



From the vibrant streets of Berlin to the fairytale-like Prague

Enjoy traditional Christmas markets and embrace the festive spirit of the holiday season

Shop the Christmas Markets of Europe's greatest cities. Stay in vibrant Berlin, ancient Dresden, medieval Prague and amazing Nürnberg. See the Brandenburg Gate and the 'Bridge of Spies', enjoy visits to Potsdam's Sansoucci Palace, Dresden's Royal Palace with its extravagant New Green Vault, and Hradcany Castle. Explore Bamberg and delightful Rothenburg and stand on the ramparts of Königstein Fortress in the magnificent Saxon Switzerland National Park. This Bohemian Christmas Market Tour is a relaxed way to see the sights, with leisurely two and three-night stays in each location. Stay in authentic, character-style hotels that allow you to truly live amongst the local culture, with plenty of time to yourself in between sightseeing to explore.

- Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach
- A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
 Welcome drink in Berlin
 16 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B) and 6 evening meals (D)
- Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
 10 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation
 Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)
- Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)
 ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
 Local guides as described in the itinerary
 Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager
- Visit 7 Christmas Markets Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Prague, Bamberg, Nurnberg and Rothenburg ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Berlin

Day 1

Westin Grand Hotel, Berlin City Centre



Your tour commences this evening in wonderful Berlin – a city now united and re-built in even greater glory. Dinner tonight is included in your hotel, but first enjoy a welcome drink. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Berlin & Potsdam sightseeing

Day 2



| Westin Grand Hotel, Berlin City Centre



On our panoramic tour this morning, an expert local guide will breathe life into the major sights that we will see in this remarkable, rejuvenated city, from the Brandenburg Gate and re-built Reichstag to sections of 'The Wall', and Potsdamer Platz. On our way to Potsdam, we stop to see the Bridge of Unity – more famously known as the 'Bridge of Spies'. After enjoying lunchtime in Potsdam's pretty Dutch Quarter we visit the magnificent Sanssouci Palace.

Back in Berlin, you are free to enjoy the wonderful sights and museums. Maybe visit the nostalgic Christmas Market at Schlossplatz on the Museumsinsel?

Leipzig sightseeing and Christmas Markets

Day 3



Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel Dresden



Heading south we soon reach the cultural city of Leipzig, with its 16th century renaissance style buildings, and once home to Bach, Wagner and Schumann. After an orientation tour we enjoy lunchtime in the market square in front of the old City Hall. Here you will find one of Europe's oldest and largest Christmas Markets with over 250 stalls! Later we continue to wonderful Dresden where we stay the next three nights.

Dresden sightseeing, 'My Time' and Christmas Markets

Day 4



Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel Dresden



Rebuilt after the massive bombing raids of WWII, Dresden has once again bloomed into one of the most beautiful and elegant cities in Europe, reflecting the grandeur of this capital of the Electors of Saxony, who once ruled a powerful empire. Our first stop is to visit a local bakery and enjoy coffee and Stollen, the traditional German bread eaten during the Christmas season.

Afterwards, on our walking tour you will see the glorious Zwinger Palace courtyard, the Semper Opera House, and symbolic Frauenkirche dominating the massive market square filled with Christmas Market stalls. After following the Fürstenzug – a dramatic, 100 metre long painted porcelain mural depicting the procession of Princes, we visit the Dresden Royal Palace. We have included entrance to the museums including the Armoury, Turkish Chamber, Riesensaal (Giants' Hall) and the fabulous New Green Vault with over 1,000 beautiful and often priceless gold and silver bejewelled objects. Simply stunning! The rest of your day is at leisure. Make sure you take time to wander along Brühl's Terrace by the river, which is nicknamed 'the balcony of Europe'. Dresden boasts the oldest and most traditional Christmas Markets in all of Europe. The Striezelmarkt on Altmarkt square is massive. Dating back to the 15th century it is named after the word 'Striezel' - otherwise known as traditional 'Stollen' cake.

