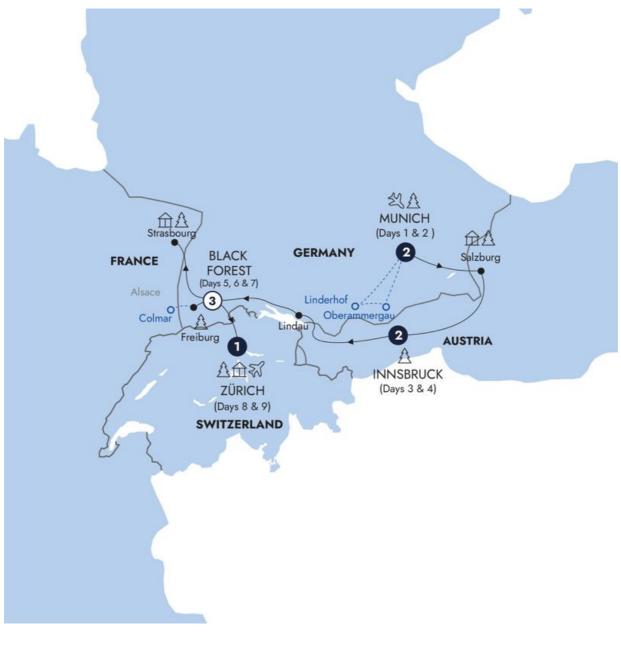
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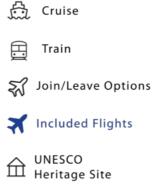
# **ALPINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS**





# KEY





## 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 with Wine

Hotel: Munich Marriott Hotel.

#### Day 2 | Free Time in the Bavarian Capital



Munich embraces the holiday season with a particular zeal, so the day is all yours to enjoy the vibrant festive markets that abound in this city. On crisp winter days, organ music and carols ring out from the ancient churches. If snow has fallen, the vast English Garden provides lovely winter vistas. Another option is to experience the romantic royal palaces of the Bavarian Alps.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Munich Marriott Hotel.

## **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Linderhof and Oberammergau -* South of Munich, we'll venture from the magnificence of the Bavarian Alps to the world-renowned passion-play village of Oberammergau. Admire the artistically-decorated architecture of local homes, churches and of Ettal Monastery. Then, we're on to mad King Ludwig's baroque fantasy - the rococo splendour of Linderhof Castle, set in beautiful gardens. Adult: 52.00 EUR

**Bavarian Dinner -** Tonight we'll soak up the lively atmosphere of a popular traditional restaurant. We'll enjoy traditional Bavarian hospitality and sample delicious regional specialties and local beer. Adult: 74.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Lake Chiemsee, Salzburg and Innsbruck



Travel alongside the tranquil waters of Lake Chiemsee on your way to Salzburg in Austria, where the spires and domes of the Old Town are often draped in snow in December. Visit Mozart's birthplace to learn more about his life, and sit down to a musical demonstration on his original pianoforte. Enjoy a visit to Swarovski in the afternoon followed by a highlight dinner. Head through the mountains to your Innsbruck hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

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: 72.00 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: 86.00 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: 57.00 EUR

\* This evening optional 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 with Wine

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: 40.00 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 specialties, accompanied by wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

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. A highlight is Europe's biggest indoor Christmas extravaganza held in the main railway station, with over 160 wooden chalets. Toast to the culmination of your Yuletide journey during a festive Celebration Dinner with wine at a local restaurant with its own microbrewery.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Mövenpick Hotel Zürich-Airport.

Day 9 | Depart Zürich



Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before checking out. Transfers are available from your hotel to Zürich Airport. Transfers are available from your hotel to Zurich Airport every 20 minutes between 4:00am and noon and from 4:00pm to 11:30pm.

Meals: Breakfast