest
- Priority admission tickets to Palace Schönbrunn
- 2-day ticket for all transport in and around Vienna

Tour prices

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White Christmas

Christmas in a Castle

PARIS | STUTTGART | MUNICH | CASTLE NEUSCHWANSTEIN | SALZBURG | AUSTRIAN CASTLE

Itinerary

Paris

What better way to start your Christmas holiday than to find a good vantage point, perhaps on the top of Montmartre, and watch thousands of little lights cascading down the world's most famous monument, the Eiffel Tower.

During the days that follow visit other iconic landmarks: the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and of course the Eiffel Tower itself. Perhaps even treat yourself to a dinner at one of the Eiffel Tower restaurants. Stroll along the festively decorated Champs Elysees and charming little Christmas markets that line the squares and streets. Visit the enchanting outdoor ice rink at the light-festooned city hall. Or perhaps even take a look at the Christmas window displays at Dior and Vuiton.



Stuttgart

Explore Stuttgart's historic inner city and spectacular Christmas market on the palace square. Visit the old palace which has its origins as a water fortress build in the 10th Century.

Excursion to baroque Christmas market Ludwigsburg and/or visit to Mercedes Benz museum



A very special treat will be your excursion to the baroque Christmas market in Ludwigsburg. This Christmas market on the market square is laid out in the typical symmetry of baroque architecture, flanked by two festively illuminated baroque churches. The market square is surrounded by arcades and the thousands of tiny light globes decorating the arches and gates create a warm golden glow.

Make time to visit the Palace in Ludwigsburg with its porcelain factory, the hunting lodge and the lakeside palace Monrepos.

And for motoring fans, and Mercedes lovers in particular, the excursion to the Mercedes-Benz museum will be a dream come true. Choose from numerous themed tours and view 160 vehicles and another related 1,500 exhibits.

Munich

The afternoon is yours to explore Munich. Visit the Christmas market in front of the neo-Gothic old town hall at the Marienplatz and sample some hot mulled wine. Or visit the less famous but very interesting medieval market at the Odeonsplatz. See the 14th Century residence of the Bavarian rulers and the church of St. Michael, Germany's grandest Renaissance church.

Excursion to Nürnberg Christmas market

180 wooden stalls, festooned with red-and-white cloth have given the Christmas Market in Nuernberg its name of 'Little Town from Wood and Cloth'. Stroll through this medieval city and enjoy one of Europe's best and most authentic Christmas markets.

The medieval fortifications, Gothic churches, colourful market places and the hilltop castle of the old imperial city of Nürnberg are as awe-inspiring today as ever.

Excursion to Castle Neuschwanstein

Hidden in the seclusion of the Bavarian mountains, King Ludwig II built his dream castle, Neuschwanstein. During your all day trip from Munich you will visit this extraordinary castle, the legacy of Bavaria's fairytale King.

No visit to Munich is complete without tasting one of Bavaria's famous beers at the Hofbräuhaus and listening to an oompah band.



Salzburg

Explore the small, car-free inner city. Visit Mozart's birthplace, the majestic Cathedral and take the funicular railway up to the fortress overlooking Salzburg.

The 4-hour 'Sound of Music' tour takes you to the location where many of the scenes of the movie were filmed. The English speaking guide not only shows you the highlights of the 'Sound of Music' but also the historical and architectural landmarks in the city, as well as a part of the picturesque lake district. Explore the beautiful village of Mondsee and taste the best 'crisp apple strudel' at Mrs. Brown's café. Alternatively you can choose to undertake the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour.

Christmas in an Austrian Castle

You can choose to spend your Christmas days either in a medieval castle in the Austrian Alps near Salzburg, a luxury lake-side castle in fashionable Zell am See, an imperial hunting lodge in the mountains near Innsbruck or right in the city center of Salzburg in the romantic Mönchstein Castle.

Castle Thannegg: Children as well as adults will enjoy a stay in the family rooms of medieval castle Thannegg, a short distance from Salzburg. While some of the Alps finest ski resorts are within easy reach there is also plenty to do and enjoy around the castle and in the nearby little village. Go sledging on a natural toboggan run (even by moonlight), feed the deer and other wild animals near the castle and enjoy a snowshoe hike and a romantic carriage ride. The castle provides a wonderful setting for the daily children's program that includes a Knights' Table and ghosts in the vaults.



