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13 Inspiring Days **Frankfurt to Munich**

A Medieval Bohemian Christmas 2027

Celebrate Christmas in the heart of historic Český Krumlov

Cross Germany, Bohemia and Austria discovering their fabulous Imperial cities bursting with elegance and that Christmas festive spirit

Imagine a truly festive Christmas in the heart of medieval Cesky Krumlov, staying in the beautifully restored 500-year-old Hotel Ruze. Enjoy the romantic Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nurnberg, Prague, Salzburg and Vienna. Explore the exquisite Schönbrunn Palace, Sisi Museum and the Imperial Apartments and relax in Vienna's imperial old town, visit Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, the astonishing Melk Abbey, visit Nürnberg's astonishing Nazi Rally grounds and Documentation Centre, be guided around beautiful baroque Salzburg still wrapped with festive Christmas joy!

Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach

A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
Welcome drink in Frankfurt
20 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 7 evening meals (D)

Free WiFi at hotels (where available)
Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
12 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation

Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Local guides as described in the itinerary
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager

Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Würzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Prague, Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


1 Frankfurt
Würzburg
Nürnberg
Rothenburg 2
2 Prague
Czech Republic
Český Krumlov
České Budějovice
Brno
3
Germany
Melk
3 Vienna
Munich
Austria
1 Salzburg
Tour commences
3 Nights
Included excursions

Frankfurt

Day 1 | **Maritim Hotel Frankfurt, Germany** | **D**

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.

Wurzburg Christmas Markets, 'My Time' in Rothenburg Ob Der Tauber

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 yours 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 nearby your hotel, 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 Nazi Rally Grounds and Christmas Markets

Day 3 | **Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider** | **B**

Today we visit medieval Nürnberg with its massive stone towers and gates, which was once the setting for enormous Nazi rallies and the War Crimes trials. We have included a stop to take in the Zeppelinfeld (Zeppelin Field) where Hitler's held his massive pollical rallies, plus we have included entrance to the Documentation Centre which focuses on those pivotal Nazi rallies between 1933 and 1938.

Later we enjoy 'My Time' in Nürnberg old town which now boasts extensive pedestrian shopping walkways, and their famous, splendid Christmas Markets. A truly magical European Christmas atmosphere where local choirs sing and the smell of mulled wine, roasting sausages, chestnuts and sweets fill the air. As we drive out of Nürnberg we will pass the Palace of Justice where the famous Nurenberg War Trials were held.

We return to Rothenburg late afternoon and the rest of your day and evening is free.

'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 Wenceslas Square.

Prague sightseeing, Christmas Markets and 'My Time'

Day 5 | **Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague** | **B**

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. Entrances are included. Prague Castle covers over 7 hectares and is the largest ancient castle in the world. We also visit Zlatá Ulièka (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. We have also included the entrance ticket for you to visit the Story of Prague Museum at your leisure.

'My Time' in Brno and Vienna

Day 6 | **Hotel Stefanie, 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 reach the imperial city of Vienna where we stay 3 nights.

'My Time' in Vienna, once the capital of the great Hapsburg Empire

Day 7 | **Hotel Stefanie, Vienna, Austria** | **B**

This morning your Tour Manager will take you on an orientation walk from your hotel to the spire of St. Stephen's Cathedral and along the pedestrian heart of the city to the Plague Column. The rest of your day is free to relax and enjoy this enchanting city of museums and style which boasts so many grand sights from the State Opera House and Hofburg Palace. Maybe visit the Imperial Treasury Vienna (Kaiserliche Schatzkammer), located in the oldest part of the Hofburg Palace to see the Crown Jewels. Christmas shopping? In the afternoon or evening make sure you visit the excellent Christmas Markets outside the Town Hall with its fabulously decorated trees, illuminated gardens and folklore displays.

