

BAVARIA CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND CASTLES

Featuring - Munich, Nuremberg, Regensburg

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
6 Nights / 8 Days	22 People	New York (JFK/EWR)	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$9,499.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$1,499.00

OVERVIEW

Celebrate the festive season on an enchanting journey through Bavaria, one of Germany's most picturesque and culturally rich regions. Beginning in Munich, Bavaria's elegant capital, immerse yourself in a city transformed by Christmas lights, traditional markets, and centuries-old holiday traditions. Explore historic squares, royal landmarks, and charming streets adorned with seasonal decorations. Journey into the heart of the Bavarian Alps to visit the spectacular castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau. Surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery, these iconic landmarks showcase the romantic vision of King Ludwig II and rank among Germany's most treasured attractions. Continue to the medieval city of Nuremberg, home to one of the world's most famous Christmas markets. Wander through beautifully decorated market stalls, discover traditional handicrafts, and sample local festive specialties including the renowned Nuremberg Lebkuchen. Explore the city's rich heritage through its historic squares, cobblestone streets, and impressive medieval architecture. Travel onward to Regensburg, a UNESCO-listed city renowned for its exceptionally preserved medieval Old Town. Stroll through charming lanes, admire centuries-old landmarks, and experience the festive atmosphere of its traditional Christmas markets. Visit the famous Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn und Taxis Castle and enjoy authentic Bavarian culinary experiences along the way. Throughout the journey, enjoy the warmth of Bavarian hospitality, festive traditions, historic landmarks, and magical winter scenery. From fairytale castles and medieval towns to sparkling Christmas markets and seasonal delights, this holiday offers an unforgettable celebration of Germany's most cherished holiday traditions.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NO. OF NIGHTS
Munich	AWA Hotel München	Day-2	Day-4	2 Nights
Nuremberg	Hotel Park Plaza Nuremberg	Day-4	Day-6	2 Nights
Regensburg	Hotel Münchner Hof	Day-6	Day-8	2 Nights

DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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Rate Include

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge, and baggage allowance
- ◆ Airport transfers in Munich
- ◆ 06 Nights' accommodation on TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily breakfast at hotels
- ◆ Welcome Dinner in Munich
- ◆ Lunch overlooking Lake Alpsee during the Neuschwanstein excursion
- ◆ Dinner at a traditional restaurant in Nuremberg
- ◆ Traditional Sausage Lunch at Historic Wurstkuchl in Regensburg
- ◆ Farewell Dinner in Regensburg
- ◆ Services of an English-speaking Tour Manager throughout the tour
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking local guides during sightseeing tours
- ◆ Entrance fees and admissions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Guided sightseeing in Munich, Nuremberg, and Regensburg
- ◆ Excursion to Neuschwanstein Castle and Hohenschwangau Castle
- ◆ Visits to Bavaria's renowned Christmas Markets
- ◆ Travel by deluxe air-conditioned vehicle throughout the tour
- ◆ All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All applicable local taxes

Rate Exclude

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, and drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcohol and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above are not included

ITINERARY

DAY 1 DEPART FOR MUNICH

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Germany to embark on a magical Christmas journey through Bavaria's charming medieval towns, spectacular Alpine scenery, storybook castles, and enchanting festive markets.

Overnight onboard flight

DAY 2 MUNICH ARRIVAL [-/-/-]

Welcome to Germany! Arrive in Munich, the charming capital of Bavaria and gateway to Germany's magical Christmas traditions. Meet and greet on arrival, followed by a transfer to your hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 PM). Our local representative will assist you with a smooth check-in.

Check in to your hotel and take some time to relax after your journey. The remainder of the day is at leisure to unwind or begin exploring Munich's festive atmosphere at your own pace.

In the evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and get acquainted with your fellow travelers as you begin your enchanting Bavarian Christmas journey.

Overnight in Munich

DAY 3 DAY TRIP TO NEUSCHWANSTEIN AND HOHENSCHWANGAU [B/L/-]

After breakfast at your hotel, depart Munich and travel south through the picturesque Bavarian countryside towards the foothills of the Alps. Enjoy scenic views of charming villages, rolling meadows, and snow-capped mountain peaks as you make your way to one of Germany's most iconic regions.

Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Hohenschwangau Castle, the childhood residence of King Ludwig II. Originally dating back to the 12th century, the castle was rebuilt by King Maximilian II of Bavaria and features beautifully decorated state rooms, historic paintings, and spectacular views over the surrounding lakes and mountains. A guided tour provides insight

into the royal family's life and the history of Bavaria during the 19th century.

Continue to the world-famous Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed landmarks in Europe and the inspiration behind Disney's Cinderella Castle. Perched dramatically above the alpine landscape, the castle is a masterpiece of romantic architecture. During your guided visit, admire the lavish interiors, richly decorated halls, intricate woodwork, and artistic details that reflect King Ludwig II's imaginative vision and fascination with medieval legends and opera.

Following the castle visits, enjoy a light lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the tranquil waters of Lake Alpsee, where you can relax and take in the breathtaking scenery. After lunch, spend some free time capturing photographs of the surrounding landscapes before beginning your return journey to Munich.

Arrive back in Munich in the late afternoon. The evening is free to explore the city's enchanting Christmas markets at your own pace. Wander among festively decorated wooden stalls offering handcrafted ornaments, traditional Bavarian gifts, seasonal delicacies, roasted almonds, gingerbread, and steaming cups of Glühwein. Later, enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Munich's beautifully illuminated Old Town, where medieval architecture, festive decorations, and holiday music create a truly magical atmosphere.

Overnight in Munich

DAY 4 MUNICH SIGHTSEEING - TRANSFER TO NUREMBERG [B/-/-]

Following breakfast, embark on a private guided tour of Munich, Bavaria's elegant capital and one of Germany's most culturally rich cities. Begin your exploration at the magnificent Residenz Palace, the former royal residence of the Wittelsbach dynasty. Surrounded by beautifully maintained gardens and historic courtyards, the palace complex showcases centuries of Bavarian history and architectural grandeur. During your visit, observe traditional craftsmen demonstrating time-honored skills such as candle-making and glass-

blowing, adding a festive seasonal touch to the experience.

Continue to Marienplatz, Munich's historic central square and the heart of the city's Christmas celebrations. Admire the Neo-Gothic Town Hall and its famous Glockenspiel while enjoying the festive atmosphere created by twinkling lights, decorated market stalls, and the towering Christmas tree. The renowned Christkindlmarkt offers an authentic Bavarian Christmas experience, with opportunities to browse handcrafted gifts, festive decorations, and local delicacies.

As you stroll through the city center, your guide will share fascinating stories about Munich's royal heritage, architectural landmarks, and centuries-old traditions. The sounds of brass bands, holiday choirs, and seasonal music further enhance the magical ambiance of the city during the Advent season.

Following the sightseeing tour, depart Munich and travel north to the historic city of Nuremberg. Upon arrival, discover a destination renowned for its remarkably preserved medieval architecture and rich cultural heritage. The city's charming Old Town is characterized by narrow cobblestone streets, half-timbered houses, picturesque bridges, and impressive fortifications. Dominating the skyline is Nuremberg Castle, one of Europe's most significant surviving medieval fortresses and a symbol of the city's long and distinguished history.

After check-in at your hotel, the remainder of the evening is at leisure to relax or enjoy your first impressions of this enchanting medieval city.

Overnight in Nuremberg

DAY 5 NUREMBERG [B/-/D]

Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax, explore independently, or simply soak in the festive atmosphere of Nuremberg. You may wish to wander through the historic streets of the Old Town, admire the medieval architecture, or browse local boutiques and cafés.

In the afternoon, meet your guide and begin an immersive exploration of Nuremberg's world-famous

Christmas traditions. Your tour starts at the Hauptmarkt, the city's historic central square, where you will admire the Beautiful Fountain, an ornate 14th-century Gothic masterpiece decorated with detailed sculptures representing philosophers, church leaders, and historical figures.

