

2022 ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

10 NIGHTS · 3 NIGHTS PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, 7-NIGHT NUREMBERG, GERMANY TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY CRUISE

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures. Iconic Christmas markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure. Budapest’s Vörösmarty Square, where all products sold in the market are guaranteed as traditionally handmade; Vienna with its impressive Christmas markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; Nuremberg’s festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas market in Germany; and Regensburg’s Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria’s most beautiful and romantic, are yours to explore. Sparkling lights; the festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols; enticing smells of hot-mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, sausages and sweet treats of every kind; and timeless wonders are a feast for all your senses.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Prague	Hotel check-in
2	Prague	“Golden City of a Hundred Spires” tour and Christmas Markets OR Prague Castle hike
3	Prague	Czech Beer Tasting
4	Prague	Transfer to Nuremberg
	Nuremberg	EMBARKATION
5	Nuremberg	City Tour and Christmas markets Nuremberg Christmas market Cruise Main-Danube Canal
6	Regensburg	UNESCO City tour and Royal Christmas Market OR Tastes of Bavaria OR Walhalla bike tour Thurn & Taxis Christmas markets
7	Passau	“City of Three Rivers” walking tour and Christmas market OR Danube bike tour OR Full-day Salzburg excursion with Christmas markets
8	Melk	Benedictine Abbey tour OR Danube bike tour
	Wachau Valley	UNESCO scenic cruising
	Vienna	Christmas markets
9	Vienna	“Imperial Vienna” tour with Town Hall Christmas market OR Vienna bike tour Schönbrunn illuminated Christmas markets
10	Budapest	“Queen of the Danube” tour and Vörösmarty Square Christmas market OR Castle hike
11	Budapest	DISEMBARKATION

Day 1, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC – EMBARKATION. Check into your hotel in Prague for the beginning of your hotel/land extension.

Day 2, PRAGUE. The fairytale city of Prague always enchants, but it really sparkles even more during the holiday season. Prague offers a collection of Art Nouveau, Baroque, Renaissance and Gothic architecture, which

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you'll get to see on your tour. You will see Rudolfinum, the National Museum and Wenceslas Square, as well as visit 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus before walking over the romantic Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square, where you will find the capital's famous Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church and the statue of Jan Hus. You may also hike to Prague Castle. Later in the day, you will have free time to explore Prague's renowned Christmas markets in the Old Town Square. (B)

Day 3, PRAGUE. Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery established in 993. Beer is a core part of the country's national identity, so join a Czech beer tasting and discover for yourself what makes the Czech's beer some of the very best in the world. (B)

Day 4, PRAGUE – NUREMBERG, GERMANY – EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel in Prague and drive through the pastoral countryside to head to Nuremberg where you will board the ship for your *Iconic Christmas Markets* cruise. (B,D)

Day 5, NUREMBERG. Join a city tour of WWII highlights and then walk through Nuremberg's cobblestone streets to the Imperial Castle and 900-year-old city ramparts, followed by a visit to some of the local Christmas markets. Later, you can visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas markets. You will also cross the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube Canal as the day ends. (B,L,D)

Day 6, REGENSBURG, GERMANY. Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to the base of Walhalla where there is a neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas markets at Thurn and Taxis, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

Day 7, PASSAU, GERMANY. Join a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old city, noted for its Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's. Go in search of Bavarian-style crafts at the Christmas market. Alternatively, you can travel through the serene Austrian Alps to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Your full-day excursion in Salzburg includes a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Austria. For the active adventurer, join a guided bike tour along the Danube. (B,L,D)

Day 8, MELK, AUSTRIA – VIENNA, AUSTRIA. High on a rocky outcrop lies the Melk Abbey, one of Europe's most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent Benedictine Abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Alternatively, go on a guided bike ride around Melk. Afterward, enjoy a scenic cruise of the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley before arriving in Vienna and exploring the local Christmas markets. (B,L,D)

Day 9, VIENNA. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Rathaus (Town Hall) Christmas market. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike along the Danube River. During the afternoon, visit the Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. This market presents a glittering and stellar Christmas experience. Cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas markets at the beautifully decorated Maria Theresaplatz Christmas market, set amongst the world-renowned sights of Vienna's majestic Ringstrasse, and at the illuminated Rathaus, Vienna's largest Christmas market. (B,L,D)

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Day 10, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Budapest is one of Europe’s most regal and storied cities—and many of its most iconic sights can be seen right off the banks of the Danube. Your tour through this sprawling World Heritage city offers splendid views from historic Buda Castle of the twin cities on both banks of the river. You’ll also visit Fisherman’s Bastion and see the marvelous Royal Palace, St. Stephen’s Basilica, Heroes’ Square and much more. Later, explore this beautiful city’s Christmas Markets. As an alternative, you can hike to Castle Hill, walking along Fishermen’s Bastion and take in all the iconic sites of Budapest with an active exploration. (B, L, D)

Day 11, BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship in Budapest and bid farewell to the city before preparing for your return flight home. (B)

Price Estimated as on March 10, 2021

Category	Description	DBL – PP(USD)
SS	Suite - French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 350 sq. ft.	\$6,308.00
AA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	\$5,008.00
AB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	\$4,808.00
BA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	\$4,608.00
BB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	\$4,408.00
CA	French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.	\$4,558.00
CB	French Balcony, 155 sq. ft.	\$4,258.00
D	Fixed Windows, 160 sq. ft.	\$3,758.00
E	Fixed Windows, 160 sq. ft.	\$3,459.00

