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Advent Season and Christmas Markets

As lights warm the cities and the scent of baking fills the streets, Germany reveals its Advent charm. Between baroque settings, lively markets and quiet winter landscapes, a journey unfolds rich in tradition, music and festive impressions.

8-day sample itinerary

Are you looking for an atmospheric Advent program for your culturally interested group? This 8-day journey through Germany combines traditional Christmas markets with historic cities and winter landscapes. We are happy to tailor the itinerary, themes and duration to your needs and calculate the best possible price. Experience the unique charm of the Advent season between Dresden and Stuttgart. Discover baroque splendor, medieval townscapes and living craft traditions. In Dresden, the Frauenkirche stands as a symbol of reconciliation, while the historic Striezelmarkt delights with its centuries-old heritage. In the Erzgebirge, you encounter authentic customs and the origins of renowned woodcraft. The journey continues to Nuremberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber, where festively decorated squares and historic settings create an unforgettable atmosphere. Stuttgart concludes the tour with cultural highlights, vibrant markets and a wine tasting in the Neckar Valley. Upon request, we can arrange meetings, concerts or themed tours for an even deeper experience.

Highlights

- Baroque Dresden with Frauenkirche and historic old town
- Traditional Striezelmarkt with Stollen festival and crafts
- Erzgebirge and Seiffen with lights, traditions and woodcraft
- Medieval Nuremberg and famous Christkindlesmarkt
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber with romantic Reiterlesmarkt
- Stuttgart markets, museums and wine tasting in Neckar Valley

About the trip

The magic of the festive season takes on its own particular charm in wonderful Christmas Markets, glowing centrepieces of most villages, towns and cities of Germany. Begin your holiday season with a wonderful centuries-old tradition: stroll the decorated boutique-lined streets and browse for hand-made local crafts, toys, wood carvings, and delicate ornaments. You'll love the festive atmosphere; taste some "Gluehwein" in the aroma of roasting chestnuts, sausages and fresh baked goods. And enjoy Johann Sebastian Bach's "Weihnachtsoratorium" or any other wonderful Advent concert.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival

Arrival in Dresden: Visit the magnificent Frauenkirche "Church of Our Lady". This baroque cathedral was destroyed in the firebombing of Dresden during World War II. It was reconstructed and completed in 2004 as a landmark symbol of reconciliation between former warring enemies. Then continue on for a walking tour of its impressive historic center with its Castle and Castle Church, Theatre Square and the famous Semper Opera, the Semper Gallery and Zwinger Palace and Bruehl's Terrace. Check in to hotel for three nights.

DAY 2: Striezelmarkt

Today you will be able to stroll through the old city and Dresden's Christmas Market, so called Striezelmarkt. Established in 1434, its name comes from Hefestriezel, better known as the original Dresden Christstollen. Every year, the Stollen Festival and grand parade are held in honour of this famous seasonal cake. The stalls are a treasure trove of local arts and crafts: carved wooden items from the Erzgebirge mountains, blue printed items and pottery from Lusatia, gingerbread from Pulsnitz, intricate hand-made lace from Plauen and hanging stars from Herrnhut. At the heart of proceedings is the world's largest Christmas pyramid in the Erzgebirge style (14 metres), which provides the setting for the pyramid festival, a singing contest with a seasonal twist.

DAY 3: Seiffen

After breakfast we drive southward into the Erzgebirge mountains to Seiffen, the cradle of tradition and handicrafts, which really comes to life during the festive season. At the beautifully illuminated Christmas market you can look over the shoulders of the local craftsmen and see new items taking shape before your eyes. Treat your taste buds to Erzgebirge specialities in Germany's most famous toymaking village. The whole of Seiffen is decked out like a fairytale and every day offers a new experience: the traditional miners' parades (featuring miners' guilds and a traditional children's costume troupe), the torchlit procession on the mining trails, the miners' Christmas in the visitor centre and Advent events in the church and toy museum. In the early evening we return to Dresden.

DAY 4: Nuremberg

We head to Nuremberg: As a result of its political influence as the foremost imperial city of the Middle Ages and home of the imperial regalia, combined with its economic prosperity as a strategically-located commercial center, Nuremberg came to be one of the largest and greatest cities in Europe. Names such as Albrecht Durer and Hans Sachs reflect the city's artistic and intellectual prowess at that time. Walking tour along the "Historischen Meile", which highlights the major architectural and artistic landmarks of an historic city which enjoyed its Golden Age in the late Middle Ages. We check in to our hotel. Enjoy Nuremberg's famous Christkindlesmarkt on Hauptmarkt square in the old quarter by strolling around. Soak up the medieval charm and the aroma of gingerbread, Nuremberg Bratwurst and Gluehwein. Check-in into our hotel.

DAY 5: Rothenburg o.d. Tauber

In the morning we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber: This once "free imperial city" is known over the world and ranks among Germany's top visitor attractions. It lies on a plateau at the intersection of the "Romantic Road" and the "Castle Road". We tour this picturesque medieval town with its well-preserved buildings dating from the 14th century and see the city at its best. The Reiterlesmarkt, set in an idyllic location between the town hall and St. Jacob's Church, is widely regarded as one of Germany's prettiest Christmas markets. Don't miss a visit to the all-year-round Christmas Museum. Check in to our hotel.

DAY 6: Stuttgart

After breakfast we continue our Christmas tour to Stuttgart, the capital of Swabia. We walk through the Old City with its historical buildings and squares: i.e. "Altes Schloss", "Neues Schloss". Two art museums promise to provide a wonderful experience: The well-known State Gallery and the impressive new Stuttgart Art Museum. Or enjoy the museums of the world-famous automobile companies Porsche and Mercedes. During the Advent season Stuttgart is transformed into a magical winter wonderland. More than 250 stallholders offer seasonal wares, while concerts in the courtyard of the Old Palace set the festive tone. The superbly decorated roofs of the traditional wooden booths add to the overall charm. Amid the enchanting ambience of Stuttgart's Christmas market, enjoy the city's famous Black Forest fruit loaf washed down with a mug of warming Gluehwein.

DAY 7: Stuttgart

Time at leisure: You have time to stroll through the Old City, shopping in one of the many shopping malls or just enjoy a last time this special atmosphere of a German Christmas market. The visit in Stuttgart ends with wine tasting in the delightful Neckar Valley, which is famous for its distinctive wine.

DAY 8: Departure

We transfer to Stuttgart airport and depart home.

Note: Please be aware that changes to the itinerary may occur, for example for organizational reasons or due to local conditions. Updated: April 12, 2026

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