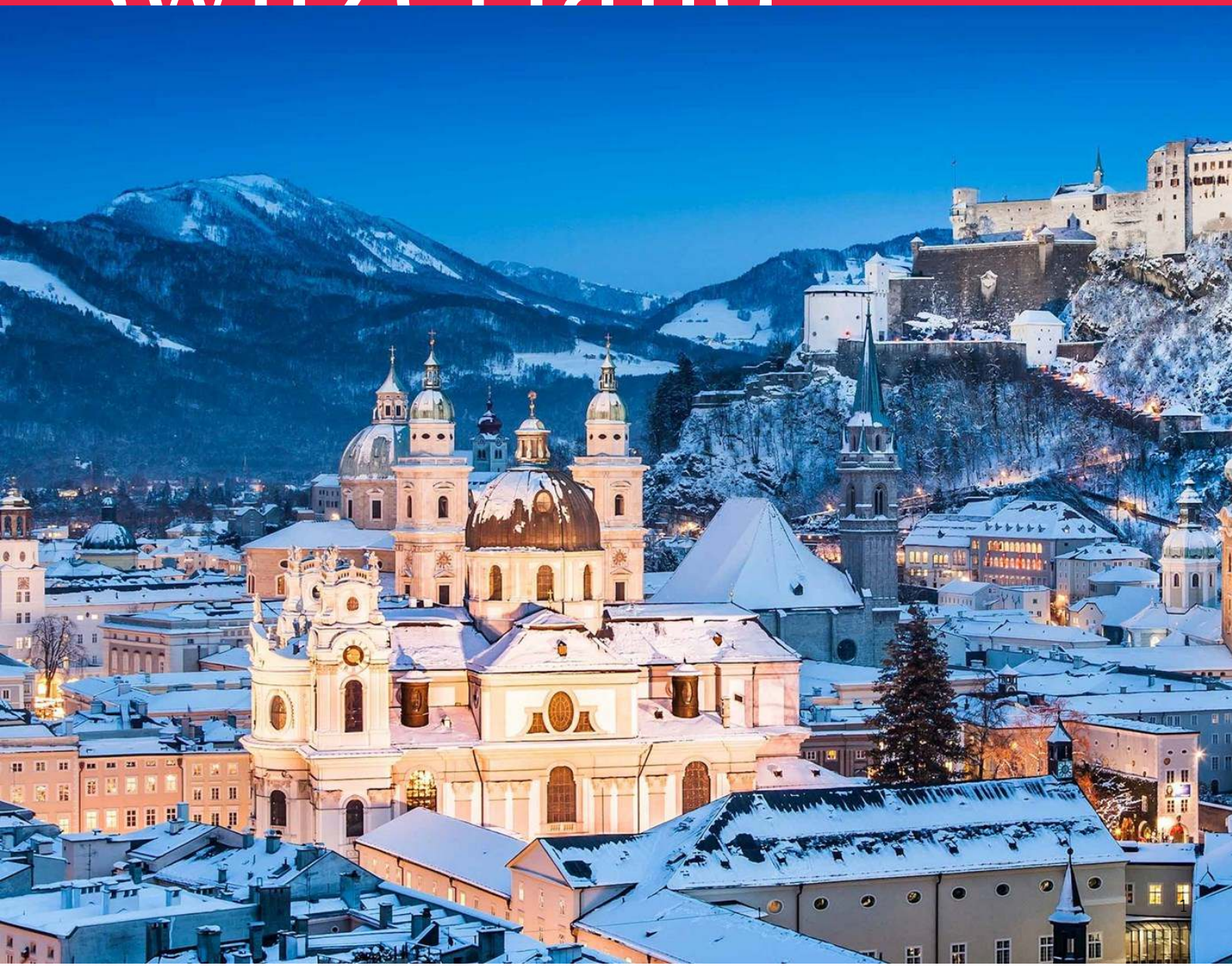
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Start Location

Visited Location

Plane

End Location

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Train

1 Over night

Ferry

Day 1 | Welcome to Vienna



Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe's most magical Christmas markets. Our journey begins in Vienna, which you will have an opportunity to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for an orientation drive followed by a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

Day 2 | Discover Vienna's Spectacular Christmas Markets



Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Austrian capital, from its Parliament and City Hall to the grand State Opera House and Hofburg Palace, once the winter palace the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. We feed our Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein, wandering past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

Optional Experiences:

Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens - The Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn offers an amazing journey through the centuries of Habsburg rule. It is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with treasures from around the globe. Each room has a story to tell, so of course, you'll have a Local Specialist to bring it to life and to make the most of your time.
Adult: ***55.00 EUR***

**This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

Dinner And Viennese Concert - A wonderful evening of all things Viennese! We'll enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of Viennese classical music. With your 'A Class' tickets, you will experience works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart performed in a classic, sumptuous setting and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice during the concert. *Please note: on occasion, a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of sparkling wine.*
Adult: ***123.00 EUR***

**This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

Day 3 | Journey to Munich



Venture along the scenic Danube Valley to Mozart's beloved Salzburg, where we'll Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and other sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, travel past beautiful alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

Day 4 | Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets



Bundle up warmly and join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of one of Germany's liveliest cities. Embrace the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day savouring the sights, sounds and smells of Munich's Christmas market – a dazzling display of twinkling lights, carols and a magnificent Christmas tree. Continue your feast and indulge in Munich's unrivalled hospitality with an optional visit to enjoy the Gemütlichkeit atmosphere at one of Munich's most traditional restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

Optional Experiences:

Bavarian Evening - A great evening dining in the local atmosphere of a typical Bavarian restaurant. Enjoy traditional Bavarian food and sample some of Munich's best beer – Prost!
Adult: ***76.00 EUR***

The Dachau Memorial Site - Our Local Specialist will provide insight into Germany's first concentration camp, opened immediately after Hitler's rise to power, just outside Dachau. We'll learn about the camp, now maintained as a memorial, and the part it played in this tragic period in history.
Adult: ***38.00 EUR***

**You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:*

Munich Through the Eyes of a Local - Explore Munich's hidden alleyways, nooks and crannies. From its majestic gothic architecture, to magnificent baroque masterpieces, our Local Specialist will bring the past to life. Explore the symbol of the city; the Frauenkirch, see the Heroes Gallery and Dodgers Alley, then conclude with a greater understanding of the Viktualienmarkt, and its produce, where you can choose to enjoy a city picnic or be waited on, in the cities most famous beergarden. Prost!
Adult: ***35.00 EUR***

Day 5 | Off to Innsbruck



We leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, which hosts the poignant Passion Play every ten years. Admire the village's intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes depicting Bavarian themes before continuing to Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Tivoli Innsbruck

Optional Experiences:

Traditional Tyrolean Evening - You'll enjoy a lively evening of traditional entertainment as singers, dancers, and musicians dressed in national costume provide a colourful show of folklore and fun. Includes two drinks.
Adult: ***55.00 EUR***

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

Day 6 | Venture to Lucerne



A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck before continuing to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Our final stop today is Lucerne, where we'll spend the next two nights. Our orientation tour of the city takes us past the sad Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Astoria

Optional Experiences:

Swiss Countryside & Carriages - A chance to get to know the Swiss, you'll meet local farmers and enjoy a delightful countryside tour in horse-drawn carriages. Soak up the stunning scenery as we trot around a typical rural community, en route to a local homestead where you'll savour local drinks and snacks.
Adult: ***77.00 CHF***

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Day 7 | Explore Lucerne's Festive Glittering Lights



This morning choose to join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience to the peak of a nearby mountain top. Embrace the Yuletide cheer in true Swiss-style during a visit to Lucerne's Christmas market at Franziskanerplatz, in the heart of the city's Old Town. Ramble past traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of Glühwein in hand, and admire the swirling Christmas carousel, filled with the joyful sounds of happy children. For lunch we celebrate our magical journey together during an exclusive Be My Guest experience filled with Christmas cheer as you Connect With Locals in their home.
The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or perhaps join an optional cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Astoria

Optional Experiences:

Mount Pilatus Explorer - Enjoy a scenic drive to the cog-wheel railway, where we'll board the train to Mount Pilatus' summit. Here you'll have time to explore, admire the views and breathe the fresh mountain air, before descending through fields and forests by cable car, to the foot of this majestic mountain.
Adult: ***90.00 CHF***

**On certain departures ascent and descent will be by cable car only.*

Lake Lucerne Cruise and Drinks - Widely considered to be the loveliest of the mountain lakes, much of the shoreline of Lake Lucerne can only be fully appreciated from the water. As we cruise gently by, you'll admire the spectacular homes of the fortunate few privileged to live on its scenic shores. Two drinks will be served during your trip.
Adult: ***54.00 CHF***

Day 8 | Journey Home



We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast