The Paul Parent Garden Club Presents

Classic Christmas Markets

Featuring markets in Innsbruck, Munich, Strasbourg, Nuremberg and Würzburg December 8 – 16, 2018



A Christmas market, also known as Christkindlesmarkt, is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. These markets originated in Germany, Austria and the Alsace. The history of Christmas markets goes back to the Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe. The Nuremberg Christmas market, first held in 1628, is one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world. It attracts 2 million visitors annually and has over 250 wooden stalls offering traditional ornaments, gifts, handicrafts and fresh food. Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing, the market sells local food,drink and seasonal items from open-air stalls.

Experience the 600-yearold holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria. See historic sites such as the magnificent 18th century residence of the prince-bishops. Stroll the Nuremberg Christmas Market.

View the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Set out on a panoramic tour of Munich. Enjoy a city tour of Nuremberg

Day 1: Saturday, December 8, 2018 - Overnight flight

Overnight Flight Embark on a glorious holiday adventure through the traditional Christmas markets and historic towns of Central Europe. On this journey you will have time to sip mulled wine and shop for handicrafts in some of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

Day 2: Sunday, December 9, 2018 Oberammergau, Germany - Tour Begins Oberammergau is the perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colorful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner in your traditional village inn.

Day 3: Monday, December 10, 2018 Oberammergau - - Innsbruck, Austria

Oberammergau Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, it's your choice! Join a local guide for a walking tour to discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the <u>Golden Roof</u>. Or, embark on a walking tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the cozy Christmas market.



Day 4: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Oberammergau - Munich Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play.

Day 5: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Oberammergau - Black Forest

Depart Oberammergau and travel through the scenic countryside of Germany to the heart of the <u>Black Forest</u>. Here you can relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Visit a cuckoo clock shop and view a demonstration. This evening enjoy a private choir concert performed in an 850-year-old church.

Day 6: Thursday, December 13, 2018 Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of the Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany.

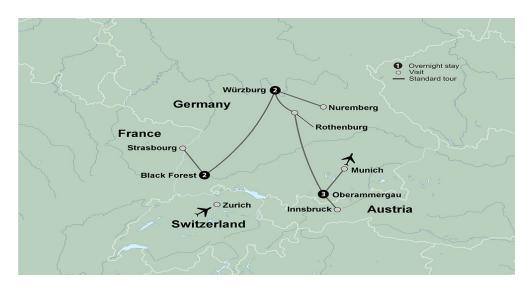
Day 7: Friday, December 14, 2018 Black Forest -Nuremberg - Würzburg*

Depart the Black Forest for the Franconia region of Germany. Drive to historic Nuremberg for a city tour. Learn about old town's 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle, and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluwhein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its name – "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. Continue to Würzburg and enjoy a free evening to shop in the lively Christmas market.

Day 8: Saturday, December 15, 2018 Würzburg - Rothenburg - Würzburg

Explore Würzburg with a local guide to discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th century residence of the <u>prince-bishops</u>, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world;and the ornate <u>Alte Mainbrucke</u>, the oldest bridge on the River Main. This afternoon, venture to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travelers during a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Sunday, December 16, 2018 Würzburg - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



Days 2 – 4 Hotel Wittelsbach, Oberammergau

Days 5, 6 Hofgut Sternen, Titisee

Days 7, 8 Maritim Hotel Wurzburg,

Würzburg On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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