Castle Mönchstein: Spend the Christmas days in atmospheric Salzburg. Take a half-day excursion into the snow-covered mountains surrounding Salzburg for a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride. In the afternoon of Christmas Eve enjoy an excursion to the Silent Night Chapel in Oberndorf. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at midnight mass in the cathedral.



Add a few days in London prior to the commencement of your tour in Paris or a few days in Budapest or Vienna at the end your *Christmas Castle Tour*. Take a look at our 'Christmas and New Year's Tour' for further information.

Inclusions

Accommodation

- 14 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required and available
- Transport by shared shuttle minivan to hotel in Paris
- Transport to departure airport by rail anywhere in Austria or Germany

Meals

- 14 breakfasts
- One 2-course lunch with coffee in Stuttgart
- Three 4-course dinners.
- One 4-course special Christmas evening dinner with Christmas festivities around the Christmas tree

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Paris, Stuttgart, Ludwigsburg, Munich and Salzburg
- Sightseeing tour in Paris
- Priority admission ticket to the Eiffel Tower
- Priority admission ticket to the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and Versailles Palace.
- Admission tickets to Ludwigsburg Palace and to the Mercedes Benz museum near Stuttgart.
- Excursion to King Ludwig's fairytale castle Neuschwanstein.
- Full day excursion to medieval Nuernberg and its world famous Christmas market
- 'Sound of Music tour' in Salzburg or 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains tour'
- Funicular ride and admission to the fortress in Salzburg
- Admission to the catacombs in Salzburg
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride

Tour prices

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White Christmas

Christmas in Germany

FRANKFURT | HEIDELBERG | BERLIN | DRESDEN | NÜRNBERG
GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN | CASTLE NEUSCHWANSTEIN | MUNICH

Itinerary

14 December – Frankfurt

After checking into your hotel in the centre of Frankfurt, stroll to the Römerberg square for your first experience of a traditional German Christmas market. Join a guided themed tour around glühwein, seasonal stories and delicious baked goods and discover the inside secrets and hidden delights of Frankfurt's Christmas market.

15 December - Heidelberg

Your day excursion to nearby Heidelberg and a visit to its famous medieval castle will be one of the highlights of your Christmas tour in Germany. Take the funicular from the city centre up to the 13th Century castle and enjoy the amazing view of Heidelberg's Christmas markets that extend across 5 town squares.

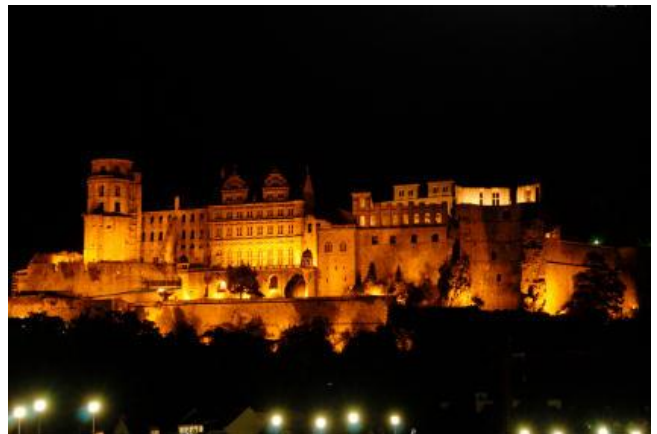
16 and 17 December - Berlin

On your first evening take a relaxing 'Christmas Lights coach tour'. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while viewing the city illuminated by festive Christmas lights. Berlin offers you a choice of 60 Christmas markets. The Charlottenburg Castle and 'Gendarmenmarkt' Christmas Market are the most famous ones. In the festively decorated cabins and exclusive glass pagodas taste delicious Christmas treats. Get to know Berlin's hidden sites during a half-day walking tour and see the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie, as well as lesser-known hidden gems.



18 and 19 December – Dresden

Familiarize yourself with this city with a 'Hop-on/Hop-off' bus tour and visit the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle. The 'Striezelmarkt', Germany's oldest Christmas market, has its origins in the early 15th Century. Admire Dresden's Christmas pyramids, printed textile products and blown glass tree decorations. Take this opportunity to watch the carvers, glass-blowers and bakers in action at the crafts market. The focal point of the Dresden Christmas Market is the world's tallest Christmas pyramid, with a height of 14 meters and the world's biggest nut cracker.



20 and 21 December - Nürnberg

A pleasant walking tour through the Old Town offers insights into the history of this ancient town, the castle, fortifications, wells and art treasures. The medieval fortifications, Gothic churches, colourful market places and hilltop castle of the old imperial city are as awe-inspiring today as ever. Nürnberg has one of Germany's most famous Christmas markets. Its 180 stalls festooned with red and white cloth have given this Christmas market its name: Little town of wood and cloth.



