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# **Germany & Austria's Cathedral & Christmas Markets Pilgrimage** November 30 – December 10, 2025 - 10 Days \$5,999 from Buffalo

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Sunday, November 30 - Day 1: DEPART BUFFALO - Today we depart Buffalo International Airport for our overnight flights to Cologne. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Monday, December 1 - Day 2: ARRIVE

**COLOGNE** – Upon arrival in Cologne, we visit one of the best Christmas markets in Germany in the shadow of the magnificent Cologne Cathedral. It is just one of the many markets in the city. Stroll the stalls serving up traditional delicacies like mulled wine, reibekuchen (potato fritters) and waffles. Later in the afternoon, we check into our hotel and the evening is free to explore another market, such as the Market of Hearts, the Market of Angels, the Harbor Market at the city's chocolate museum, or possibly attend an Advent concert. Dinner will be on our own. Overnight at our hotel in Cologne. Meals: B

Tuesday, December 2 - Day 3: COLOGNE -WIESBADEN - FRANKFURT - Today, after breakfast at our hotel, we visit the Cologne Cathedral which dominates the city's skyline. We celebrate Mass and have time to explore the interior of the cathedral. After our time at the cathedral, we depart for Wiesbaden whose Christmas market is a true German hidden gem. Spend the afternoon exploring the city's elegant architecture, including the Kurhaus and the stunning St. Bonifatius Church. The Christmas market features beautifully adorned stalls offering handmade gifts, warm mulled wine, and an enchanting atmosphere. Late in the afternoon we travel to Frankfurt to arrive at our hotel where we enjoy dinner together. Overnight at our hotel in Frankfurt. Meals: B, D

Wednesday, December 3 - Day 4:

**FRANKFURT** – This morning after breakfast, we enjoy a guided walking tour of the old town of Frankfurt, highlights being The Karmeliter Cloister, Roemerberg, and Frankfurt Cathedral. Afterward, the day if free to independently explore the city or Christmas market centered at the Roemerberg. Explore more of the charming old town and admire the impressive Christmas tree. Frankfurt is also known for its apple wine (Apfelwein), the regional specialty, to enjoy while enjoying the market's cheerful ambiance. Also, you may choose to visit the Städel Museum, housing a world-class art collection. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at our hotel in Frankfurt. Meals: B

Thursday, December 4 - Day 5: FRANKFURT – ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER –

NUREMBERG - After breakfast we depart our hotel and attend Mass at the Frankfurt Cathedral before departing for Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a fairy tale town all year round, but at Christmas, it's especially magical. Stroll along the cobblestone streets of this medieval gem. The market square transforms into a festive spectacle thanks to its Christmas market and its beautifully adorned stalls, and the town's half-timbered houses create a picture-perfect holiday backdrop. Try the local Schneeballen (snowball pastries) and enjoy the festive music and decorations. Late in the afternoon we depart for Nuremburg with an evening free to explore the oldest Christmas market in Germany: the Christkindlesmarkt. Don't miss the famous Nuremberg gingerbread cookies (Lebkuchen) and maybe attend an evening

cookies (Lebkuchen) and maybe attend an evening concert or Christmas exhibition. Dinner tonight is on your own. Overnight at our hotel in Nuremberg. Meals: B

Friday, December 5 - Day 6: NUREMBERG -MUNICH – This morning, after breakfast at our hotel, we celebrate Mass at the Frauenkirche – the Nuremberg Cathedral and then we enjoy a guided tour of city attractions like Nuremburg Castle and the medieval old town, exterior of the Congress Hall and Documentation Center and the Memorium Nuremberg Trials. Soak up German history, sample local delicacies, and snap photos of the medieval and gothic accents that decorate this modern city. After our tour and independent lunch, we depart for Munich, the capital of Bavaria, where we check-in at our hotel and enjoy an included meal together. Overnight at our hotel in Munich. Meals: B, D

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to <u>www.Unitours.com/questions</u>."



