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**1 - 11 DECEMBER**

**2026**

Experience Christmas in Europe! Enjoy seasonal treats and holiday cheer as you explore Vienna's festive markets, Prague's famous Old Town, Dresden's enchanting lights, Leipzig's historic beauty, Nuremberg's iconic Christkindlesmarkt, and Munich's Bavarian charm.

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Stunning decorations



Vienna Christmas Market



Delicious Christmas Treats

DAY 1 | TUE 1 DEC

## Vienna

Arrive in Vienna, Austria's cultural gem with stunning architecture, historic palaces and world-class museums. Check-in to your hotel for the next three nights. Welcome Dinner at our hotel tonight.

*InterContinental Vienna by IHG*

DAY 2 | WED 2 DEC

## Schonbrunn Palace

This morning enjoy a visit to the iconic **Vienna State Opera** and historic **St Stephen's Cathedral** before spending the afternoon at magnificent **Schonbrunn Palace**. Once the summer residence of the Habsburg rulers, the Baroque palace is one of the most important architectural, cultural and historic monuments in Austria. You'll explore your first Christmas market in the forecourt of the Palace decorated with countless lights and festive stalls. Optional evening visit to a Wiener Mozart Concert.

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DAY 3 | THU 3 DEC

## Vienna

You'll spend the morning exploring Vienna on a guided tour before your afternoon at leisure to soak in more of Vienna's Christmas spirit. Visit the **Christkindlmarkt** set against stunning City Hall with an ice-skating rink and a magical train ride for kids (or you!) - a scene straight out of a movie.

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DAY 4 | FRI 4 DEC

## Vienna to Prague

Travelling to Prague today with a stop at **Cesky Krumlov**, one of the most beautiful towns in the Czech Republic and a UNESCO World Heritage site, with time to wander the streets, shops and cafes. Then check-in to your hotel in Prague for the next two nights, right in the city near Wenceslas Square. Take time to explore the magnificent Christmas markets this afternoon. Dinner included.

*Almanac X Alcron, Prague*

(D) DAY 5 | SAT 5 DEC

## Prague

A morning tour takes you through Prague's **Old Town** past the medieval Astronomical Clock Tower and across Charles Bridge, which was the only crossing over the river Vltava for centuries. Prague Castle, built in the 9th century, follows and has long served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors and presidents of Czechoslovakia. Nowadays it serves as the official residence and workplace of the president of the Czech Republic. The afternoon is at your leisure with time to explore Christmas markets and dazzling wooden huts full of local Christmas treats and hearty cuisine.

*Almanac X Alcron, Prague*

DAY 6 | SUN 6 DEC

## Prague to Dresden

Onto Dresden today, with a scenic en-route stop at the historic town of **Litomerice**, known for its charming architecture and cobblestone streets. You continue on to Dresden and visit the **Green Vault** which is world renowned as one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe. Then check-in to your hotel right in the heart of Dresden for the next three nights and enjoy free time to explore the city's enchanting Christmas markets. Stroll through festive stalls, sample local treats and take in the celebratory atmosphere, with its twinkling lights and traditional decorations, making for a magical experience.

*Hilton, Dresden*

DAY 7 | MON 7 DEC

## Seiffen (Ore Mountains)

You'll travel to Seiffen today nestled in the heart of the Ore Mountains (Erzgebirge). Traditionally a mining region, it now has the world's largest selection of German nutcrackers and Christmas pyramids. In the afternoon, explore more of Dresden's Christmas markets and the city.

*Hilton, Dresden*

(B) DAY 8 | TUE 8 DEC

## Dresden

Today, enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Dresden, which has been meticulously restored after it was severely destroyed in 1945 during World War II. You'll also visit the impressive Dresden Zwinger, home to many fascinating exhibits such as the Porcelain Collection.

*Hilton, Dresden*

DAY 9 | WED 9 DEC

## Dresden to Leipzig

Travel to Leipzig today, birthplace of Richard Wagner, and where Mendelssohn, Bach, Bartholdy, the Schumanns and Mahler also worked. This afternoon's guided city tour includes the new Town Hall built in 1905, St. Thomas Church where **Martin Luther** preached and Bach was the music director. Lunch is served in a 500-year-old restaurant where Johann Wolfgang von Goethe used to be a patron. Settle into your hotel for the night and dream music!

*Steigenberger Icon Grandhotel Handelshof*

DAY 10 | THU 10 DEC

## Leipzig to Nuremberg

You're travelling south today to Nuremberg with a lunch stop in **Bayreuth**, where Wagner's operas are performed at the annual Bayreuth Festival. Your afternoon is free in Nuremberg to discover and explore Nuremberg's **Christkindlesmarkt**, one of the oldest, most famous and largest Christmas markets in the world. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant tonight.

*Adina Apartment Hotel, Nuremberg*

DAY 11 | FRI 11 DEC

## Munich

You spend your last day in Munich. A local guide will show you some of the main attractions of the city. This afternoon you can extend your stay in Munich or depart to the airport for your homeward flight.

## Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Julia Zaetta
- ✓ Air-conditioned motorcoach
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 10 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 3 Lunches (L), and 4 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Schonbrunn Palace Imperial Tour, Cesky Krumlov, Prague Castle, Litomerice, Seiffen 'Toy Village', Porcelain Exhibition at the Dresden Zwinger, Green Vault, Bayreuth, City Tours (Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Munich).

## Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$11,595 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$2,395
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

## Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird - Pay by 3/7/26 \$300
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50

## Tour leader



Julia Zaetta

Julia Zaetta is regarded as one of the most successful editors in Australian publishing and is a popular speaker and experienced tour leader. She has extensive experience working closely with gardeners, writers, photographers and TV personalities. She can't wait to show her travellers the world!

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