22 - 26 December - Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Castle Neuschwanstein

The breathtakingly beautiful town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, at the foot of Germany's highest and ice-age glacier covered mountain, the Zugspitze, will be an ideal place to celebrate a traditional German Christmas. Stroll through this quaint little township and admire the traditional painted house facades and let the yule-tide spirit enchant you at the village Christmas market with Alpine music, festively decorated booths and culinary regional specialties.

You will have guaranteed snow on the mountain and can enjoy skiing, snowboarding, hikes in the snow and any kind of winter activities imaginable. For a thrill of a lifetime go tobogganing on the glacier.

Or take a romantic evening torch-lit guided hike through the dramatic Parnach Gorge complete with a visit to a rustic mountain hut where some hearty refreshments await you. Christmas Eve will be celebrated with a festive gala dinner and, if you like, you can afterwards walk through the silent village to attend midnight mass at a little local church.

Another of the highlights of your White Christmas in Germany holiday will be a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride into a picturesque valley, a winter experience that will fill your heart with peace and joy.



Garmisch-Partenkirchen has a lot to offer to non-skiers and skiers alike. During a one day excursion to nearby Neuschwanstein you have the opportunity to visit King Ludwig II fairy-tale castle Neuschwanstein.

Nearby Oberammergau, world-famous for its woodcarvers, richly painted houses and Passion Play, is well worth a visit.

27 December - Munich

Enjoy the view of the picturesque Bavarian mountains and villages during your train ride from Garmisch-Partenkirchen to Munich airport.

Inclusions

Accommodation

- 13 nights in first class, 4 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required
- Transport from airport to hotel in Frankfurt on arrival
- Transport to Munich airport on departure by direct train

Meals

- 11 breakfasts
- 5-course Gala Christmas evening dinner

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Berlin, Dresden, Nürnberg and Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- Funicular ride and admission to Heidelberg Castle
- 'Christmas Lights' coach tour in Berlin
- Hop-on/hop-off bus tour in Dresden
- Admission to the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle in Dresden
- Admission to King Ludwig's castle Neuschwanstein
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride

Tour price

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White Christmas

PRAGUE | BERLIN | DRESDEN | NÜRNBERG | MUNICH | SALZBURG | VIENNA

Christmas Markets Tour



Itinerary

Your tour can start at any time from the end of November to Mid-December. Choose your travel dates to co-incide with special events and excursions, like the Christmas markets village tour in the Austrian Lake district from Salzburg, weekends only, or the 'Pyramid Festival' at the Dresden Christmas market.

Prague

Explore the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage listed inner city and the spectacular

Christmas market on the old Town square, Prague castle and a romantic dinner cruise.

Berlin

On your first evening take a relaxing 'Christmas Lights coach tour'. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while viewing the city illuminated in festive Christmas lights. Berlin offers you a choice of 60 Christmas markets. The Charlottenburg Castle and 'Gendarmenmarkt' Christmas Market are the most famous ones. In the festively decorated cabins and exclusive glass pagodas taste delicious Christmas treats. Get to know Berlin's hidden sites during a half-day walking tour and see the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie, as well as the lesser-known hidden gems.

Dresden

Familiarize yourself with this city with a 'Hop-on/Hop-off' bus tour and visit the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle. The 'Striezelmarkt', Germany's oldest Christmas market, has its origins in the early 15th Century. Admire Dresden's Christmas pyramids, printed textile products blown glass tree decorations. Take this opportunity and watch the carvers, glass-blowers and bakers in action at the crafts market. The focal point of the Dresden Christmas Market is the world's tallest Christmas pyramid, with a height of 14 meters and the world's biggest nut cracker.



Nürnberg

A pleasant walking tour through the Old Town offers insights into and information about the history of this ancient town, the castle, fortifications, wells and art treasures.

Every year Germany's most famous Christmas market commences with a moving ceremony on Friday evening before the first Advent Sunday. 180 stalls festooned with red and white cloth have given this Christmas market its name: Little town of wood and cloth.



Münich

Start your visit to München with a guided tour to several of München's Christmas markets. Your guide will lead you through the Old Town to visit München's most enchanting market stalls, steeped in history and festively decorated with fairy lights and Christmas decorations. You will hear stories about German Christmas traditions and history. See the nativity scene at Old City Hall and the Christmas Village in the Royal Palace courtyard and the Medieval Market near Odeonsplatz.