The Hauptmarkt is home to the legendary Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt, considered one of the oldest and most celebrated Christmas markets in the world. Stroll through rows of charming wooden stalls beautifully decorated with festive wreaths, garlands, and sparkling lights. The market offers a wonderful selection of handcrafted ornaments, wooden toys, seasonal gifts, and traditional Christmas decorations.

As you explore, discover the culinary specialties that have made Nuremberg famous. Sample the city's renowned Lebkuchen, a traditional gingerbread delicacy that has been produced here for more than six centuries. Available in a variety of flavors and decorative presentations, these festive treats are among the region's most treasured holiday traditions. You may also enjoy local sausages, roasted nuts, and other seasonal specialties while soaking in the festive atmosphere.

Throughout the visit, your guide will provide fascinating insights into the history of the market, local customs, and the traditions that continue to make Nuremberg a favorite Christmas destination for visitors from around the world.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at the historic Bratwurst Roeslein, one of Germany's most famous traditional restaurants. Established in 1431, the restaurant offers an authentic Bavarian dining experience within a charming historic setting located in the heart of the medieval district.

Overnight in Nuremberg

DAY 6 NUREMBERG - REGENSBURG [B/L/-]

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and depart for Regensburg, one of Germany's oldest and most beautifully preserved medieval cities. The scenic journey takes you through the picturesque landscapes of Bavaria before arriving in this UNESCO-listed destination situated along the Danube River.

Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at the Historic Sausage Kitchen, one of the oldest continuously operating restaurants in the world. Located beside the famous 12th-century Stone Bridge, this historic establishment originally served workers involved in the bridge's construction. Today, it remains celebrated for its traditional Bavarian cuisine, including hearty potato soup and the famous Regensburger sausages served with sweet mustard and sauerkraut.

Following lunch, proceed to your hotel for check-in and some time to relax. The afternoon is free to enjoy the city's charming atmosphere at your own pace or simply unwind after the journey.

In the evening, meet your guide and discover Regensburg's festive holiday spirit. Visit the Christmas market near Neupfarrplatz, where beautifully decorated stalls offer regional crafts, handmade gifts, seasonal decorations, and traditional Bavarian treats. Enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere as locals and visitors gather to celebrate the festive season.

Continue with a leisurely stroll through the historic center, where centuries-old buildings, narrow lanes, and illuminated squares create a magical winter setting. As dusk settles over the city, admire the beautifully lit cathedral, medieval towers, and riverside promenades that showcase Regensburg's unique architectural heritage.

Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 7 REGENSBURG, FAREWELL [B/-/D]

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure. This is an ideal opportunity to further explore Regensburg independently, visit local shops, enjoy a coffee in one of the city's charming cafés, or simply take in the festive atmosphere of this historic destination.

In the afternoon, meet your guide for a comprehensive walking tour of Regensburg's remarkably preserved Old Town. As you explore the winding medieval streets,

learn about the city's important role as a center of trade and culture throughout the centuries. Pass elegant merchant houses that reflect the wealth and prosperity once enjoyed by Regensburg's influential trading families.

Continue to several of the city's most important landmarks, including the Old Town Hall, the imposing Gothic cathedral viewed from the exterior, the historic Stone Bridge spanning the Danube River, and the Porta Praetoria, one of the few surviving Roman gateways north of the Alps. Throughout the tour, your guide will share stories and historical insights that bring the city's fascinating past to life.

The tour concludes at the Romantic Christmas Market, held within the enchanting courtyard of Thurn und Taxis Castle. Surrounded by historic architecture and illuminated by countless lights, the market offers one of the most atmospheric Christmas experiences in Germany. Browse artisan stalls, admire handcrafted gifts, and enjoy a warm glass of mulled wine while immersing yourself in the festive ambiance.

In the evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a special farewell dinner, celebrating the memorable experiences, festive traditions, and cultural highlights of your journey through Bavaria.

Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 8 REGENSBURG - MUNICH DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

After breakfast, transfer to Munich Airport for your return flight home.

We wish you a safe journey and hope to plan your future trips with Voyages Hub.

Note - The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities and scheduled day trips may vary due to operational factors, including weather and traffic conditions.

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