

Christmas Markets of Bavaria & Austria

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17th Annual John Gormley Newstalk Listeners Tour December 3 - 16, 2023



HIGHLIGHTS

Multi-night Stays in Frankfurt, Würzburg, Munich, Salzburg & Vienna

21 Meals Included: 13 breakfasts, 5 dinners & 3 tastings

City Tours of Frankfurt, Würzburg, Nuremberg, Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg & Vienna

Christmas Markets of Frankfurt, Würzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Augsburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg & Vienna

UNESCO World Heritage Site Würzburg Residence

Tasting of a Rothenburg Fried Snowball, Munich Hot Mulled Wine & Nuremberg Gingerbread

Romantic Road of Bavaria

Medieval towns of Nördlingen, Augsburg & Oberammergau

UNESCO World Heritage Sites Neuschwanstein Castle & Linderhof Palace

Swarovski Crystal World

Tyrolean Music & Folk Dancing

Tour of the Berchtesgaden Salt Mine

Lake Königssee

Salzburg Cathedral

Melk Abbey & Museum

Day 1 - Frankfurt, Germany Welcome to Frankfurt! After being transferred to the hotel spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure stroll through the **Christmas Markets**, do some shopping and take in the sights. Later this evening, join the rest of the group for a **Welcome Dinner**.

Day 2 - Frankfurt Today enjoy a **City Tour of Frankfurt am Main**. See the historic old city sites of Römerberg and Kaiserdom, as well as the finance and banking district. The skyscrapers here are among the highest in Europe, which is why the city has been given the nickname 'Mainhattan'. The afternoon will be at your leisure, with more time to check out the **Christmas Markets** and do some last-minute shopping.

Day 3 - Frankfurt to Würzburg This morning, make your way to Würzburg, enjoy a **City Tour** and revel in the opulent baroque and rococo architecture of this beautiful city. Once the great seat of power for the Prince-Bishops of Germany. No visit to Würzburg is complete without a guided tour of one of Europe's most renowned baroque castles – the **UNESCO World Heritage Site Würzburg Residence**. This colossal palace, with its over 300 rooms, illustrates the grand power of the ancient regional rulers. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to visit the **Christmas Markets** before our included dinner.

Day 4 - Rothenburg O.D.T. Today is spent in Rothenburg, a picturesque town famous for its '**Rothenburg Reiterlesmarkt**'. The name originates from a Germanic legend that refers to a lucky figure who brings joy to all people through his visit. Have a chance to taste the famous '**fried**

snowball! Afterwards, some free time to do some shopping at the Christmas Market where you will find the largest selection of German Christmas decorations in the world.

Day 5 - Würzburg to Nuremberg This morning we depart Würzburg for Nuremberg and enjoy a **walking City Tour**, viewing its medieval architecture, gilded fountain, Gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle. Later, we arrive at the **Christmas Markets of Nuremberg** where we taste some famous **Nuremberg Gingerbread**! The rest of your afternoon will be spent on your own browsing the spruce stalls. Perhaps you may want to sample some favourite Bavarian fare – from dozens of bratwurst varieties, gingerbread, mulled blueberry wine, and countless other culinary delights.

Day 6 - Nuremberg to Munich This morning, take a journey along the famous **Romantic Road**, dotted with 29 medieval towns. Stop along the way at **Nördlingen**, with fully intact city walls and magnificent medieval, and renaissance house. Originating in the 15th century, **Augsburg**, known for its medieval square, fills up with one of the oldest Christmas Markets. Upon arrival in Munich, the remainder of the day is yours to explore.

Day 7 - Munich During a **walking City Tour**, see Munich's most intriguing sights like the Victual's Market, Marienplatz, Sendlinger Gate, Palace of Justice, and New Court. To warm up, enjoy a cup of **hot mulled wine** at the famous **Marienplatz Christmas Market**. After, go Christmas Market hopping to check out some of the 30 plus different markets that Munich has to offer. Later this evening, enjoy an **included dinner**.



Rothenburg O.D.T.



Neuschwanstein Castle



Vienna, Austria

Day 8 – Neuschwanstein Castle & Linderhof Palace Today is spent discovering the fairytale castle **Neuschwanstein Castle**, one of the most photographed in the world, and **Linderhof Palace**, the only building, out of three, King Ludwig II saw to completion. On route, stop at the picturesque village of **Oberammergau** where you can wander through the lanes of this quaint village nestled in the German Alps.

Day 9 – Munich to Innsbruck, Austria Departing Munich, we head into Austria, famous for its luscious countryside, towering alps, and fresh alpine forests. Take a scenic route through the snowcapped alps as we head to the mountainous village, Innsbruck. On route, we stop at **Swarovski Crystal Worlds**. It will feel like a fantasy world when you marvel at the 17 chambers of wonder that can be discovered. Arriving in Innsbruck we enjoy a **City Tour** seeing the Golden Roof, Old Town, Bergisel Jump and more. The afternoon will be at your disposal to discover the local **Christmas Market**. Later in the evening enjoy an **included dinner** with regional cuisine and a show of **Tyrolean music and folk dancing**.

Day 10 – Innsbruck to Salzburg On route to Salzburg, we stop at **Berchtesgaden** in Bavaria. Here we visit one of the largest Salt Mines in Europe, operating since 1517. Wooden slides take you down to that “white gold”, once the most important currency. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at **Lake Königssee** and marvel at the beautiful landscape. Continuing to Salzburg, enjoy an evening at leisure in a city brimming with Baroque architecture and located in an area of panoramic beauty.

Day 11 – Salzburg Today we set out on a **walking City Tour** of this remarkable metropolis, admiring the beautiful towers, domes, and interior of the **Salzburg Cathedral**, built in the Baroque style and home to many priceless artifacts. Afterwards enjoy some free time for a stroll around the **Christmas Market**.

Day 12 – Salzburg to Vienna Departing Salzburg, we head towards Vienna. On route, high on a rocky outcrop, lies the **Melk Abbey**, one of Europe’s most revered Baroque monasteries. Visit this magnificent Benedictine Abbey, which now houses a museum chronicling its history and a famous library with countless medieval manuscripts. Continue towards Vienna for an evening at leisure.

Day 13 – Vienna Explore the Habsburg empire this morning on a **guided City Tour** of Vienna’s gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace Complex – the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic Vienna Opera House, and stunning St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Spend free time on your own to enjoy the Vienna **Christmas Market** or relax by the fire’s glow in a Viennese café. Later this evening, enjoy an **included Farewell Dinner**.

Day 14 – Vienna to Home City Transfer to the Vienna airport and bid farewell to all your newfound friends.



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