From München take a coach excursion to King Ludwig's dream castles, fairytale-like Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. The tour includes a short stop in Oberammergau, world-famous for its woodcarvers and richly painted houses.

Salzburg

Explore the small, car-free inner city at your leisure. Visit Mozart's birthplace, the majestic Cathedral, the Christmas markets and take the funicular railway up to the fortress overlooking Salzburg.



A special highlight of this Christmas market tour will be your excursion to the village markets of the lake-district. Stroll in the villages of St. Gilgen, Strobl and St. Wolfgang. Enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of these lake side markets with thousands of candles, lanterns and hundreds of Christmas trees and a magic boat ride on Lake Wolfgang with a cup of hot Christmas punch. (Weekends only.)

If you are in Salzburg during the week the 4-hour 'Sound of Music' tour takes you to the location where many of the scenes for the movie were filmed. The English speaking guide shows you not only the highlights of the 'Sound of Music' but

also the historical and architectural landmarks in the city, as well as a part of the picturesque lake district. Explore the beautiful village of Mondsee and taste the best crisp apple strudel at Mrs. Brown's café. Alternatively you can choose to undertake the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountains' tour.

If you want to spend the Christmas days in an Austrian mountain village not far from Salzburg and you have chosen your travel dates accordingly you can add a few days in Bad Hofgastein into your itinerary before travelling on to Vienna. For more details see our Romantic White Christmas tour.

Vienna

Stroll around the historic inner city and you will be enchanted by Vienna's spectacular architecture, its cosy coffeehouses, atmospheric wine taverns and musical tradition. Visit the Christmas market in front of City Hall and Palace Belvedere. In the evening take a dreamy ride on a Viennese tram to one of the oldest 'Heurigen' Pubs and enjoy a traditional Austrian meal and zither music.

You have a 2-day pass for all local transport in and around Vienna. Explore the entire city with its Christmas markets, lights and huge Christmas trees at your leisure. Hire ice-skates and skate on the frozen Danube or on the Ice Rink (with hot punch stalls) in front of the baroque historic museum. In the afternoon visit the magnificent baroque Palace Schönbrunn. Stay on afterwards to listen to the choirs singing traditional Austrian Christmas carols at the famous Christmas market in front of the palace.

On your last day your driver will take you directly from your hotel to the departure terminal at Vienna airport.



Inclusions

Accommodation

- 14 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star central located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required
- Transport by chauffeured car from the airport to hotel in Prague on arrival
- Transport by minivan from the hotel in Vienna to airport on departure

Meals

- 14 full breakfasts
- 3-course Czech dinner
- Sparkling wine and strawberries on arrival in Berlin
- 3-course candle-lit dinner with wine in Berlin
- Dinner in Viennese wine tavern

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Prague, Berlin, Dresden, Nürnberg, München, Salzburg and Vienna
- Walking sightseeing tour in Prague
- Guided tour of the Government district, Parliament house and visit to the glass dome in Berlin (Saturdays only)
- Hop-on/hop-off bus tour in Dresden
- Admission to the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle in Dresden
- Excursion to King Ludwig's fairytale castle Neuschwanstein, and Oberammergau
- Austrian Lakes Villages Christmas market tour (Saturday/Sunday) or alternatively 'Sound of Music' tour in Salzburg
- Priority admission tickets to Schönbrunn Palace or the Imperial Palace
- 2-day ticket for all transport in and around Vienna

Tour prices

All tour prices are published on our **website**.

We also cater for solo travellers, families and groups. Prices by application.

White Christmas

ZERMATT | ST. MORITZ | KLOSTERS-DAVOS

For Skiers and Snowboarders

Experience a traditional European Christmas with all the trimmings and ski in three of Switzerland's most spectacular and famous resorts

Itinerary

Zermatt 11 to 16 December

Zermatt, the ultimate skier's heaven, with the best developed and highest ski area in the Alps. Almost one-third of the 4,000-metre high mountains in the Alps are grouped around this world-famous village.

Ski on the Theodul Glacier, have a mug of glühwine in a mountain hut before heading off for a romantic moonlight ski run back to the valley. Ski into Italy (and back) or even try kite skiing and paragliding. Fulfill your dream of skiing on untouched powder snow at 4200m on a heli-skiing or heli-boarding excursion. Go free-riding or ski touring with an experienced mountain guide. Try ice skating on a natural ice rink or ice-curling and ice-stick shooting. After a long day on the slopes enjoy a Swiss fondue or hot chocolate in front of a fireplace.



