



## 16 Captivating Days **Frankfurt to Munich** **Bohemia and Christmas in the Tyrol**

### **Imagine visiting the ancient cities and Christmas Markets**

#### **Celebrate Christmas in a first class chalet style hotel in the Austrian Tyrol**

Imagine visiting the ancient cities and Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nürnberg, Prague, Vienna and medieval Cesky Krumlov before escaping to the snow-clad mountains of the Austrian Tyrol to celebrate Christmas. Enjoy special visits to Melk Monastery and Schönbrunn Palace.



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners

Welcome drink in Frankfurt

28 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 12 evening meals (D)



15 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation

Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)



Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)

Local guides as described in the itinerary

ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides

Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager



Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Würzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace

ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described





## Frankfurt

Day 1



Hilton Frankfurt City Centre



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Your tour commences this evening in wonderful Frankfurt: a city of contrasts – from modern skyscrapers to beautifully maintained old buildings. There is so much to see and do in the city centre, including the Christmas market on the Römerberg, which has traditionally been the centrepiece of the Advent season in Frankfurt. If you have time prior to the tour commencing, we recommend you visit them! Dinner tonight is included in your hotel, but first, enjoy a welcome drink. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

## Würzburg Christmas Markets and 'My Time' in Rothenburg

Day 2



Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider



B,D

We arrive into the baroque city of Würzburg, starting point of the 'Romantic Road', mid-morning. You will have plenty of free time in the Altstadt (old town) amongst the Christmas Market stalls before we continue to nearby Rothenburg, one of the finest medieval cities in all of Europe. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the delightful cobblestoned streets, ramparts and turrets of this picture perfect town. A 'must do' is a visit to the famous 'Christmas Shop' known for its stunning displays. The Christmas Markets set in narrow alleys are perhaps the quaintest you will ever see. This evening after dinner, we have included a special treat – a torchlight tour with the Night Watchman through the beautifully preserved ramparts and winding streets.

## Nürnberg and Christmas Markets

Day 3



Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider



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Today the choice is yours! Enjoy a day at leisure in Rothenburg or join your Tour Manager to visit medieval Nürnberg with its massive stone towers and gates, which was once the setting for enormous Nazi rallies and the War Crimes trials. Nürnberg now boasts extensive pedestrian walkways and the most splendid Christmas Markets in Europe. A truly magical European Christmas atmosphere where local choirs sing and the smell of mulled wine, roasting sausages, chestnuts and sweets fill the air. Your evening is at leisure back in Rothenburg.

## 'My Time' in Prague

Day 4



Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague



B,D

Crossing into the Czech Republic we arrive into Prague early afternoon. The central 'old town' is full of romantic, colourful shop fronts built into the historical buildings. Your hotel for the next two nights is excellently located near the old town.

## Prague sightseeing, Christmas Markets and 'My Time'

Day 5



Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague



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This morning we have included a local guide for a tour through this fascinating city to the Hradcany – Prague Castle to visit St Vitus Cathedral. Prague Castle covers over 7 hectares and is the largest ancient castle in the world. We also visit Zlatá Ulička (the Golden Lane) with its tiny colourful houses built right into the arches of the Castle walls and named after the goldsmiths who lived here in the 17th century. The whole afternoon and evening is free to explore the laneways, churches and bridges of this beautiful city. Prague is the city of 'Good King Wenceslas' so naturally the best Christmas markets are in Wenceslas Square and the Old Town. Time to sip medovina – a warm honey liquor.

### 'My Time' in Brno and Vienna

Day 6



Imlauer Hotel Vienna, Austria



B,D

After a leisurely start we drive south and reach Brno – the second largest city in the Czech Republic, with its lively café scene. Lunchtime is at leisure with plenty of options to choose from around the main square. Later we continue south to the imperial city of Vienna our home for the next three nights.

### Heiligenkreuz Monastery, Vienna sightseeing, Schönbrunn Palace

Day 7



Imlauer Hotel Vienna, Austria



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This morning we take a delightful drive winding up through the Vienna Woods to the 'Hellental' for a guided tour through the Heiligenkreuz Monastery. Returning to the old city we enjoy a panoramic tour that will bring to life all the sights, gardens and monuments of this city, from the State Opera House and the Hofburg Palace to the spire of St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon we have included entrance and a guided tour through the State Apartments and 'Hall of Mirrors' in the magnificent Royal summer residence – Schönbrunn Palace. As a special treat, at dusk we also enjoy a visit to the picturesque Christmas markets located in the Palace forecourt. This evening is at leisure.

### 'My Time' in Vienna and Christmas Markets

Day 8



Imlauer Hotel Vienna, Austria



B,D

Today is at leisure for you to relax and enjoy this enchanting city of museums and style. Christmas shopping? Try the excellent Christmas Market outside the Town Hall where you will find mulled wine, ginger biscuits, music, fabulously decorated trees and folklore displays. Dinner tonight is a special treat as we have reserved tables at the nearby Griechenbeisl Inn. A 'mere' 500 years old this beautifully preserved Inn has been a social gathering point of so many famous historical figures from Beethoven and Schubert to Wagner and Mark Twain (who have autographed the walls!).

