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CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF BAVARIA, BLACK FOREST, AND ALSACE

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

(2) MUNICH • (2) STRASBOURG • (2) FREIBURG • (2) ZÜRICH

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF BAVARIA, BLACK FOREST, AND ALSACE TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York (JFK); other gateways available
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 8 nights: 2 nights in Munich, 2 nights in Strasbourg, 2 nights in Freiburg, and 2 nights in Zürich
- **SUPERB CUISINE** Daily buffet breakfast, welcome dinner, traditional Bavarian beer house lunch, Black Forest brewery lunch, and Alsatian lunch with regional wine tasting
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Guided sightseeing tours of Munich, Strasbourg, Baden-Baden, Freiburg, Colmar, and Zürich, plus visits to charming Christmas markets throughout Germany, France, and Switzerland
- **SPECIAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES** Visit Alpirsbach Brewery with beer tasting, enjoy a traditional glassblowing demonstration at Dorotheenhütte, discover Triberg›s famous cuckoo clock shop, savor authentic Black Forest cake, and explore the Lindt Home of Chocolate
- **CHRISTMAS MARKET EXPERIENCES** Free time to explore the festive markets of Munich, Esslingen, Strasbourg, Gengenbach, Freiburg, Colmar, and Zürich
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER** Services of an English-speaking local tour manager throughout the journey
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACH** Comfortable private motorcoach transportation throughout the tour as outlined in the itinerary
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Porterage at hotels and arrival transfers as outlined in the itinerary

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Munich›s festive Christmas markets and historic landmarks • Experience Esslingen›s enchanting medieval Christmas market • Explore Strasbourg›s magnificent Gothic Cathedral and charming Christmas markets • Admire Gengenbach›s spectacular giant Advent calendar • Visit Baden-Baden and its elegant Christmas market • Discover the scenic beauty and charming villages of Germany›s Black Forest • Experience traditional glassblowing at Dorotheenhütte Glass Factory • Visit Triberg, home to Europe›s largest cuckoo clock • Explore Freiburg›s historic Old Town and festive Christmas market • Savor Alsatian cuisine and regional wines in picturesque Riquewihr • Stroll through Colmar›s fairytale Christmas markets and illuminated streets • Taste authentic Black Forest cake • Marvel at the spectacular Rhine Falls • Discover Zürich›s historic Old Town and magical Christmas markets • Experience Swiss chocolate-making traditions at the Lindt Home of Chocolate



HISTORIC CITY OF ZURICH


ESSLINGEN AM NECKAR, GERMANY

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN MUNICH

Upon arrival in Munich, guests will be transferred to the hotel while enjoying a panoramic introduction to the Bavarian capital. The tour offers a first glimpse of Munich's elegant boulevards, historic architecture, and festive winter atmosphere. After check-in, the evening is free to explore Munich's famous Christmas markets. The city transforms into a magical winter wonderland during Advent, with the traditional market at Marienplatz featuring twinkling lights, handcrafted ornaments, mulled wine stalls, and the scent of roasted almonds and gingerbread filling the air. Overnight in Munich.

DAY 2 DISCOVERING MUNICH & BAVARIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS — (B,L)

Following breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour of Munich, discovering its historic squares, royal heritage, and famous landmarks. Lunch is served in a traditional Bavarian beer house, where guests can experience local hospitality and regional cuisine. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for further exploration of Munich's Christmas markets. Beyond the main Christkindlmarkt, visitors may discover charming themed markets throughout the city, from medieval-style stalls to festive artisan markets offering seasonal specialties and handcrafted gifts. Overnight in Munich.


CHRISTMAS MARKET IN MUNICH, BAVARIA, GERMANY

DAY 3 THROUGH BAVARIA TO STRASBOURG — (B)

After breakfast, depart for Strasbourg. Along the journey, a comfort stop is made in Esslingen am Neckar, renowned for its enchanting medieval Christmas market. Here, visitors are transported back in time as traders dressed in historical costumes fill the cobbled streets with traditional crafts, music, fire shows, and festive delicacies. The medieval atmosphere makes Esslingen one of Germany's most unique Advent experiences. Continue onward to Strasbourg and check in at the hotel. The evening is free to enjoy Strasbourg's celebrated Christmas markets, among the oldest and most famous in Europe. The city's halftimbered houses, illuminated streets, and magnificent Christmas tree create an unforgettable festive atmosphere throughout the historic center. Overnight in Strasbourg.