Glacier Express Panorama Train from Zermatt to St Moritz 16 December

A rail journey of a lifetime through the clouds and snow-clad pristine Alpine countryside with roaring mountain streams, past the Rhine Gorge, Switzerland's 'Grand Canyon', across viaducts and through tunnels.

St Moritz 16 to 21 December



St Moritz will have to be one of the most fashionable ski resorts in the world. But don't let all that glitz and glamour distract you from the quality of the skiing. The sun shines for 320 days of the year and you will find the best powder snow on the slopes of the entire Engadine ski area that surrounds St Moritz. Owing to its high altitude snow is guaranteed in the pre- and after season and the view of the mountains is breathtaking.

The ski resort is known for its rustic and cosy ski lodges, where no "top-modern" concrete blocks architecture deprives the landscape of its beauty. A mind-boggling range of alternative winter sports awaits you: cricket, polo and golf are played on the frozen lake, Lej da San

Murezzan, throughout the winter season. Walk or use the cross country trails on and around the lake. 'Shop until you drop' in the wall-to-wall designer shops in glamorous St Moritz.

Klosters/Davos 21 to 26 December

Quiet Klosters, which has retained its village character, is neighbouring famous and fashionable Davos. Choose from six great snow sport regions, 318 km of pistes with guaranteed snow and 61 ski lifts. The ski areas of Davos and Klosters offer something for everyone, but Klosters has received awards for being a very family friendly resort.

Klosters is the ideal place to experience a true traditional Swiss Christmas. Enjoy the advent and Christmas festivities, ice bars, festive music and a horse-drawn sleigh ride through a winter wonderland. The sound of Alpenhorns during an open-air Christmas night celebration in a forest clearing under the stars will make this Christmas a very special experience that you will treasure for years to come.



Enjoy the deep snow free-riding on mount Pischa, Switzerland's largest free-ride region, the snowboarding on the Jakobshorn, a Mecca for dedicated snowboarders, offering kickers, rails and a monster pipe. Glide through a romantic side valley on cross-country skis or 'fly' over the snow on an airboard. There is skidooring, tubing and fun for the youngest skiers at the children's ski kindi. Recover from the day's exertions in a steam bath or in a log sauna.

Zürich (optional) 26 to 27 December

Add a day in Zürich before heading home. Stroll in the old town and along the river and lake and take a steam-boat ride on the lake if the lake is not frozen or a 19th Century funicular railway up to a viewing terrace above Zürich. Visit the Lindt chocolate factory.

This tour can also be taken at any other time between mid-December & March as a skiing holiday. Tour prices by application.



Inclusions

Accommodation

- 15 nights in first class, 4 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train transport with seat reservations from Zürich or Geneva airport to Zermatt on arrival
- Transport between train station in Zermatt and hotel on arrival and departure
- 1st class train ticket and seat reservation in panorama observation carriage on the Glacier Express
- First class train transport between St. Moritz and Klosters
- Transport between train station in Klosters to hotel on arrival and departure
- First class train transport from Klosters to Zürich or Geneva airport on departure

Meals

- 15 breakfasts
- 14 dinners
- 4-course special Christmas evening dinner
- Free minibar in Zermatt and Klosters

Skiing and Snowboarding

- 4-day ski pass in Zermatt including Cervinia in Italy
- 4-day ski pass in St. Moritz
- 4-day ski pass in Klosters
- Hotel shuttle bus to ski lifts in the morning and afternoon in Klosters



Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Horse-drawn sleigh ride in Klosters
- Advent festivities
- Christmas eve celebration in the forest with Christmas punch
- Access to hotel spa complexes at all locations (Pool, Sauna, Steambath)

Tour Prices

All tour prices are published on our **website**

White Christmas

Markets Tour & Danube River Cruise

LAND TOUR: PRAGUE | BERLIN | DRESDEN | NÜRNBERG | MUNICH

RIVER CRUISE: PASSAU | LINZ | MELK | VIENNA | BRATISLAVA | BUDAPEST

Combine our luxury Christmas markets tour with a Danube river cruise to create the ultimate European Christmas holiday

Itinerary

Prague Day 1 & 2 - Start of Christmas markets tour

Your English speaking driver will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel right in the center of the city. Take the afternoon and evening to familiarize yourself with this UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage listed inner city and its amazing architecture, winding streets and famous sights. In the evening enjoy a traditional Czech dinner.

