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-  Plane
-  Cruise
-  Over night

-  Visited Location
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## Day 1 | Welcome to Frankfurt



Tame your festive wanderlust with the smells of Glühwein and Stollen on this magical journey that begins in Frankfurt. After checking in this afternoon, join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerplatz. Later, join your fellow travellers for a light dinner and drinks.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Sheraton Offenbach

## Day 2 | Venture to Nuremberg



Stunning Bavarian landscapes line your journey to the medieval walled town of Rothenburg where you'll enjoy an orientation walk with your Travel Director past picture-perfect half-timbered houses and the Old Town Hall. Savour a mouthful or two of Schneeballen or shop for gifts at the Reiterlesmarkt before continuing to Nuremberg with its mighty ramparts and St. Sebald's Church. Our next stop is the famous Christkindlesmarkt where sweet gingerbread hearts hang from the stalls and the famous Zwetschgenmännle prune men pose in all their Christmas splendour.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Seminaris

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Nuremberg's Medieval Secrets Uncovered*** - Tonight, explore the Nuremberg overlooked by so many, Our Local Specialist shines a light on the darkened alleyways and hidden corners of this medieval masterpiece, bringing it to life. Turrets, towers and tales of a bygone era, it won't be long before you realise there is so much more to this city than beautiful fountains, plum men and lebkuchen, you certainly want to hang around for a while.

Adult: 41.00 EUR

### Day 3 | Off to Weimar



Embrace hundreds of years of festive spirit at the Eisenach Christmas market\* held in the UNESCO World Heritage Wartburg Castle. Ramble past sizzling Bratwurst and steaming vats of Glühwein as you soak up the magical atmosphere. Next on our Christmas wish list is Erfurt's medieval market – its Weihnachtspyramiden is the gateway to delicious aromas of schnitzel, gingerbread and egg punch, enjoyed against the backdrop of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Severus Church. See the market Ferris wheel and Merchants' Bridge, the longest inhabited bridge in Europe. Our final stop on our festive foray today is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Weimar, where we dine at our hotel. (\*Sat/Sun only)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo

### Day 4 | Admire Magical Leipzig and on to Dresden



Feel the festive spirit come alive as you stroll through Leipzig's Christmas market, where over 300 glowing stalls light up the heart of Marktplatz. Sip warming glühwein, browse handcrafted treasures and soak up centuries of tradition. Then, you're off to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe,' where history comes to life. See the incredible post-war restoration and take in the city's charm before returning to your hotel. The evening is yours to explore more of Dresden at your own pace.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden



## Day 5 | Discover the Festive Atmosphere at Dresden Christmas Markets



Germany's Christmas traditions take centre stage today as we Dive Into Culture and wander through Dresden's Striezelmarkt, Germany's oldest Christmas market. Admire the dazzling display of twinkling lights, handcrafted decorations and Christmas carols. If you're lucky enough to visit on the second weekend in advent, pay homage to the original Dresdner Christstollen.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Meissen Experience** - We'll drive along the river Elbe to the old town of Meissen, where porcelain was first developed in Europe. After a fascinating visit to the world-famous factory, we'll have time for a stroll through this medieval town to the Meissen Christmas Market.

Adult: 50.00 EUR

**Tastes of a Bygone Era** - Following the course of the Elbe, we arrive to the spectacular Pillnitz Water Palace, a Baroque masterpiece along the Elbe Embankment. Then, we'll discover the secrets of baking the famous Stollen, world-famous fruit bread dating from the 16th century. We'll also enjoy a taste along with the perfect accompaniment - coffee.

Adult: 53.00 EUR

## Day 6 | Journey to Berlin



No need for Santa's reindeer to take you sky-high—soar to the top of the Berlin TV Tower and soak up 360° views of the city. Your Local Specialist will guide you through the stories of East and West Berlin on a sightseeing tour to see iconic landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden, the Reichstag and the sprawling Tiergarten. Don't miss the vibrant shopping and entertainment scene on Kurfürstendamm, it's Berlin at its best. In the evening, why not join us for a memorable Optional Experience? Enjoy delicious German food, wine, beer and music in great company before you take a magical drive through the city at twilight. Watch Berlin's iconic landmarks light up the night sky—a great way to see this remarkable capital.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Catalonia Berlin Mitte

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Berlin by Twilight with Dinner** - Come along for a fun night of hearty food, wine, beer and music before we drive through the city as the sun goes down and the landmarks of this impressive German Capital illuminate.

Adult: 76.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Explore Berlin



Today is yours to explore Berlin at your leisure, or join an Optional Experience to discover Berlin's secret past. With your Local Specialist, uncover the city's hidden history as you visit the Holocaust Memorial, touch a section of the Berlin Wall, and see Checkpoint Charlie. Gain a fascinating understanding of Berlin's WWII and Cold War past on this guided tour. As your journey draws to a close, enjoy a Be My Guest experience with Luis and Camilla at their cosy cafe, Raum Schwalbe. Over a traditional three-course German dinner, your hosts will share stories about their dishes and inspiration—a perfect farewell to your Christmas adventure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Catalonia Berlin Mitte

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Berlin's Secret Past Revealed*** - Uncover secrets of Berlin's past with your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. View the Holocaust Memorial, touch a remaining section of the Berlin Wall, see the site of Checkpoint Charlie, and learn more about Berlin's WWII and Cold War past.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

***Historic Potsdam*** - Take a trip outside Berlin with your Local Specialist to Potsdam. En route, you'll stop off at Wannsee Villa, the setting for the infamous 1942 Conference to plan the 'Final Solution'. Then, it's off to Glienicke Bridge, scene of the Cold War 'spy swaps' and the inspiration for the 2015 film *Bridge of Spies*, starring Tom Hanks.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

## Day 8 | Farewell to Germany



For now, it's time to bid a festive farewell to our travel companions as we return home filled with magical memories. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

**Meals:** Breakfast