

INSIGHT VACATIONS

Alpine Christmas Markets





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Day 1 | Arrive in Munich



Welcome to Germany. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon 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 a welcome dinner with wine.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Munich Marriott

Day 2 | Free Time in the Bavarian Capital



Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre. 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.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Munich Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Linderhof Palace - 'Mad' King Ludwig of Bavaria was a man before his time. A guided tour of his favourite castle increases your admiration for this misunderstood Fairytale King. A short stroll through the enticing woodland leads you to the gorgeous jewel of Linderhof Palace. Here is where Ludwig really was at home: midnight sleigh rides, operas for one performed in a man-made cave, electricity and even a telephone line. You'll have a chance to enjoy the gardens and ornate interiors during this palace visit.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

Bavarian Dinner - Tonight you'll soak up the lively atmosphere of a popular traditional restaurant. You'll enjoy traditional Bavarian hospitality and sample delicious regional specialities and local beer.

Adult: 81.00 EUR

Day 3 | Lake Chiemsee, Salzburg and Innsbruck



Travel past Lake Chiemsee, often called the Bavarian Sea, en route to Salzburg. With your Local Expert, stroll through the baroque Old Town and visit Mozart's Birthplace on Getreidegasse. Inside, enjoy a rare musical demonstration on his original pianoforte, a moment that brings Salzburg's most famous son vividly to life. Afterwards, explore the city's renowned Christmas markets and enjoy a warming Glühwein, a traditional mulled wine dating back to the 15th century, with your Travel Director. Explore the market with your free time where you can browse handcrafted decorations and shop for local delicacies. Continue to Swarovski Crystal World, a visionary museum and art space conceived by André Heller to celebrate the artisanship and creativity of the Swarovski legacy.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

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.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Nordkette Alps & Heritage - A visit to the Nordkette is an unforgettable experience - a unique combination of relaxation, natural wonder and modern architecture. Space-age stations designed by star architect, Zaha Hadid herald your journey up to Hungerburg. From here the panoramic gondola continues up to the 1,905-metre-high Seegrube, where (weather permitting) you can enjoy tremendous views of the entire Central Inn Valley and across to the Italian border. Back down in the Old Town, join your local expert to explore the heritage of the Golden Roof and the "Black Men" of Emperor Maximilian.

Adult: 87.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Tyrolean Evening With Dinner - Enjoy a lively evening including dinner, featuring dancers in national costume, yodelling and entertainment typical of the life, crafts and traditions of the Tyrolean people. Drinks are included.

Adult: 94.00 EUR

Tyrolean Evening - Enjoy a lively evening of traditional entertainment, featuring dancers in national costume, yodelling and entertainment typical of the life, crafts and traditions of the Tyrolean people. Two

drinks are included.
Adult: 62.00 EUR

**This evening choice experience may not be available on every departure.*

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 harbour. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hotel Stadt Lörrach, Loerrach.

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 colourful stalls offering a range of festive goodies from the Black Forest.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel Stadt Lörrach, Loerrach.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Colmar Excursion - Nestled in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards lies the impossibly quaint little town of Colmar. Our local expert will help you discover its half timbered byways and Venetian-style canals.
Adult: 44.00 EUR

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 cosy neighbourhood 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 specialities, accompanied by wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hotel Stadt Lörrach, Loerrach.

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. Enjoy the traditional Christmas Markets in Zurich's Old Town. Toast to the culmination of your Yuletide journey during a festive dinner with wine at a local restaurant with its own microbrewery.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Zurich Airport

Day 9 | Depart Zürich



Say a fond farewell to Switzerland and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Your final hotel is located at the airport, just a short walk from the terminal, so there's no need to arrange a transfer.

Meals: Breakfast

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