A local guide will take you on a leisurely walking tour of the historical buildings of 'Old Prague'. Stroll around the spectacular Prague Christmas Market where you will find local handicrafts, like Bohemian crystal and lace and listen to local and international choirs singing Christmas carols on the stage in the Old Town Square while you browse the market stalls and enjoy the food and hot Christmas punch.



Berlin Day 3 & 4

Berlin offers you a choice of 60 Christmas markets, traditional historic or lively and modern. At the Charlottenburg Castle Christmas Market the castle and its park are immersed in a special romantic light and the stalls present carefully selected arts and crafts and ancient handicrafts. In the festively decorated cabins and exclusive glass pagodas you can enjoy delicious Christmas treats.



The Highlights at the Christmas Market on the 'Reformationsplatz' are a Nativity scene with living animals and a medieval plague procession that takes place every Wednesday.

The 'Gendarmenmarkt' Christmas Market takes place in one of the most beautiful squares of the city. There is plenty of entertainment provided by jugglers, acrobats, fire artists, dance groups, choirs, classical, jazz and gospel ensembles and famous international artists.

Dresden Day 5 & 6

Familiarize yourself with this city with a 'Hop-on/Hop-off' bus tour and visit the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle.

The 'Striezelmarkt', Germany's oldest Christmas market has its origins in the early 15th Century. Traditional Christmas gifts, toys and decorations were invented hundreds of years ago in the nearby Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains). The traditional Dresden Christmas Market with its romantic and festive charm is a treasure trove of traditional hand-made crafts. Admire Dresden's Christmas pyramids, smoking figures, printed textile products and pottery from Lusatia, gingerbread from Pulsnitz, filigree lace products from Plauen or blown glass tree decorations from Lauscha.



The focal points of the Dresden Christmas Market are the world's tallest Christmas pyramid with a height of 14 metres, and the world's biggest nut cracker.

Nürnberg Day 7

A pleasant walking tour through the Old Town offers insights into and information about the history of this ancient town, the castle, fortifications, wells and art treasures. 180 stalls festooned with red and white cloth have given this Christmas market its name: Little town of wood and cloth.

Münich Day 8 & 9



Start your visit to Munich with a guided tour to several of Munich's Christmas markets. Your guide will lead you through the Old Town to visit Munich's most enchanting market stalls, steeped in history and festively decorated with fairy lights and Christmas decorations. See the nativity scene at Old City Hall and the Christmas Village in the Royal Palace courtyard and the Medieval Market near Odeonsplatz.

From Munich take a coach excursion to King Ludwig's dream castles, fairytale-like Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. The tour includes a short stop in Oberammergau, world-famous for its woodcarvers and richly painted houses.

Passau Day 10 - Start of Danube river cruise

After boarding your ship use the free time to explore delightful Passau or join the other travellers for a “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.

Passau Day 11

Take a walking tour of elegant Passau, called the Dreiflüssestadt (City on Three Rivers), which is situated at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn Rivers. You will see the impressive Veste Oberhaus, a 13th-century fortress that served as a bishop's stronghold for several centuries. In the afternoon you are free to further explore Passau. See the sights and experience the local culture, or simply relax on board before dinner.



Linz & Salzburg Day 12

The day's activity is an excursion to the legendary Austrian city of Salzburg, the location for the film 'The Sound of Music'. Ride through the scenic Austrian countryside to Salzburg's Old Town area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a walking tour featuring the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the Hohensalzburg Fortress just above the city center. Take free time to explore Salzburg's narrow cobbled streets and colorful buildings and get lunch in one of the charming cafés; return aboard for dinner and a late-evening departure.

Melk & Dürnstein Day 13

In the morning visit the 900-year-old abbey at Melk, a Benedictine monastery that was originally one of Leopold II's castles. See its spectacular wall and ceiling frescoes, note the library's comprehensive collection of medieval manuscripts, and admire the graceful spiral staircase. After lunch aboard, the ship stops at the picturesque Wachau Valley town of Dürnstein, where you can explore on your own, sample some local vintages from this famous wine-producing region, or join an optional walking tour of the town's highlights. Dine aboard as you depart.

