



10 Romantic Days **Frankfurt to Luzern** **German Fairytale Christmas**

Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the Bavarian Alps

Explore the Christmas Markets with delicious seasonal treats such as gingerbread and roasted chestnuts

Imagine a festive Christmas in an ancient village nestled at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. Visit traditional Christmas Markets, take the Tegernsee Cable Car high up in the mountains, relax on a horse-drawn carriage ride and explore King Ludwig's extravagant castles.



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners

Welcome drink in Frankfurt

19 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 2 lunches (L) and 8 evening meals (D)



Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

9 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation as described

Hotel portage of 1 bag per person (where available)



Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)

Local guides as described in the itinerary

ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides

Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager



Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Rothenburg, Würzburg, Bamberg, Nürnberg and Munich

ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Frankfurt

Day 1



Hilton Frankfurt City Centre



D

Your tour commences this evening in wonderful Frankfurt: a city of contrasts – from modern skyscrapers to beautifully maintained old buildings. There is so much to see and do in the city centre, including the Christmas markets on the Römerberg, which has traditionally been the centrepiece of the Advent season in Frankfurt. If you have time prior to the tour commencing, we recommend you visit them! Dinner tonight is included in your hotel, but first, enjoy a welcome drink. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Würzburg Christmas Markets, 'My Time' in Rothenburg Ob Der Tauber

Day 2



Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider



B,D

We soon reach the baroque city of Würzburg, starting point of the 'Romantic Road', where we explore the Altstadt (old town) with its Christmas markets scattered amongst the historic buildings. We then continue to nearby Rothenburg, possibly the finest medieval city in all of Europe, where we stay two nights. Your afternoon is free to enjoy the delightful cobblestoned streets, ramparts and turrets of picture perfect Rothenburg. A 'must do' is a visit to the famous 'Christmas Shop' known for its stunning displays. The Christmas Markets, set in the narrow alleys, 50 yards from your hotel, are perhaps the quaintest you will ever see. This evening, after dinner in your hotel, we have included a special treat – a torchlight tour with the Night Watchman through the beautifully preserved ramparts and winding streets.

Bamberg and Nürnberg Christmas Markets

Day 3



Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider



B

We have included a full day excursion. First stop is the nearby UNESCO World Heritage listed city of Bamberg, which boasts hundreds of buildings, mansions and palaces displaying the various stages of architecture dating back 1,000 years. Famous for its unique 'smoked' beer and antique shops – Bamberg is one of Germany's best kept secrets. In the afternoon we continue to the massive stone towers and gates of medieval Nürnberg. Once the setting for enormous Nazi rallies and the War Crimes trials, Nürnberg now boasts extensive pedestrian walkways and the most splendid Christmas Markets in Europe. This huge market has a unique law that only traditional Christmas artefacts are allowed for sale. As dusk approaches, the music and singing, Christmas lights and smell of mulled wine, roasting sausages, chestnuts and sweets fill the air. We return to Rothenburg early evening.

Munich Christmas Markets and delightful Füssen

Day 4



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,D

Travelling south we reach Munich, capital of Bavaria, late morning. Rebuilt since the war, the central walking precinct is a mass of people and activity. The shopping is excellent. Perhaps take lunch in one of the numerous cafés or a giant Beer Hall? A perfect place for some final Christmas shopping (and yes there are Christmas Markets all around the old Town Hall). Mid afternoon we continue to the picturesque town of Fussen where we stay the next five nights. Füssen is delightful! Stretches of the original Roman defensive walls are still in place, and the town's historic character is particularly evident along the cobbled Reichenstrasse. High above, the old castle of the Prince-Bishops of Augsburg dominates the town. All dinners, including traditional Christmas Eve dinner, 'Farewell to Bavaria' dinner, and two lunches are included over the next five nights.

*Please note: Hotel Hirsch does **not** offer portorage.*

Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castle visits

Day 5



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,L,D

What better way to start the day than a visit to the 'fairytale' Neuschwanstein Castle! After a brisk walk uphill you will enjoy a guided tour inside the King's apartments, staterooms, halls and throne room all reminiscent of a Wagner operatic saga. Lunch is included in a local restaurant. This afternoon we will also visit the neo-Gothic Hohenschwangau Castle. Rich in history, you will find the interior typical of the Castles of the Knights of the Middle Ages, with its 'Hall of Heroes', paintings and suits of armour.

'My Time' in Füssen and Wieskirche

Day 6



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,D

Your morning is at leisure in delightful Füssen. Take time to walk through the very picturesque and historic part of the town with its Christmas decorations and shops. (Shops open until lunchtime). This afternoon we visit the richly decorated Wieskirche (Church in the Meadows) with its incredible painted ceilings. Tonight enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve dinner in a local restaurant.

Christmas Day – Tegelberg cable car & horse drawn carriage

Day 7



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,L,D

Christmas as it should be - relaxing, eating, drinking and definitely no Indiana Jones repeats, washing up and unwelcome long-lost relatives! A highlight today will be a cable car ride up to Tegelberg to take in the breathtaking views down onto the majestic Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles far below. Time to take those 'perfect' photos. Enjoy a Christmas Day lunch at your hotel and this afternoon we relax and enjoy a ride in a horse drawn carriage through the local countryside.

Linderhof Palace, 'My Time' in Garmisch-Partenkirchen & Oberammergau

Day 8



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,D

First stop of the day will be in the pretty 'Passion Play' village of Oberammergau, famous for its ornately painted houses and shops. Lunchtime is in Germany's premiere ski resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Before 'My Time' in town, we will visit the mesmerising, enormous ski-jump and stadium, made famous in the film 'Eddie the Eagle'. In the afternoon we visit Linderhof, an extravagant French Rococo Palace – yet another of King Ludwig's amazing creations.

Vaduz and 'My Time' in lakeside Luzern

Day 9



Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern



B,D

Driving across the mountains and valleys of Western Austria we soon reach the city of Vaduz, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, a tiny country on the border of Switzerland. Soon afterwards we head into Switzerland and spend the afternoon in the lovely lakeside town of Luzern with its covered wooden bridges. Your farewell dinner tonight is in your hotel.

Luzern

Day 10



Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern



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Sadly your Christmas tour is now complete, and it is time to bid farewell.

Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Würzburg
Christmas Markets



Rothenburg
Night Watchman
Walking Tour



Bamberg
UNESCO World
Heritage Site



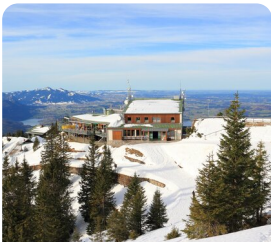
Nürnberg
Christmas Markets



Neuschwanstein
Castle
Fairytale Castle of
'Mad' King Ludwig



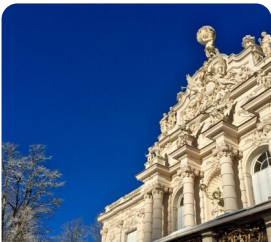
Hohenschwangau
Castle
Guided Tour



Tegelberg Mountain
Cable Car Ride



Horse and Carriage
Ride
Through the Local
Countryside



Linderhof Palace
Guided Tour

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 01:51 on 16th January 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	
19 Dec 2026	28 Dec 2026	AUD\$8,297	AUD\$10,197	Space Available

* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2026 tour departures and may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- ✎ Portering is not available at our Hotel in Fussen, so you will need to be able to carry your own case.
- ✎ Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- ✎ We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
- ✎ Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>

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