

Christmas Spectacular



# GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | FROM US\$1495pp\***

TRAVEL TO THE ENCHANTING LAND OF GERMANY'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS, SHARING THE FESTIVE SEASON SPIRIT AND *GEMÜTLICHKEIT* OF THE LOCALS, AMIDST MAGICAL FAIRY LIGHTS, ROUSING OOMPAH MUSIC AND THE SPICY SCENTS OF *GLÜHWEIN*.



## THE *Icons*

**CITY TOUR** in Berlin

**ORIENTATION** of Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Weimar, Dresden and Leipzig

**VISIT** the Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin. Ascend the Berlin TV Tower

**VIEW** the Opera House and Zwinger Palace in Dresden, the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building in Berlin

● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING  
● END

# YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

**1** **ARRIVE FRANKFURT** Tame your festive wanderlust with the smells of *Glühwein* and *stollen* on this magical journey that begins in Frankfurt. After check-in this afternoon, join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerplatz. Later, join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal. **(WR)**  
**Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach**

**2** **FRANKFURT – ROTHENBURG – NÜREMBERG** Stunning Bavarian landscapes see your journey to the medieval walled town of Rothenburg where you'll enjoy an orientation walk with your Travel Director past picture-perfect half-timbered houses and the old Town Hall. Savour a mouthful or two of *Schneeballen* or shop for gifts at the Reiterlesmarkt before continuing to Nuremberg with its mighty ramparts and St. Sebald's Church. Our next stop is the famous *Christkindlesmarkt* where sweet gingerbread hearts hang from the stalls and the famous *Zwetschgenmännle* prune men pose in all their Christmas splendour. **(B, D)**  
**Hotel: Novotel Messezentrum**

**3** **NÜREMBERG – EISENACH (WARTBURG CASTLE) – ERFURT – WEIMAR** Embrace hundreds of years of festive spirit at the Eisenach Christmas market held in the UNESCO World Heritage Wartburg Castle. Ramble past sizzling *Bratwurst* and steaming vats of *Glühwein* as you soak up the magical atmosphere. Next on our Christmas wish list is Erfurt's medieval market – its *Weinachtspyramiden* is the gateway to delicious aromas of schnitzel, gingerbread and egg punch, enjoyed against the backdrop of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Severus Church. See the market ferris wheel and Merchants' Bridge, the longest inhabited bridge in Europe. Our final stop on our festive foray today is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Weimar, where we dine at our hotel. **(B, D)**  
**Hotel: Leonardo**

**4** **WEIMAR – DRESDEN (2 NIGHTS)** Enjoy a leisurely morning in Weimar before travelling to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe'. Spend the day admiring the magnificent restoration of a city that was all but destroyed during World War II. Consider indulging in traditional German cuisine this evening at a local restaurant. **(B)**  
**Hotel: Pullman Newa**

**5** **FULL DAY AT DRESDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET** Germany's Christmas traditions take centre stage today as we 'Dive Into Culture' and wander through Dresden's Striezelmarkt, Germany's oldest Christmas market. Admire the dazzling display of twinkling lights, handcrafted decorations and Christmas carols. If you're lucky enough to visit on the second weekend in advent, pay homage to the original Dresdner *Christstollen*. **(B, 🍷)**

**6** **DRESDEN – LEIPZIG – BERLIN (2 NIGHTS)** Immerse yourself in centuries of Yuletide traditions at Leipzig Christmas market as you wander past more than 250 decorated stalls in the *Marktplatz*. Take a trip back in time as

you savour the scents of *Glögi* wine and admire the traditional crafts in 'Ancient Leipzig'. We leave vibrant Leipzig for Berlin where we'll spend the next two nights. **(B)**  
**Hotel: Sheraton Grand Esplanade**

**7** **BERLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** You won't need Santa's reindeer to ascend hundreds of metres into the air as you admire 360° views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Your Local Specialist will share insights into old East and West Berlin during a sightseeing tour, see the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard, the Reichstag building, Tiergarten and the shopping and entertainment district of Kurfürstendamm. The rest of the day is yours to explore on your own or consider joining Berlin's Secret Past Optional Experience. Our memorable Christmas journey almost at its end, we'll spend the evening with our Travel Director and fellow travellers for a delicious Farewell Dinner with wine. **(B, FD)**

**8** **DEPART BERLIN** For now, it's time to bid a festive farewell to our travel companions as we return home filled with magical memories. Morning transfers are available to Berlin Tegel Airport. Conditions apply. **(B)**



## TRAVEL DIRECTOR *Tip*

At the Christmas Markets, a lovely way to keep warm is with a mug of *Glühwein* (Mulled Wine) or Hot Chocolate. There is a deposit fee on the mug and when you are finished with your beverage you can either return the mug to receive the deposit back, or keep the mug as a great souvenir as they are different at every Christmas Market.

**Justine McPherson**

## YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

PricePP			PricePP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
TH 28 NOV	TH 05 DEC	1495	FR 06 DEC	FR 13 DEC	1550
FR 29 NOV	FR 06 DEC	1525	SA 07 DEC	SA 14 DEC	1550
TH 05 DEC	TH 12 DEC	1550	SU 08 DEC	SU 15 DEC	1550
			TH 12 DEC	TH 19 DEC	1550

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## TRIP *Highlights*

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

### DIVE INTO CULTURE



Experience the delights of Germany's oldest and most traditional Christmas market – the Striezelmarkt. The blaze of lights, the scent of mulled wine and Christmas music make this once in a lifetime visit a pleasure for all the senses. **(Day 5)**

## MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

**Airport Transfers:** On arrival to Frankfurt Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Berlin Tegel Airport at 8am and 10am.

**Christmas Markets:** Are generally open from the beginning of Advent until 24 December 2019. Trafalgar reserves the right to substitute sites and Christmas market inclusions in keeping with the events of the season.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver US\$78 per person.

**Drinking Water:** Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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