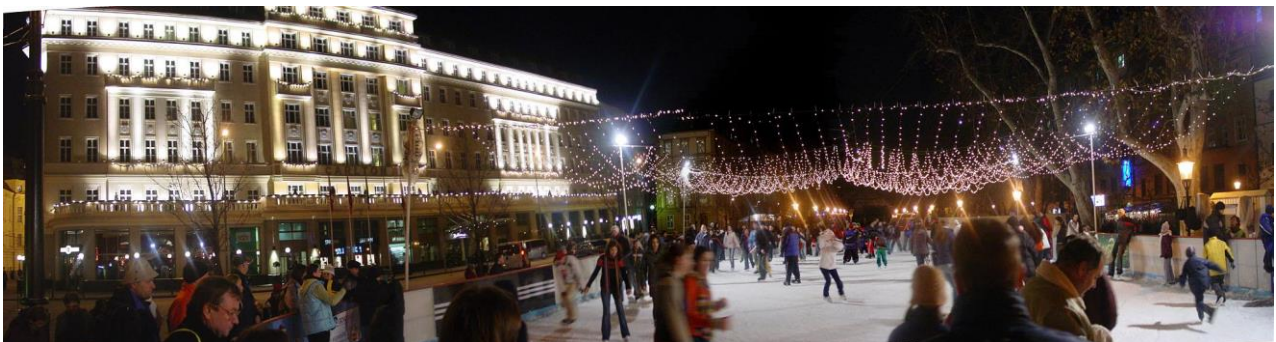


Vienna Day 14

Enjoy the tour of the Austrian capital Vienna. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for

lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore—as always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or you may take an optional tour to Schönbrunn Palace, the Versailles of Vienna, with its formal gardens, classical statuary, the world's oldest zoo and the “Roman ruin” erected in 1778. After dinner, relax or enjoy an optional classical concert.

Bratislava Day 15



Arrive in Bratislava in the morning and embark on a walking tour of Slovakia's charming capital—the only national capital that borders two other countries, Austria and Hungary—with a long and fascinating history. See attractions like the medieval Town Hall complex and fortifications at Michael's Tower, baroque Jesuit Church and Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, and pass by several Habsburg-era baroque palaces before returning to your ship for lunch and departure. Enjoy relaxing Danube cruising; sail into Budapest late in the evening.

Budapest Day 16



Visit the highlights of both the older “Buda” and more the cosmopolitan “Pest” sides of the city, starting with Pest's National Opera House and historic Heroes' Square. In Buda, walk along Fishermen's Hill to Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. Enjoy lunch aboard with the rest of the day to explore on your own—you may wish to visit the Art Deco Gellért Spa or one of the many other lavish facilities in this “City of Healing Waters.” Return to your ship for a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner.

Budapest Day 17

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.



Inclusions Danube River Cruise (excluding Christmas markets tour)

Accommodation

- Deluxe river-view stateroom

Meals

- All onboard meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
- Complimentary beverages - wine, beer & soft drinks with onboard lunch and dinner

Shore excursions

- 6 included guided tours as per itinerary

Other

- Port charges
- Shipboard gratuities

Prices River Cruise (excluding Christmas markets tour)

Passau to Budapest 8 days / 7 nights

Prices vary depending on choice of cabin, optional excursions or extensions and the availability of discounts or special offers. Contact us for up to date price details

Inclusions Christmas Markets Tour (excluding river cruise)

Accommodation

- 9 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star centrally located hotels

Travel

- First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required including from Munich to Passau.
- Transport by chauffeured car from the airport to hotel in Prague on arrival
- Transport to Budapest airport on departure. (or at extra cost to Vienna airport)

Meals

- 9 breakfasts
- 3-course Czech dinner
- Sparkling wine and strawberries on arrival in Berlin
- 3-course candle-lit dinner with wine in Berlin

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

- Christmas markets in Prague, Berlin, Dresden, Nürnberg and München,
- Walking sightseeing tour in Prague
- Guided tour of the Government district, Parliament house and visit to the glass dome in Berlin (Saturdays only)
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Prices Christmas Markets Tour(excluding the river cruise)

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Travel in Style

Comfort & Luxury

Travelling

Travel in style in Europe's luxurious superfast trains and arrive relaxed and in next to no time at your holiday destinations. Comfortable, fast and stress-free. Enjoy the spacious seats, plenty of leg room, ability to move around and the magnificent views from the comfort of your reserved first class seat, the dining car or a standard seat in the famous Eurostar. Travel by coach between Venice and Austria. No early morning starts and no late afternoon arrivals at the next destination.



