

DURGAN TRAVEL *presents...*

9 Days/7 Nights

Bavarian

Christmas Markets

Featuring **Munich, Nuremberg, Bad Tolz,
Neuschwanstein, Steingaden, Ettal
Abbey & Innsbruck, Austria**

NOVEMBER &

DECEMBER

DEPARTURES

\$TBA*

*Rates are for payment by cash/check. See reservation form for credit card rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). Subject to air confirmation.

**VALID
PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Must be valid for 6 mos.
beyond return date

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OUR BAVARIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS WITH INNSBRUCK TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – BOSTON~MUNICH: Departure from Boston's Logan International Airport on our transatlantic flight to Munich, Germany (*via possible intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight. *Every attempt will be made to use Lufthansa as our carrier, which would potentially result in direct flights each way.*

DAY 2 - MUNICH: Upon arrival in Munich, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us board our private motorcoach for Munich and visit the city and its traditional Christmas Market, whose roots go back to the 14th century; it takes place on the Marienplatz, a large open square in the heart of the city. Town records first mention a "Nicholas Market" in 1642! This market offers such traditional Bavarian as wood carvings from Oberammergau, gingerbread from Nuremberg, and some exquisite glassware from the Bavarian forest. Later, check into our 4-star hotel the Tryp Hotel Munich City Centre (or similar). Enjoy welcome dinner at a typical Bavarian local restaurant close by the hotel. Overnight. (D)

Hotel website: <https://www.tryphotels.com/en/our-hotels/germany/munich/tryp-munich-city-center-hotel/>

DAY 3 - MUNICH: After breakfast, we will enjoy a city tour, including all the main sights. The city derives its name from the Benedictine monks who founded it in 1158. Our tour passes the Olympic Stadium with its amazing "hanging roof" and continues along the imposing Ludwigstrasse, past the university and Victory Arch into the heart of the city. At the Marienplatz, crowds gather outside the soaring neo-gothic New Town Hall to watch the colorful Glockenspiel. Here we'll also see three gates still remaining from the medieval fortifications. Then we'll visit Nymphenburg Palace, built in 1675 and still home to the House of Wittelsbach. The afternoon will be at leisure to explore the city on our own. This evening, we will enjoy dinner with music at the famous Hofbräuhaus, Munich's oldest brewery, established in 1592! Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 - NUREMBERG: After breakfast, we will start the day with a scenic drive to the medieval city of Nuremberg. We will enjoy Germany's most beautiful Christmas Market, which has been operating for more than 400 years in Old Town, and the special flare of the wonderfully decorated stalls, whose owners compete for a prize for most beautiful design. The tempting aromas of typically

medieval refreshments –mulled wine, sweet roasted almonds, Nuremberg sausages, and gingerbread – add to the unforgettable atmosphere. We will have time for lunch (on our own) before returning to Munich. Dinner on our own this evening. Overnight. (B)

DAY 5 - MUNICH-FÜSSEN: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will depart Munich, heading to Füssen, where we will check into our hotel. After our check-in we are off on a short ride to Graswang. There we climb on a Horse drawn Sleigh for a ride from the mountain village of Graswang (near Ettal) along the old logging tracks for a romantic ride to one of King Ludwig II's magnificent Linderhof castle. A guided tour is waiting for us to see this "small" but impressive Palace. Returning via motor coach to our next hotel, the Best Western Hotel Plus in Füssen, for overnight. Dinner will be on our own this evening. (B)

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-fuessen/best-western-plus-hotel-fuessen/propertyCode.95509.html

DAY 6 - INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA: After breakfast we travel to Innsbruck where we will visit the enchanting Christkindlmarkt. You'll experience the traditional romantic and festive atmosphere of Innsbruck's old town. The colorful Christmas market stalls are nestled between attractive medieval buildings and the Golden Roof. After touring the old city and our visit to the Market we travel to Swarovski Kristallwelten (Crystal World) exhibit center in Watten, Austria, you get in the Christmas mood when the Swarovski Crystals are sparkling amid the Christmas decoration. On our return to the hotel we stop for a traditional Bavarian Dinner at the Braustuberl in Garmisch. Return to our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 - NEUSCHWANSTEIN & BAD TÖLZ: After breakfast we are off to see one of Germany's architectural delights. Arguable its most noteworthy castle, Neuschwanstein castle Impossibly set on atop a mountainous crag, this amazing structure was the home and creation of Ludwig II and served as the inspiration for Walt Disney to create the Magic Kingdom. After touring the castle, we travel to the Gasthof Ettaler Muehle for lunch, then drive to Bad Tölz and visit their "Kristkindl Market". Historical Markstrasse provides the pictures setting for the Christmas market! Here you can watch artists and artisans at work—chocolatiers for instance, the famous Bad Tölz boys' choir in a local church (schedule pending) or at the Kurhaus is a visual treat as well as a delight for the ears. The same goes for the shows at the puppet theatre. After taking in all the amazing sights, sounds and smells we return to our hotel for overnight. (B, L)

DAY 8 - STEINGADEN & ETTAL ABBEY: After breakfast we are off to Steingaden, where we will visit the Pilgrimage Church of Wies, the location of a crucifix which reportedly has had a tear come out of it, and some pilgrims reporting ailments cured after a visit there. The oval shrine is he UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will also visit Ettal Abbey, a beautiful Nearby Benedictine monastery which contains a brewery, a distillery, a bookstore, an art publishing house, a hotel, a cheese factory joint venture and several smaller companies. Return to Füssen where we can visit the local Christmas Market before we gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – MUNICH-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport in Munich to board our return flight to the U.S.! *Possible intermediate stop, although every attempt will be made to use Lufthansa and have a direct return flight.* (B)

OUR BAVARIA WITH INNSBRUCK CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✂ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ✂ Round-trip flights Boston-Possible Intermediate Stop-Munich and return with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.
- ✂ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ✂ 7-nights' accommodations throughout the tour, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA. *Limited availability -- may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✂ Breakfast (B) each morning, 1 lunch (L) and 4 dinners (D).
- ✂ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ✂ All transfers and touring via a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ✂ Services of a full-time professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✂ English-speaking tour guides where applicable.
- ✂ All local taxes and fees, and gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may be payable directly to the hotel.
- ✂ Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

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