

A European Christmas

...An Enchanting Christmas Market Tour Experience



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Join Sechrist Travel as we explore the magical sights and sounds of the famous and charming Christmas Markets of Germany and Austria.

The tour will take place **December 12 - December 20, 2020.**

The merry bustle of Europe's Christmas markets delight all. The fragrance of Glühwein and toasted almonds, hot roasted chestnuts and freshly baked apples fill the air, and the vendors' gingerbread hearts, nativity figures, Christmas tree ornaments, toys and snug knitwear are irresistible.

During this 8 day, 7-night tour of **Germany** and **Austria**, enjoy **holiday delicacies**, **mulled wine**, and **Christmas music** as you stroll through some of Europe's most **iconic Christmas Markets** set in cobblestoned plazas filled with holiday cheer and festivities.

Cities Visited:

- ▶ Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- ▶ Munich
- ▶ Salzburg
- ▶ Vienna

When: **December 12 - December 20, 2020**

Where: **Germany and Austria**

Cost: **LAND \$1,999 + AIR \$1,400 (estimated)**



Day 1: Saturday 12 December: Depart the USA

Overnight flight to Frankfurt.

Day 2: Sunday 13 December: Arrival in Frankfurt - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Morning arrival into Frankfurt airport. After customs formalities the group will be welcomed by tour director and board our waiting motor-coach. When we arrive in Rothenburg we will walk to the town square and enjoy some free time in the market before we transfer to our hotel and check in. Tonight enjoy a welcome to Germany dinner. **Group Dinner provided**

Day 3: Monday 14 December: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Today is dedicated to exploring **medieval Rothenburg**. After breakfast it's free time to wander through Germany's favorite picture book city. Be sure to go to the famous **Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas shop**, the **Crime and Punishment Museum**, and of course the **Christmas Market**. After dinner we meet in the town square to go on the popular **Night Watchman Tour**.

Dinner on your own

Day 4: Tuesday 15 December: Munich

Morning transfer to Munich. Upon arrival we will enjoy a **guided walking tour of historic downtown Munich**. Munich's **Marienplatz** is alight with one of Germany's largest Christmas Markets. Don't forget to stop in to the world famous **Hofbräu Haus** for lunch! Take some time to shop the **Münchener Christkindlmarkt**, visit the iconic **Frauenkirche** with its twin domed spires, and peruse the famous and historic **Viktualienmarkt**, a charming outdoor market area just off of the main square.

Group Dinner provided

Day 5: Wednesday 16 December: Neuschwanstein - Salzburg

Today we're off to Salzburg, the city of **Mozart**. On the way we will drive through farming country, then take a horse-drawn wagon ride up the hill to tour the fairy-tale castle that inspired the **Disneyland Castle: Schloss Neuschwanstein**. We'll enjoy lunch before bidding Germany "**Auf wiedersehen**". Later this afternoon we'll arrive in **Salzburg** and check into our hotel. We'll end our day with an orientation walk through the historic center.

Dinner on your own

Day 6: Thursday 17 December: Salzburg

After breakfast we will enjoy a tour of historic Salzburg with a local guide - stroll under the wrought-iron signs of the **Getreidegasse**, stop by the **Mozart Geburtshaus**, the house where Mozart was born, visit the **Salzburg Cathedral**, and walk through the **Mirabell Gardens**. For **Sound of Music** fans, a verse of **Do-Re-Mi** may be a must here. After the tour concludes, enjoy free time to explore the **Salzburger Christkindlmarkt**. This afternoon is a great time to visit the hilltop fortress, or attend one of the many evening concerts going on around the city.

Group Dinner provided

Day 7: Friday 18 December: Vienna

Morning transfer to **Vienna**. After lunch we get back on the bus and meet a local guide for a driving tour of the city. After getting acquainted with the city by bus, we will continue our tour on foot. Stops will be made at the **Christmas markets at city hall and Maria Theresienplatz**. After the tour concludes enjoy the fine dining that Vienna has to offer and a stop into one of the many famous coffee shops. Tonight is a great night to attend a concert or an opera on your own. **Dinner on your own**

Day 8: Saturday 19 December: Vienna

On our final tour day together we will go to **Schönbrunn Palace**, former summer residence of the ruling **Habsburg Family**. During the holidays season there is a Christmas Market on the palace grounds. We will take the tour of the palace and will spend some time wandering the expansive gardens and market. **Group Farewell Dinner provided.**

Day 9: Sunday 20 December: Departure

Today's activities will be determined by the flight itinerary. After checking out of the hotel, we part ways - **Fröhliche Weihnachten and Auf Wiedersehen!**





For more information:

Call: 425-357-0245



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Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy

• **\$1,999.00**

***\$350.00** - single occupancy supplement charge

AIR package ESTIMATE - \$1,400.00* per person

- ▶ Estimated for 2020 - Quoted price subject to change
- ▶ All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier. Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group.

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$3,399.00

- ▶ ***+ or - based on actual airfare***

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ **January 6, 2020** = \$400 per person
- ▶ **March 9, 2020** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **May 11, 2020** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **July 13, 2020** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **September 14, 2020** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **October 19, 2020** - Final Balance (based on final airfare and total number of travelers)

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- ▶ Round trip air transportation – to/from Frankfurt, Germany/Vienna, Austria.
 - ▶ Based on a minimum of 10 passengers, price is estimated at \$1,400.00 ****Subject to change***
- ▶ *Seven (7) nights accommodation at superior tourist-class hotels, plus one (1) night in flight*
- ▶ All luxury air-conditioned motor coach transportation throughout your tour.
- ▶ Daily Buffet breakfasts and Dinners, as indicated in the itinerary
 - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
- ▶ **GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS**
 - ▶ Rothenburg Night Watchman Tour
 - ▶ Munich City Tour
 - ▶ Salzburg Tour
 - ▶ Vienna Tour
- ▶ **ENTRANCE FEE:**
 - Neuschwanstein Castle
 - Salzburg Cathedral
- ▶ Tips for city guides, tour director, and coach Driver
- ▶ Taxes are included for all services

PLUS:

- ▶ A professional Tour Director to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of the tour group
- ▶ A complete *Itinerary* handbook for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person – 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- ▶ Full support of an Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ▶ \$2M Sechrist Travel Tour Liability Insurance coverage
- ▶ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- ▶ Transportation to/from your HOME Airport is arranged ON YOUR OWN
- ▶ Meals not listed as ‘included’
- ▶ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ▶ Anything not mentioned in “Your Tour Experience Includes” above
- ▶ Passport fees
- ▶ Checked baggage fees (if applicable), portage of luggage, Instrumental rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ▶ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance
 - Can be provided through **Sechrist Travel** and **Travel Safe** for an additional cost
 - Please visit: <https://www.travelsafe.com/?welcome=SECWA01>
 - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx
- Please note, **until the number of participants is secured**, these prices and activities are estimated. On your actual travel dates, activities might not be available or vendor/festival prices and inclusions may be different than estimated

Send payments and other correspondence to:

Sechrist Travel

13300 Bothell Everett Highway

#303-6108

Mill Creek, WA 98012

I. Payment Schedule

- A. Reservations for participation in the **2020 European Christmas Market Tour** are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$400 per person deposit
 - 2. early deposits are encouraged, with the first payment due no later than **January 6, 2020**
- B. The 2nd payment is \$600 per person due **March 9, 2020**.
- C. The 3rd payment is \$600 per person due **May 11, 2020**.
- D. The 4th payment is \$600 per person due **July 13, 2020**.
- E. The 5th payment is \$600 per person due **September 14, 2020**.
- F. **The final balance is due October 19, 2020.**
- G. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- H. Billing Statements will be based upon your number of participants, and will indicate payment due dates, reflect your hotel occupancy choices, include airfare (if applicable), include the airport/hotel transportation fees (if applicable), include costs for extra nights in hotel if elected and available, costs for optional provisions (if applicable), and include your payment summary.
- I. Billing Statements will be adjusted to reflect your housing choices; any additional charges based upon hotel upgrade costs or other services purchased are due 30 days prior to arrival. Adjustments and payment due dates are indicated on your monthly statements.
- J. ***LATE PAYMENTS:** When payment is late, and no prior arrangements have been made; a fee totaling 5% of that particular amount due will be assessed and added to the final balance due. If a late payment is anticipated and unavoidable, Sechrist Travel must receive your request in writing.

II. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Checks should be made payable to **SECHRIST TRAVEL**
- B. Mailing instructions
 - 1. checks should be mailed to **Sechrist Travel at 13300 Bothell Everett Highway #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012**
 - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- C. Refunds
 - 1. Payments are refundable until the subsequent installment due date.
 - 2. All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after September 14th, 2020.
 - 3. Name substitutions without penalty are permissible only until the time of your 3rd payment, after which name change fees will be applicable.
 - 4. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
 - 5. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
- D. If your arranged trip inclusions or accommodations become unavailable due to "acts of God," Sechrist Travel reserves the right to change your tour and include other trip inclusions and accommodations. Any unforeseen fuel surcharges that become imposed by the airline after your initial deposit will be reflected in subsequent statements and become your responsibility