Accommodation

Your luxurious hotels will not just be comfortable places to stay at but will enhance your European experience - the hotel with views to the Alps, a renovated 17th Century building right in the heart of the cities, close to all the historic sites and within 'strolling' distance of restaurants and cafes. Step out of the front door of your hotel and be surrounded by the sounds, sights, music and ambience of the town. Your hotel will also be a place to retreat to - in a peaceful inner courtyard, a lakeside terrace, a garden, or rooftop terrace.

Food

Taste the regional specialties. Your tour dinners feature the best of local produce and flavours. We will also provide you with information prior to your departure on local markets, restaurants, wine taverns or little 'hole in the wall' eateries that you might like to check out.

Atmosphere and sights

You will have ample time to explore and become familiar with each place as you are not spending a lot of travelling time getting from one destination to the next and stay at least 2 nights minimum everywhere. Each of us has our own preferred way to explore a city, including how much time to spend where. We have therefore given you sightseeing options to choose from that will fit your personal preferences.



Hassle free travelling

We take care to plan and organize your holiday in every detail and to your personal liking. Just pack your bags, get on the plane and enjoy a stress-free and well-paced holiday. Our programs are a well-balanced mix of magnificent architecture but also markets, river or lake cruises, walks in the countryside, themed excursions or strolls along rivers and little cobble-stoned alleyways.



Independent travelling

You are travelling as independent travellers, with your own tickets, reservations, detailed itinerary, directions, timetables, admission tickets, maps etc. Every day will be quite clearly laid out in your itinerary, with train departure and arrival times, seat reservation details, destination information, directions and maps where sightseeing tours will leave from or how to get to or from the train station to your hotel, usually in easy walking distance. The various sightseeing tours at your destinations will be pre-booked and we will provide you with detailed information regarding the time and content of the tour, and departure points.

Communication

Travelling in Europe, in particular Western Europe, you will find that you won't have any communication problems as good English is widely spoken. Sharing of local knowledge and insights into the culture and history of the country you are visiting, usually provided by a tour leader, will be available during your sightseeing tours by local expert guides.

Increased flexibility and choices

Having your own tickets gives you more flexibility. For example, in Vienna if you want to see the Belvedere Palace and your travelling partner prefers to sample more hot punch and gingerbread at the Christmas markets, it's your choice. You are not locked into a tight program. If you happen to fall ill and prefer to stay for another day you can catch the train the next day as your train ticket will be valid for up to two months. (Obviously you would have to pay for the extra day in the hotel and another train seat reservation). The usual departure time for the train is around 10 am, giving you plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast.

The choice is yours

We ensure that our tours are planned and organized with attention to every detail and we feel confident that you will find that everything works smoothly. You will have the advantage of the substantial savings of the 'self-guided' tour price and you can choose to use these savings to splash out on some exciting optional travel experiences, like extra excursions, pamper treatments or indulging in some regional delicacies.

Tailor Made

About Us

Many years of travelling, living in various countries in Europe and intensive research of travel destinations have inspired us to create the tours in our program. Our personal experience has taught us that rushing from one place to the next is not the best way to experience a different culture. To enjoy every moment and have a truly memorable holiday one needs to travel at a leisurely pace.

We know that a holiday has to be well structured and balanced – not just a string of major European cities with their magnificent architecture. And we also know that tastes and preferences vary greatly – while one traveller might want to spend an entire day skiing another traveller would rather spend the day visiting a castle or fortress. Our concept of self-guided, individualised tours can accommodate both with ease.

And this is what makes our tours unique.

We realize that not everyone wants to experience Europe with 40 other travellers in a bus on the exact same itinerary. Or – at the other end of the spectrum – not everyone wants to hire a car and make their own way, driving on the highways and into the cities of Europe.

That's why we have chosen the comfort and flexibility of train travel for you.

Travelling in Europe's super-fast trains nevertheless gives you the feeling of 'slow travel', as you have more time at each destination and never rush from place to place. We have designed the itineraries so that most mornings you will leave at about 10am and on average your travel time between destinations ranges from 2 ½ hours to 4 hours and 20 minutes, depending on your tour.

We are continually researching and visiting the destinations on the tours to ensure that all the services you receive are of absolutely highest standard.

As a registered travel agency and member of the Australian Travel Compensation Fund, we can ensure that you can have peace of mind that your money is secure and you will not find yourself stranded and without tickets or valid reservations. The Travel Compensation Fund has an ongoing financial monitoring system in place that helps prevent the failure of a participating travel agency. In the case of a financial collapse of the participating travel agency, however, eligible travellers are provided with compensation through the TCF if the traveller has suffered a financial loss.

Our Travel Compensation Fund Number is: 10067

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