

Christmas Markets Tour

...An Enchanting Christmas Market Tour Experience

through Germany & Austria



Christmas Markets Tour 2022

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 9 - December 17, 2022.**

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 9 - December 17, 2022**

Where: **Germany and Austria**

Cost: **LAND \$2,199 + AIRFARE (on your own)**



Day 1: Friday 9 December: Depart the USA

Overnight flight to Frankfurt.

Day 2: Saturday 10 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: Sunday 11 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: Monday 12 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: Tuesday 13 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: Wednesday 14 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: Thursday 15 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: Friday 16 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 Group Dinner provided.**

Day 9: Saturday 17 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: (917) 279-6629



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December 9 - December 17, 2021

Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy

• **\$2,199.00**

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

\$150, per person, Early-bird discount if registered and deposited by **February 15, 2022*

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$2,199.00 + AIRFARE

▶ **airfare to be arranged ON YOUR OWN**

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ **March 15, 2022** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **May 14, 2022** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **July 16, 2022** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **September 17, 2022** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **October 22, 2022** - Final Balance of \$199 per person + any surcharges

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- ▶ *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.
- ▶ Seven (7) Daily Buffet breakfasts @ Hotel
- ▶ Four (4) Group 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 and detailed *Itinerary* for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person – 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- ▶ Personal Protective Equipment: Face-masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes provide to each individual traveler
- ▶ 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:

- ▶ Round trip air transportation – to Frankfurt, Germany - returning from Vienna, Austria.
 - ▶ Based on a minimum of 10 passengers, price is estimated at \$1,400.00 ****Subject to change***
- ▶ 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’s** trusted partner, **TravelSafe**, for an additional cost
 - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx

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

- ▶ Estimated for 2022 - Quoted price subject to change
- ▶ To be arranged **ON YOUR OWN**
- ▶ 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.
- 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
Ste. #303-6108
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Email: info@sechristtravel.com

I. Payment Schedule

- A. Reservations for participation in the **2022 Christmas Markets Tour** are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$500 per person deposit no later than **March 15, 2022**
 - 2. *early deposits are encouraged*
- B. The 2nd payment is \$500 per person due **May 14, 2022**
- C. The 3rd payment is \$500 per person due **July 16, 2022**
- D. The 4th payment is \$500 per person due **September 17, 2022**
- E. **The final balance of \$199 per person due October 22, 2022**
- F. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. ***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. Credit Card Payments are available though are preferred vendor, **STRIPE**
- C. **Mailing instructions:**
 - 1. checks should be mailed to **Sechrist Travel** at **13300 Bothell Everett Highway, Ste. #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012**
 - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- D. Refunds
 - 1. The \$250 per person becomes non-refundable on **June 9, 2022** (*6 months prior to departure*)
 - 2. 50% of deposits becomes non-refundable on **September 9, 2022** (*3 months prior to departure*)
 - 3. 100% of deposits become non-refundable on **November 9, 2022** (*30 days prior to departure*)
 - a) All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after **November 9, 2022** (*30 days prior to departure*)
 - 4. Name substitutions/replacements, without penalty, are permissible
 - 5. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
 - 6. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
- E. 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

