
We recommend to add a day or two to this tour and include the oldest Christmas Market: the "Stritzlmarkt" in Dresden

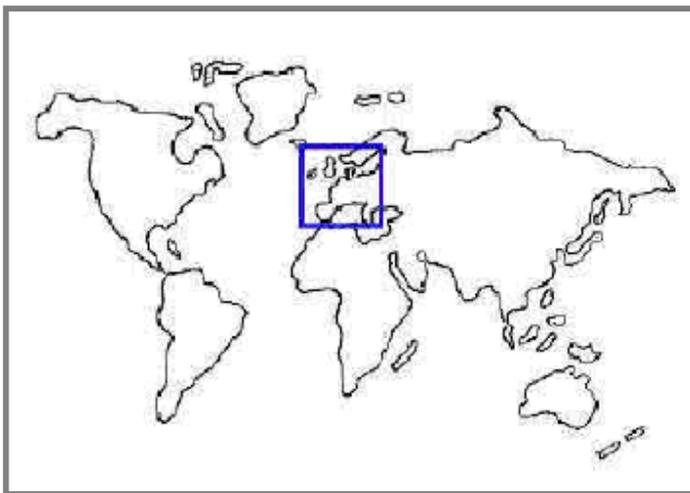
JINGLE BELLS - ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Southern Germany and Salzburg in 9 days

Painted nutcrackers, hand-carved wooden crèches, wreaths of evergreen for Advent, shining glass balls and candles glowing on Christmas trees, the sweet smell of candied apples, delicious gingerbread and "Gluehwein" to warm us up on a frosty evening – this is the enchanting and joyful atmosphere that awaits you at the romantic German Christmas Markets.

See the world's most valuable collection of Christmas cribs at the Bavarian National Museum in Munich. Learn about traditional German celebrations and the customs of the season at the Kaethe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum in Rothenburg.

This journey is like opening a Christmas present: bringing your dreams from long ago to life, it will put you in just the right mood for the festival season.



The World



Europe



"Jingle Bells"

In-depth sight seeing in:

- Rothenburg
- Nuremberg
- Munich
- Salzburg

Guided inside visits to:

- Christmas Museum in Rothenburg
- Crib Collection at Bavarian National Museum, Munich
- Nymphenburg Palace, Munich
- Passion Play Theater, Oberammergau

Included Highlights:

- Welcome Dinner with drinks in Rothenburg
 - Excursion to Salzburg
 - Mozart dinner in Salzburg
 - Visit to Silent-Night-Chapel and local Christmas Market in Oberndorf
 - One typical coffee and cake afternoon break
 - Christmas Markets in Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Munich, Salzburg and Oberammergau
 - Farewell Dinner including drinks
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Day 1: Depart USA

Overnight transatlantic flight to Frankfurt

Day 2: Frankfurt – Rothenburg

"Willkommen" in Germany. Meet your Tour director at the airport, board the bus and drive through lovely Franconia to Rothenburg, the medieval jewel on the Romantic Road. After check in you'll get to know this unspoiled walled city with a guided tour. A romantic welcome dinner rounds off your first day in Germany.

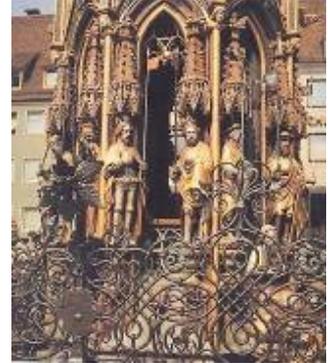
Welcome dinner and overnight in Rothenburg



Painting of Rothenburg Pa

Day 3: Rothenburg – Nuremberg

In the morning you'll enjoy a guided visit to the Christmas Museum, located in Kaethe Wohlfahrt's famous store. You'll find all the historical development of German Christmas traditions documented. Then it's on to Nuremberg, with one of the oldest (16th century) and largest Christmas markets in Germany. You may want to try the local specialty: "Lebkuchen" (a kind of gingerbread) with "Gluehwein" (spicy hot mulled wine), or sweet roasted almonds. Or you may want to dine like the locals: Sauerkraut and "Rostbratwurst", accompanied by a glass of beer.
Overnight in Regensburg



Nuremberg – Beautiful Fountain

Day 4: Nuremberg – Regensburg

Today we drive to Regensburg to visit a very special Christmas Market: the inner court yard of the palace of the noble family Thurn und Taxis is the setting for a Market with a very special flair: candle makers, glass blowers, unique and unusual ware, a magical scenery.
Overnight in Regensburg



Regensburg's old lanes



Regensburg cathedral

Day 5: Regensburg – Munich

Upon arrival in Munich you'll visit the Bavarian National Museum for a full explanation of the unique collection of cribs from the 17th to the 19th century. A panoramic tour acquaints you with Munich's most interesting attractions including Nymphenburg Palace. Then there is plenty of time to stroll over the Christmas market in the city center.
Overnight in Munich



Munich



Day 6: Munich – Oberammergau

Breathtaking scenery accompanies you en route to Oberammergau, where the world famous Passion Play is performed every ten years. Whether you've seen it or not – our evocative guided back stage tour through the Passion Play theater will delight you. The beautifully decorated houses, the stores with handmade woodcarvings and Christmas ornaments, the foothills of the Alps that surround Oberammergau – it all goes to make this an unforgettable excursion. Remainder of the day free for own discoveries in Munich. Overnight in Munich



Oberammergau painted houses, and Christmas ornaments

Day 7: Excursion to Oberndorf and Salzburg

Oberndorf and the "Silent Night Chapel", where this Christmas Carol was composed, will be the first stop this morning. Enjoy the small local Christmas market before driving on to Salzburg, city of baroque and birthplace of Mozart. You'll learn where the city's name and wealth come from.



Silent Night chapel



Salzburg

Day 8 Excursion to Salzburg

A special farewell dinner is planned for tonight.

Dinner and overnight in Munich

Day 9 departure

The last day has come and it is time to say "Auf Wiedersehen to Germany" and " Frohe Weihnachten" to your Tour Director – fond memories will remain with you, when you celebrate Christmas at home.