Saturday December 6 - *St. Nicholas* - Day 7: MUNICH – Today, after breakfast, the day is yours to explore the multitude of Christmas activities Munich offers: begin at the Münchner Christkindlmarkt, where you can explore and find the charming nativity scene, exquisite Bavarian crafts, and the aroma of roasted chestnuts filling the air. Explore the historic Marienplatz and its iconic Glockenspiel. Dinner will be on our own. Overnight at our hotel in Munich.

### Meals: B

Sunday December 7 - Day 8: MUNICH -SALZBURG - After breakfast at our hotel, we celebrate Sunday Mass then we depart for Salzburg's (Austria) Christmas market where you will find local folk customs and traditional decorations for the Christmas tree, gifts for big and small, incense to help conjure up a festive atmosphere in your own home, all kinds of delectable treats in the form of Austrian specialties, mulled wine and hot punch. At the Christmas market on Salzburg's Cathedral Square, you will discover practically every possible Christmas wish. This famous Advent market draws countless visitors every Christmas season and is also very popular with the locals too. The traditional huts and unique atmosphere, along with specially designed lighting that stretches above the market stands create a romantic scene of stars across the night sky. If timing allows, be at Cathedral Square at 4pm for the special welcoming of the Christ Child and the angels. We then check into our hotel to prepare for a very special evening dinner and Advent/Christmas Mozart concert at Fortress Hohensalzburg. Overnight at our hotel in Salzburg.

Meals: B, D with Concert.

#### Monday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception- Day 9: SALZBURG – VIENNA

- Today, after breakfast at our hotel, we celebrate Mass of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception before departing for Vienna, the capital of Austria. Upon arrival, we enjoy a panoramic driving tour of the city before checking into our hotel. After check-in, start exploring the city's Christmas markets, which truly are an age-old tradition. The forerunners of the present-day events date back to the Middle Ages, when in 1296 Albrecht I granted Vienna's citizens the privilege of holding a December Market or "Krippenmarkt". Since then, the character and prevalence of these markets has changed considerably. Nowadays, over 20 official Advent markets sell a vast array of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. Dinner is on our own. Overnight at our hotel in Vienna. Meals: B

Tuesday, December 9 - Day 10: VIENNA -

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before departing by bus for the Christmas Market at Schönbrunn Palace where approximately 60 exhibitors present handicrafts and original gifts such as hand-made Christmas decorations and nativity sets for visitors to admire and purchase right in front of the famous Schönbrunn Palace. The fragrance of freshly baked Vanillekipferl and hot punch fills the air and creates a wonderful atmosphere. Our bus then transports us back to central Vienna where you can independently explore some of the 20 official Advent/Christmas markets in Vienna: Viennese Dream Christmas Market in front of City Hall, Christmas Village Belvedere Palace, Art Advent -Art & Crafts on Karlsplatz, Winter Market on Piesenradplatz, or Christmas Market on Stephansplatz, to name a few. After exploring the city's markets, we re-group at our hotel to depart for our farewell dinner in one of Vienna's oldest wine cellar vaults. Overnight at our hotel in Vienna. Meals: B. D

#### Wednesday, December 10 - Day 11:

VIENNA/BUFFALO - After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flights home with unforgettable memories and being rejuvenated by the joy and spirit of the Advent/Christmas markets.

Meals: B

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Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until June 10, 2026, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport)

My Roommate:

Address:		Please assign a roommate (if available) I prefer a single room - <b>\$1,129</b> supplement and
City, State & Zip		limited in number. Apply \$50 if booked by January 2, 2025
Telephone:		To purchase optional travel insurance, please see www.Unitours.com/travellnsurance for full
Email address:		details and to purchase coverage.
Name(s) to use on	nametags:	
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I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost, and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees. Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect October 18, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports. Passport MUST be valid until June 10, 2026, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements. **AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on Lufthansa & Austrian Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after the ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seats within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always <u>subject to change</u>.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1,129 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Provided where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, porterage (where available) of one suitcase per person where available. International departure taxes of \$163 plus current fuel surcharges of \$351 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$103 ARE INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of

tour. Final payments received by Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See <u>www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance</u> for full details and to purchase coverage.

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