

Magical Christmas Markets of Austria and Germany

Highlights...

Innsbruck • Choice on Tour • Seefeld • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Oberammergau • Munich • Christmas Markets



8 Days • 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 3 Dinners

Collette experiences

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday tradition of the *Christkindlesmarkt*.
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a horse-drawn carriage ride and a taste of schnapps.
- Unwind and shop for handmade crafts in the heart of the Alps.

Must-see inclusions

- Visit the picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village of Oberammergau.
- Tour Munich to see the Glockenspiel* and Olympic Park.

Culinary inclusions

- Experience a strudel demonstration and learn the history behind the traditional dessert.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to uncover the unique charms of Austria and Germany and the incredible *Christkindlesmarkt* (Christmas market)!

Day 2: Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to the town of Innsbruck, capital of the Alps. Spend the next five nights nestled in the heart of the mountains. Tonight, accompany your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival in Austria. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck

This morning, **it's your choice!** Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof **-OR-** visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. Next, journey by train 3,600 feet above sea level to the idyllic village of Seefeld, one of the world's great ski resorts thanks to miles of lakes and trails. Step off the train into the pure Alpine air to find an authentic horse-drawn carriage – and a traditional gift of schnapps – waiting for you. Belt out a carol or two as you are whisked across the snow and participate in an interactive demonstration of how to make (and eat!) traditional strudel. Glide your way back to Innsbruck. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside resides the storybook Old Town of Salzburg. Head over to Mirabell Gardens and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from *The Sound of Music*. Then, journey through the baroque heart of the Old City and the famous thoroughfare of Mozart's birthplace. Head out to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately known as "Salzburgers." Be sure to enjoy a traditional Mozart chocolate (or two) and do some treasure hunting at any of six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter's Skifst Keller, the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in Europe. Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in a traditional dessert. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Innsbruck

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Innsbruck. Go treasure hunting at the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and even Krampus as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the towers and indulge in some *gluhwein* and *stollen*, while chestnuts roast on open fires. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Innsbruck-Neuschwanstein, Germany-Oberammergau-Innsbruck, Austria

View the magnificence of Neuschwanstein Castle as you enjoy a photo stop of the fairytale creation of Bavaria's "Mad King." Your journey continues to Oberammergau. Enjoy a lunch featuring regional cuisine before spending some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 7: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany

Willkommen to Munich! Venture to Marienplatz and see the iconic Glockenspiel*, where life-size figurines spin and dance. Enjoy free time to explore, perhaps grabbing a *bier* at the renowned Hofbrauhaus or doing some final holiday shopping at one of Europe's largest Christmas markets. Join a local guide on a panoramic tour of Munich, passing by famous sights such as the Royal Square and Parliament Building. Close your day, toasting to the end of your seasonal sojourn at a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Perched on a plateau high in the Alps is the charming Tyrolean town of Seefeld. Reminiscent of a fairy-tale Christmas village, this magical place offers a quintessential Austrian wintertime experience in one of the world's greatest ski resorts. The perfect location for snow sports, it has proudly hosted several Olympic and World Ski Championship competitions. Seefeld is particularly festive during the holiday season, an ideal time to take in crisp mountain air, epic views of villages covered in a white blanket of snow, and the spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in this Alpine setting with miles of walking trails, lakes, fine shopping, dining and pure, fresh Alpine air.

Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 6	Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck
Day 7	Movenpick Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available on this tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*Due to unforeseen schedule changes, witnessing the performance of the Glockenspiel might not be possible.

The stop at Neuschwanstein is a photo stop only, and guests will not enter the castle. A tour of the castle would take over 4 hours, and guests only stop here for a few minutes.

Due to annual fluctuations on the opening dates of some Christmas Markets and tour scheduling, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas Markets may be substituted.

Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to this airport. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck, Austria and Munich is 2 hours.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 3:30 p.m.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Important reservation information:

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***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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