

European Christmas Markets

Our 15th Annual Holiday Tour



We invite you to join us on our 15th Annual European Christmas Market tour. Experience the holiday magic of medieval Rothenburg and the festive atmosphere of Bavaria. Discover the beauty of the Salzkammergut region as you travel through its pine forests, magnificent lakes and snowcapped mountains. Stroll the narrow alleyways of romantic Salzburg and journey back in time as you enter the historical Old Town Square of Prague. Revel in the charm of a European Christmas and reminisce on a time when life was simpler. Whether you prefer to be a spectator, a merrymaker or a shopper, come and enjoy the true spirit of a European Christmas.

Carlson Wagonlit Own Tours

November 29 -
December 8, 2011

Air, Hotel & Tour Package

From \$2,495.00 per person

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single from \$2,945.00 per person. Airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport is included. Approximate taxes and fuel charges of \$485 are not included and are subject to change.

Included Features:

- Round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport to Frankfurt and return from Prague
- Round-trip motor coach transfers between the airport and hotels
- Eight nights hotel accommodations throughout the tour
- Breakfast daily and three dinners
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in itinerary
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Services of a driver and English-speaking guide throughout
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel host throughout the tour
- Customized pre-departure travel packet



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Tuesday, Nov 29 - Departure for Frankfurt: Depart the Twin Cities via Detroit to Frankfurt on Delta Airlines.

In-flight service

Wednesday, Nov 30 - Frankfurt & Rothenburg: Upon arrival, you will travel by deluxe motor coach to Rothenburg. The rest of the day is free to shop, rest and explore on your own. Our hotel is conveniently located across the street, from Kathe Wohlfahrt's famous Christmas Village. This evening join the Night Watchman for an optional walking tour of Rothenburg.

Thursday, Dec 1 - Rothenburg & Regensburg: After a fabulous breakfast at the Eisenhut, we'll travel south to Regensburg, which is located along the Danube River. Regensburg is a wonderfully preserved medieval city with patrician houses, a cathedral, the Old City Hall, a stone bridge and the Porta Praetoria. After a brief walking tour of the city, you're free to visit the Christmas markets or explore on your own. This evening you may want to consider the fairytale-like Christmas market in the courtyard of Thurn and Taxi Palace, open until 11:00 PM, or the more traditional Lucreziamarkt, which is open until 7:30 PM. The Welcome Dinner will be this evening. **B D**

Friday, Dec 2 - Regensburg & St. Gilgen: After breakfast we travel by bus toward Austria. We'll take a short boat ride on Lake Chiemsee to the Christmas market on Frauen Island, or Women's Island, the name originating during the 8th century when a community of Benedictine nuns resided on the island. We will arrive in St. Gilgen in the late afternoon. Dinner is included this evening. **B D**

Saturday, Dec 3 - St. Gilgen & Lake Wolfgangsee: Today we'll spend the day traveling by boat along Lake Wolfgangsee. Here you will have the opportunity to visit several Christmas markets in the villages of St. Gilgen, St. Wolfgang and Strobel. In the evening, the lake is illuminated by a floating lantern and several crosses. This setting makes the lake particularly beautiful and festive as both the lake and the villages along its shore glitter and glisten. **B**

Sunday, Dec 4 - Oberdorf & Salzburg: Following breakfast, a short stop will be made at the Silent Night Chapel in Oberdorf before continuing on to the romantic city of Salzburg. As you stroll through the narrow lanes and old squares of Salzburg, you will come upon the Christkindlmarkt at the Cathedral Square and the Residenz in the historic old town. There will be time to enjoy dinner in Salzburg before returning to St. Gilgen. Please note: The Waldmarkt (Market in the Woods) near Halsbach may be included this day. The dates and hours were not available at the time of printing. **B**

Monday, Dec 5 - St. Gilgen & Cesky Krumlov: Today we bid *auf Wiedersehen* to Austria as we cross the border into the Czech Republic. Cesky Krumlov is a charming little town situated on the Vltava River in southern Bohemia. The Old Town Square is lined with Baroque buildings and lively café's and is home to one of the Czech Republic's most spectacular castles. During Advent, the festive Christmas Market, or *Vanocni trh* in Czech, can be found in the center of the picturesque old town. **B**

Tuesday, Dec 6 - Cesky Krumlov & Prague: After breakfast at the hotel, you will travel to Prague. Here Helmut will offer a walking tour of the Old Town, which is enclosed by Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo style buildings, splendid towers, the unique Astronomical Clock, and the magnificent 14th-century Charles Bridge. **B**

Wednesday, Dec 7 - Prague: The day is yours to enjoy! This morning you may choose to visit the Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral or simply spend your day strolling through the vibrant Christmas markets located in the Old Town, Wenceslas Square and the smaller Namesti Republiky at the intersection of the Old and New Towns. Our farewell dinner will be this evening. **B D**

Thursday, Dec 8 - Return Home from Prague: Following breakfast, transfer to the Prague airport for your return flights home. **B In-flight Service**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Not included in the tour: Excess luggage fees, airline taxes and fuel surcharges, any airline fees for checked pieces of luggage, optional sightseeing activities, gratuities to drivers and guides, meals not indicated in the itinerary, travel insurance, any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

Deposits: \$500 per person at the time of booking. Travelers will be provided with a deposit and payment schedule.

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