DAY 4 STRASBOURG & GENGENBACH ADVENT CALENDAR — (B)

This morning, enjoy a guided city tour of Strasbourg, exploring its picturesque canals, Gothic cathedral, and charming Alsatian architecture. The remainder of the afternoon is free for lunch and independent exploration of Strasbourg's Christmas markets. Spread across several squares, the markets offer traditional Alsatian decorations, festive treats, handmade crafts, and warm seasonal drinks in a truly magical setting. Later in the day, travel to Gengenbach to witness its famous Advent calendar spectacle. Every evening during Advent, the windows of the town hall transform into a giant illuminated Advent calendar, creating one of the Black Forest's most beloved Christmas traditions. Return in the evening with leisure time to further enjoy the festive ambiance. Overnight in Strasbourg.


CHRISTMAS MARKET IN STRASBOURG, FRANCE


ALSACE REGION,FRANCE

DAY 5 BADEN-BADEN & THE BLACK FOREST (B,L)

After breakfast, depart for a guided visit to Baden-Baden, a refined spa town renowned for its elegant Christmas market set beneath illuminated trees and surrounded by historic architecture. The journey continues into the Black Forest with a brewery visit in Alpirsbach, including tasting of their own beer and traditional Bratwurst. Guests will also visit Dorotheenhütte, where a live glass-blowing demonstration showcases traditional craftsmanship. A scenic drive through Triberg offers views of charming Black Forest villages and winter landscapes before continuing to Freiburg im Breisgau. The evening is free to explore Freiburg's atmospheric Christmas market, known for regional handicrafts, local culinary specialties, and its beautiful setting around the historic cathedral square. Overnight in Freiburg im Breisgau.

DAY 6 ALSACE WINE ROUTE & COLMAR CHRISTMAS MARKETS (B,L)

Following breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Freiburg im Breisgau before crossing into the Alsace region of France. Lunch is served in the picturesque wine village of Riquewihr and includes a regional wine tasting. Surrounded by vineyards and half-timbered houses, Riquewihr appears like a fairytale village during Advent. Continue to Colmar for a guided tour followed by free time to explore its famous Christmas markets. Colmar's festive decorations, canals, illuminated facades, and themed market squares create one of the most magical Christmas settings in Europe. Return to Freiburg in the evening. Overnight in Freiburg im Breisgau.


FREIBURGMARKET, GERMANY

DAY 7 BLACK FOREST TO ZÜRICH (B)

After breakfast, depart toward Zürich with several scenic stops along the way. Enjoy free time in Titisee-Neustadt, followed by traditional Black Forest cake and coffee. Continue to Schaffhausen for leisure time before visiting the spectacular Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall. Upon arrival in Zürich, the evening is free to discover the city's elegant Christmas markets. Highlights include beautifully decorated shopping streets, festive lakeside scenery, and the famous indoor Christmas market at the main station featuring a sparkling Swarovski Christmas tree. Overnight in Zürich.

DAY 8 ZÜRICH (B)

Following breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour of Zürich, discovering the city's lakeside setting, historic old town, and cosmopolitan atmosphere. After free time for lunch, visit the renowned Lindt Home of Chocolate, where guests can learn about Swiss chocolate-making traditions and enjoy the sweet aromas of one of Switzerland's most famous exports. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Zürich.

DAY 9 DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast it's time for departure, bringing this festive winter journey through Germany, France, and Switzerland to a memorable close.

(B) - BREAKFAST (L) - LUNCH (D) - DINNER

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at the guide's discretion due to local conditions.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 (4) 5 ACTIVE

Mobility Advisory:
This trip is listed as a 4 out of 5, for active physical mobility. On a daily basis, travelers will be expected to walk, unassisted, at a moderate steady pace, occasionally over difficult terrain such as uneven cobblestones. Travelers will also be expected to be able to get on and off various means of transportation, unassisted.

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