Sisi Museum and Imperial Apartments

Day 8 | **Hotel Stefanie, Vienna, Austria** | **B**

This morning we have included entrance to the Sisi Museum and Imperial Apartments in the Hofburg Palace. The Hofburg was the residence of the Habsburgs for over 600 years. Apart from its function as the seat of government and administrative centre, the Hofburg was also the winter residence of the imperial family. Our visit today takes us to the Sisi Museum to discover numerous personal items that once belonged to Empress Elisabeth (nicknamed Sisi), which help illustrate the true personality of the frequently misunderstood Empress. We also visit the magnificent Imperial Apartments, where Empress Elisabeth and Emperor Franz Joseph once lived and worked, to gain both deep insights into the private and official life of this royal couple, and an impression of nineteenth-century courtly tradition and imperial lifestyle.
Mid afternoon we enjoy a panoramic drive along the Ringstrasse lined with the grand monuments and buildings of the once great Hapsburg Empire. We also take 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 enjoy a visit to the picturesque Christmas markets located in the Palace forecourt. Your evening is at leisure in Vienna.

Melk Abbey and Cesky Krumlov sightseeing

Day 9 | **Hotel Růže, Český Krumlov, Czechia** | **B,D**

Joining the Danube at Melk, we take a guided tour through the astonishing Melk Abbey – an enormous baroque creation with an old library of antique books and a beautifully painted cathedral ceiling. Your lunchtime will be free in 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 a fantastic place to spend your Christmas. UNESCO World Heritage listed, we will stay the next three nights in the very heart of the delightful old town. On arrival we have included the services of a local guide to bring to life the history and background of this extraordinary town and castle. Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant.

'My Time' in Cesky Krumlov and Cesky Budejovice

Day 10 | **Hotel Růže, Český Krumlov, Czechia** | **B,D**

Your morning is at leisure in Český Krumlov. The bustling Christmas Markets in the central square are less than 100 metres from your hotel and the whole city with its decorated narrow alleys and cobbed stone streets are a delight.
Later we visit nearby Ceske Budejovice (often known as Budweis and famous for Budweiser beer) with its large,ornate town square and old town hall with murals and bronze gargoyles.
Traditions are important in the Czech Republic and Christmas Eve is the most important time of Christmas. Tonight enjoy a pre-dinner drink before a five-course typical Czech Christmas Dinner.
Those interested can attend midnight mass in the massive cathedral right next to the hotel.

Christmas Day – 'My Time' in Cesky Krumlov

Day 11 | **Hotel Růže, Český Krumlov, Czechia** | **B,L**

Your day is free amongst the narrow cobblestoned alleys, winding streets, wooden bridges and quaint lanes. It is such a pleasure to explore this historic jewel box of a medieval town without the masses of tourists.
We have included a Christmas Day Turkey lunch. Afterwards, your afternoon and evening are free to relax in the spectacular setting of your hotel.

Salzburg sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 12 | **Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg** | **B,D**

We arrive into Salzburg around lunch time, the baroque city of Mozart sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress). After time at leisure for lunch, you will meet your expert local guide for an afternoon walking city tour who will introduce this enchanting city, including several locations used in the film 'The Sound of Music'. This evening we have included a farewell dinner in your hotel.

To Munich

Day 13 | **B**

This morning, your tour ends with a 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 3 pm today.

Hand Selected Experiences

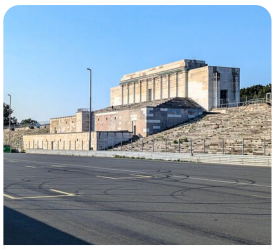
These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Rothenburg
Night Watchman Walking Tour



Nürnberg
Christmas Markets



Nürnberg Rally Grounds & Documentation Centre
The site of Hitler's Nazi Rallies



Prague
Sightseeing Tour & Christmas Markets



Vienna
The Imperial City



Schönbrunn Palace
Guided Tour



Melk Abbey
Guided Tour



Český Krumlov
Guided Tour



Ceske Budejovice
'My Time'



Salzburg
Guided Walking Tour

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 20:00 on 26th November 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	
15 Dec 2027	27 Dec 2027	AUD$9,987	AUD$12,587	Space Available
15 Dec 2028	27 Dec 2028	TBC	TBC	Pre-Register

* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and 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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