Saxon Switzerland National Park sightseeing and dinner in a Saxon restaurant

Day 5

Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel Dresden

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There is nothing quite like a day in the country. We have included a wonderful excursion into Saxon Switzerland, a pristine National Park near the Czech border. Our first stop will be at the amazing Bastei Bridge, which links a series of rocky towers, spanning gorges and cliffs. From the various lookouts the views down onto the River Elbe are stupendous. Later we also visit the Königstein 'Kings Stone' hilltop fortress. Started nearly 800 years ago, it evolved over the ages into an impregnable stronghold perched above sheer cliffs. Make sure you walk along the towering ramparts and visit the arched, old wine cellars and the three metre wide, 152 metre deep well which is hand carved from solid rock. Later we return to Dresden for some time at leisure to explore the Christmas markets, before enjoying dinner in a local Saxon restaurant.

Prague sightseeing

Day 6

Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague



Crossing into the Czech Republic we arrive into Prague for lunchtime. In the afternoon we are joined by a local guide for a tour through this fascinating city to the Hradcany – Prague Castle covers over 7 hectares and is the largest ancient castle in the world. We visit St Vitus cathedral and the Zlatá Ulièka (the Golden Lane) with its tiny colourful houses built right into the arches of the Castle walls and named after the goldsmiths who lived here in the 17th century. Our hotel for the next two nights is excellently located within easy walking distance of the old town.

'My Time' in Prague and Christmas Markets

Day 7



Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague



The whole day and evening has been left completely free for you to relax and explore the laneways, colourful shop fronts, churches and bridges of this beautiful city, at your own pace. Prague is the city of 'Good King Wenceslas' so naturally the best Christmas markets are in Wenceslas Square, beside your hotel, and the Old Town. Time to sip medovina – warm honey liquor!

Bamberg and Nürnberg

Day 8



Novotel Nuernberg Centre Ville, Nuremberg



Crossing the border into Germany we reach Bamberg. UNESCO World Heritage listed, Bamberg boasts hundreds of buildings, mansions and palaces displaying the various stages of architecture dating back 1,000 years. Famous for its unique 'smoked' beer and antique shops, Bamberg is one of Germany's best kept secrets. Later we continue to Nürnberg where we stay the next three nights.

Nürnberg sightseeing, 'My Time' and Christmas Markets

Day 9



Novotel Nuernberg Centre Ville, Nuremberg



This morning we are joined by a local guide to show us around the town and visit the Nazi Documentation Centre and Rally Grounds. With its massive stone towers and gates, medieval Nürnberg has a rich history stretching back hundreds of years, and is often more deeply associated with the setting for the enormous Nazi rallies and the War Crimes trials. Nürnberg now boasts extensive pedestrian walkways and one of the most splendid Christmas Markets in Europe. This huge market has a unique law that only traditional Christmas artefacts are allowed for sale. As dusk approaches, the music and singing, Christmas lights and smell of mulled wine, roasting sausages, chestnuts and sweets fill the air. Fantastic!

'My Time' in Rothenburg Ob Der Tauber and Christmas Markets

Day 10



Novotel Nuernberg Centre Ville, Nuremberg

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Today we have included an excursion to visit picture-postcard Rothenburg on the 'Romantic Road' with its delightful cobblestoned streets, ramparts and turrets. Make a point of walking through the famous 'Christmas Shop' known for its stunning displays. The Christmas Markets set in the narrow alleys are some of the quaintest you will ever see. This evening, back in Nürnberg, we enjoy a farewell dinner.

To Munich

Day 11



Driving south, we reach central Munich before midday, where your tour ends. We will make stops at the central railway station, Maritim Hotel and Munich Airport.

We recommend that you book flights that depart from Munich after 2 pm today.

Amazing Christmas Markets & Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



BerlinGuided Panoramic
City Tour



Potsdam Sanssouci Palace



Leipzig
One of Europe's oldest
and largest Christmas
Markets



DresdenVisit the Royal Palace
& Christmas Markets



Saxon Switzerland Visit the Pristine National Park



PragueSightseeing Tour &
Christmas Markets



Bamberg UNESCO World Heritage Site



Nürnberg Christmas Markets



Rothenburg
Christmas Markets
Picture-postcard
Rothenburg Ob Der
Tauber

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 19:39 on 14th June 2025

Start Date End Date Twin Price Solo Price Guaranteed to Depart

28 Nov 2025 08 Dec 2025 AUD\$6,997 AUD\$8,597



* Dates, prices, itineraries and hotels shown may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
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