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BUDAPEST TO NUREMBERG



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Iconic Christmas Markets

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Date	Destination	Activities
Dec 3	Budapest	EMBARKATION
Dec 4	Budapest	"Queen of the Danube" Tour and Christmas Market OR Castle Hill Hike
Dec 5	Vienna	"Imperial Vienna" Tour and Christmas Markets OR Vienna City Tour by Bike Schönbrunn illuminated Christmas Market
Dec 6	Melk	Benedictine Abbey Tour OR Danube Bike Tour Scenic Cruising through the Wachau Valley
Dec 7	Passau	"City of Three Rivers" walking tour and Christmas Market OR River Inn bike tour OR Full-day Salzburg excursion with Christmas Markets
Dec 8	Regensburg	UNESCO city tour and Christmas Market OR Tastes of Bavaria OR Guided Bike Tour Thurn & Taxis Christmas Markets
Dec 9	Nuremberg	Main-Danube Canal Scenic Cruising City Tour and Christmas Markets OR Tastes of Franconia
Dec 10	Nuremberg	DISSEMBARKATION

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2023 ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS WITH LISA

7-NIGHT CRUISE FROM BUDAPEST, HUNGARY TO NUREMBERG, GERMANY

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted treasures. Iconic Christmas markets are plentiful and are on full display for your pleasure. Budapest's Vörösmarty Square, where all products sold in the market are guaranteed as traditionally handmade; Vienna with its impressive Christmas markets that seem to majestically appear around every corner; Nuremberg's festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas market in Germany; and Regensburg's Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Castle, considered one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic, are yours to explore. Sparkling lights; the festive sounds of children dressed as angels singing carols; enticing smells of hot-mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, sausages and sweet treats of every kind; and timeless wonders are a feast for all your senses.

Day 1, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARKATION. Board the ship for your Iconic Christmas Markets cruise. (B,D)

Day 2, BUDAPEST. Often described as the "Queen of the Danube," Budapest is well-known for Fisherman's Bastion, Buda Hill and its magnificent Hungarian Parliament building. However, this sprawling city is full of rich history and culture and offers many "hidden" treasures as you venture further past its river banks. During this excursion, your guide will take you deeper into the city to discover fascinating sites lesser-known to the average traveler. (B)

Day 3, VIENNA, AUSTRIA. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered. Join a tour showcasing its regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. Afterwards, you'll visit the Christmas Markets. If you prefer a more active adventure, then join a guided bike along the Danube River. During the afternoon, visit the Schönbrunn Palace with a giant sparkling Christmas tree. This market presents a glittering and stellar Christmas experience. Or cap the day off with "Vienna by Night" Christmas Markets at the beautifully decorated Town Hall (Rathaus), Vienna's largest Christmas Market. (B,L,D)

Day 4, MELK. 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. Alternatively, go on a guided bike ride around Melk. During the evening, enjoy a scenic cruise through the Strudengau Valley. (B,L,D)

Day 5, PASSAU, GERMANY. Join a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old city, noted for its Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's. Go in search of Bavarian-style crafts at the Christmas Market. Or, for the active adventurer, join a guided bike tour along the Danube. Alternatively, you can travel through the serene Austrian Alps to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Your full-day excursion in Salzburg includes a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Old Town, its magnificent cathedral and its Christmas Markets, including the Hellbrunn Palace, where its inner courtyard is turned into a romantic backdrop for one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Austria. (B,L,D)

Day 6, REGENSBURG. Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, before visiting the Old Town Christmas market. As an alternate option, sample some of Bavaria's specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels. Or bike to the base of Walhalla where there is a neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. Later in the day, you'll be treated to one of Bavaria's most beautiful and romantic Christmas markets at Thurn and Taxis, where you can watch artisans make their unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

Day 7, NUREMBERG. Enjoy a scenic morning cruise as the ship crosses the Continental Divide via the Main-Danube Canal to Nuremberg. Join a city tour of WWII highlights and then walk through Nuremberg's cobblestone streets to the Imperial Castle and 900-year-old city ramparts. Alternatively, you can taste your way through the city with a Franconian specialties tour, which introduces you to bratwurst, rotbier (red beer) and lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, you can visit Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt, one of the world's largest and most famous Christmas markets. (B,L,D)

Day 8, NUREMBERG – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Nuremberg and prepare for your flight home. (B)