






CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF GERMANY





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Day 1 | Arrive in Berlin



Welcome to Germany. Airport transfers depart Berlin's Brandenburg Airport for your hotel at 10:30, 13:00 and 16:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Welcome Dinner and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other, over a delightful evening of good food and wine.

Meals: Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Marriott Hotel Berlin.

Day 2 | The Spirit of Berlin



Join your Local Expert to see the highlights of Berlin. Your exploration includes the Brandenburg Gate, State Opera House, remnants of the Berlin Wall, Unter den Linden and the restored Reichstag Building. Later on, feel free to soak up the Weihnachtszauber, or Christmas magic, at the Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin's most magnificent square, framed by the Concert Hall and near identical French and German cathedrals.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Marriott Hotel Berlin.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Highlights of Former East Berlin - Explore the shadows of the past with our Local Expert and visit the staggering Holocaust Memorial. Stop for a photo at 'Checkpoint Charlie', location of the tense stand-offs between U.S. & Soviet forces during the Cold War. Then a real highlight as we visit the Berlin Wall Memorial. The memorial contains the last section of the Berlin Wall with a guard tower and preserved grounds and is thus able to convey an impression of how the border fortifications developed until the end of the 1980s. Learn about this focal point of 20th-century history and of the fate of those who attempted to cross it.

Adult: 35.00 EUR

** If your hotel is located near Checkpoint Charlie you will visit East Side Gallery instead.*

Berlin By Night And Dinner - This evening you are treated to traditional Berliner cuisine in a lively local restaurant with live music and drinks. Guten Appetit and Prost! Afterwards embark on a scenic illuminations drive through the centre of Berlin, with splendid views of the historic buildings and monuments, lit up in all their glory. See the Unter den Linden, Brandenburg Gate and more.

Adult: 68.00 EUR

Day 3 | Leipzig and on to Dresden



Journey south to Leipzig to visit Bach's Thomaskirche and the medieval market square behind it. Renowned for its musical and culinary delights, the Leipzig Christmas Market is one of the most beautiful in Germany, with around 250 stalls located on the city's historic market square. Enjoy its great traditions, which date back to the 15th century, before continuing to Dresden.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Townhouse Dresden.

Day 4 | Dresden Sightseeing



Your guided tour with a Local Expert will continue past the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace. Gaze in awe at the Frauenkirche, risen once again from wartime ashes. Join a local for a foodie exploration of Dresden Christmas markets, to taste the local christollen.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Townhouse Dresden.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Meissen Excursion - It was in Dresden that the first porcelain in Europe was made. With our Local Expert we visit the Meissen factory where we are shown how this world famous porcelain is made before we visit the museum. Later there is time to visit the factory shop for some bargains before we take a stroll through the medieval town of Meissen.

Adult: 47.00 EUR

Day 5 | Continue to Nuremberg



Journey on to Nuremberg, where the Christkindmarkt stalls are donned in traditional red and white cloth. Surrounded by ancient ramparts and watchtowers, look out for the Nuremberg Plum People while you explore or shop for local treats such as Rostbratwürste, Lebkuchen or Glühwein.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: NH Collection Nuremberg.

Day 6 | Rothenburg ob-der-Tauber



Venture through the heart of Germany to Rothenburg ob-der-Tauber, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe. Why not stroll through the cobbled streets to the year-round Christmas Shop? Here it is Christmas 365 days of the year! Later, follow parts of the meandering Romantic Road to the Bavarian capital.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Munich Marriott Hotel.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

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 7 | Munich Sightseeing



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Munich Marriott Hotel.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

The Dachau Memorial - After Hitler's rise to power in 1933, the first concentration camp for political prisoners was opened outside the town of Dachau and it became a blueprint for others to follow. Now maintained as a memorial, spend some reflective moments with our Local Expert amid the remains of the camp prisons, reconstructed barracks, kitchens, workshops and baths which serves as the museum. A chilling and emotional reminder of the horrors of war.

Adult: 38.00 EUR

Day 8 | Depart Munich

Auf Wiedersehen! After breakfast, your departure transfer arrives at Munich airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

Meals: Breakfast