### Melk Abbey and Cesky Krumlov

Day 9



Hotel Ruze, Český Krumlov



B,D

Joining the Danube at Melk, we take a privately guided tour through the astonishing monastery – an enormous baroque creation with an old library of antique books and a beautifully painted cathedral ceiling. Lunchtime is yours to enjoy the charming village of Melk. Near Linz we turn north over the Danube and soon enter the Czech Republic to reach the perfectly preserved 13th century town of Cesky Krumlov. Originally built as a hamlet around the impressive castle, the wealth from the silver and gold mining, plus a population of Catholic aristocrats seeking refuge during the Reformation, made Cesky Krumlov the most important city in southern Bohemia. This city is an extraordinary time capsule and UNESCO World Heritage listed, we will stay the next two nights in the very heart of the delightful old town. Tonight dinner is included in your hotel.

### Cesky Krumlov sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 10



Hotel Ruze, Český Krumlov



B,D

This morning we have included the services of a local guide to bring to life the history and background of this extraordinary town. Your afternoon is at leisure in Cesky Krumlov to relax and enjoy the cobbled streets, cafés, winding alleys and the Christmas Markets. Dinner tonight is included in a local restaurant.

### Mondsee, Silent Night Chapel and Kirchberg

Day 11



The Kirchberger Hof, Kirchberg



B,D

Crossing into Austria we reach the pretty town of Mondsee, by Lake Mondsee, before midday. Whilst enjoying free time to get lunch, make sure you visit the church made famous in the wedding scene of the film 'The Sound of Music'. Afterwards, we stop in the village of Oberndorf where we visit the famous Silent Night Chapel on the site where the Christmas carol was first performed. Later we continue to Kirchberg which will be your home for the next five nights. Located 10 kms from Kitzbuhel, Kirchberg is an excellent ski resort in its own right.

### Salzburg sightseeing, 'My Time' and Christmas Markets

Day 12



The Kirchberger Hof, Kirchberg



B,D

Today includes a full day excursion to Salzburg - the baroque city of Mozart sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress). A walking city tour with an expert local guide will introduce you to this enchanting city, including several locations used in the film 'The Sound of Music'. As a finale you will gather amongst the fir trees in the small stone courtyard of the St Peter's Keller, dating back to the 1500's and Salzburg's oldest restaurant, for a hot drink and biscuits. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the city. The huge castle makes a fascinating visit or savour the atmosphere of the famous Salzburg Christmas Markets.

### 'My Time' in a winter paradise

Day 13



The Kirchberger Hof, Kirchberg



B,D

Christmas Eve! What a magnificent location to relax over Christmas! Your next two days are free to relax and enjoy the stunning scenery which surrounds you, and do as much, or as little, as you want! Whether you are a 'super active snow sports' person or a 'take it easy and relax' person there are numerous activities you can enjoy. Perhaps enjoy a winter walk on the footpaths which often double as Nordic or Cross Country ski paths. Alternatively jump on a cable car and enjoy lunch in one of the mountain restaurants - usually with extraordinary panoramic views. This evening we enjoy Christmas cookies and Gluhwein before a traditional Christmas Eve buffet dinner featuring typically Tyrolean food.

### Christmas Day - 'My Time'

Day 14



The Kirchberger Hof, Kirchberg



B,I,D

Christmas Day as it should be - relaxing, eating and drinking in a delightful Alpine location. Perhaps go for a winter walk or take a cable car to the top of the ski fields. A typical Tyrolean Christmas lunch will also be enjoyed featuring local Game specialities.

### 'My Time' in the Tyrolean villages of Kitzbuhel and Kirchberg and a horse drawn carriage ride

Day 15



The Kirchberger Hof, Kirchberg



B,D

Boxing Day! This morning we visit Austria's most popular winter resort of Kitzbuhel. Still retaining the atmosphere of a Tyrolean village in its historic centre, old-style houses with projecting gables and painted exteriors compete for attention with shops selling Europe's most exclusive brand names. Take time to explore the town or maybe take the cable car up the Kitzbuheler Horn to enjoy lunch in one of the 23 mountain restaurants. The highlight of the day will be your ride in a horse drawn carriage.

Your afternoon is at leisure in Kirchberg.

To Munich

Day 16

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Your Christmas tour is now complete, and it is time to bid farewell as we transfer to Munich, to arrive around midday. We will make stops at the central railway station, Maritim Hotel and Munich Airport. We recommend that you book flights or trains that depart Munich after 3pm today.

Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Würzburg  
Christmas Markets



Rothenburg  
Night Watchman  
Walking Tour



Prague  
Sightseeing Tour &  
Christmas Markets



Heiligenkreuz  
Monastery  
Guided Tour



Schönbrunn Palace  
Guided Tour



Cesky Krumlov  
Guided Tour



Mondsee  
The 'Sound of Music'  
Wedding Church



Salzburg  
Walking Tour &  
Christmas Markets



Horse and Carriage  
Ride  
Through the Local  
Countryside

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 07:48 on 17th April 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	
12 Dec 2025	27 Dec 2025	AUD\$10,387	AUD\$12,987	Space Available

\* Dates, prices, itineraries and hotels shown may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each

environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.



Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>

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