



Here's a chance to pull on your hat and coat, rub shoulders with the locals and sip warm mulled wine at the colourful markets. All the while basking in the glow of a typical European Christmas.



Cross the River Reuss on the Chapel Bridge, Lucerne

Winter Wonderland with Christmas Markets

TOUR PACE

This is a well paced tour with two night stays in Munich and Lucerne, allowing plenty of time to explore the Christmas Markets in each of these towns. The driving distances between most of the other cities are relatively short.

HOTELS

A mostly modern selection on this seasonal tour. Both the Sheraton and Hilton hotels are fine examples from these prestigious chains. Salzburg's Castellani Park Hotel owes its unique atmosphere to a special blend of classic elegance and modern architecture.

FELLOW PASSENGERS

This tour is most popular with visitors from far distant warmer climes, who wish to experience the snowy, 'Christmas card' scenes and 'olde worlde' charm of Europe, not readily found in their own countries.

INSIGHT FACT

The Student Prince: The famous operetta based on Wilhelm Meyer-Förster's play *Alt Heidelberg*, first opened on Broadway in December 1924. It ran for 608 performances, becoming the second longest running show of the 1920's, (surpassed only by *Show Boat*). The United States was in the midst of Prohibition at the time, so the 'Drinking Song', with its rousing chorus of 'Drink! Drink! Drink!', became an instant crowd favourite.

🇩🇪 DAY 1 – ARRIVE FRANKFURT. Welcome to Germany! From the Rhine Valley to Alpine peaks, experience lively cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns, and breathtaking natural scenery. Your *airport shuttle service* from Frankfurt Airport to the tour hotel departs at 09:30 & 12:00. Later, an *orientation tour* shows you Frankfurt's *Römerberg Square*, *St Paul's Church* and the *birthplace* of German novelist, poet and playwright *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a *Welcome Drink*. Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach. (D)

🇩🇪 DAY 2 – FRANKFURT – ROTHENBURG – MUNICH. Head to fortified *Rothenburg*, overlooking the winding *Tauber River*. Enter through *medieval walls* and immediately you are plunged back to the 16th century. Follow the *cobblestone streets* to the *Market Square* with its *Town Hall*. Perhaps visit Tilman Riemenschneider's 'Holy Blood' altarpiece in St Jakob's Church or pop into the Christmas Shop where you'll find the festive spirit all year round. Now follow the *Romantic Road* to fun loving *Munich*. Hotel: Hilton Munich Park. (BB)

🇩🇪 DAY 3 – MUNICH SIGHTSEEING. Your orientation tour shows you the *Olympic Stadium*, *Victory Arch* and *university* concluding in the heart of Munich at the *Marienplatz* with its *soaring Gothic Town Hall* and colourful *Glockenspiel*. For those arriving before Christmas there is time to shop in the festive Christmas market. Tonight, why not join the locals and enjoy a foaming stein of beer at the world famous *Hofbräuhaus*? (BB)

🇦🇹 DAY 4 – MUNICH – SALZBURG. Drive past *Lake Chiemsee* and cross the Austrian border to *Salzburg*, 'alive with the sound of music'. Walk with your *local guide* through the *gardens* of *Mirabell Palace* to photograph the city skyline, crowned by the massive *Hohensalzburg fortress*. Then cross the *Salzach River* to see *Mozart's birthplace* on the *Getreidegasse*, a lively shopping street lined with attractive wrought iron signs. Now follow the narrow lanes to the *Cathedral Square* to view the ornate domed cathedral and the splendid *Residenz Fountain*. This afternoon is at leisure. Hotel: Castellani Park Hotel. (BB)

🇦🇹 DAY 5 – SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK. A scenic drive takes you through snow capped mountains to *Innsbruck*. Visit the *Wilten Basilica*, its interior richly decorated with cherubs and angels, before continuing to Old Town to see the *Imperial Palace* and delightful *Golden Roof*. The rest of the afternoon you are at leisure among the cafés of the Old Quarter. *Tonight enjoy a Highlight Dinner of traditional Tyrolean cuisine!* Hotel: Hilton Innsbruck. (BB,HD)

🇨🇭 DAY 6 – INNSBRUCK – LIECHTENSTEIN – LUCERNE. Delightful scenery abounds as you make your way to the *Arlberg Tunnel*. Stop in *Vaduz*, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, one of Europe's smallest countries. Cross the Swiss border and continue to lake-side *Lucerne*. Your Tour Director will show you the covered, wooden *Chapel Bridge* and you'll learn about the *stirring and poignant history of the Lion Monument*. Then you are at leisure to shop for Swiss watches and delicious chocolate. Hotel: Astoria. (BB)

🇨🇭 DAY 7 – LUCERNE SIGHTSEEING. This morning *take the cable car to the summit of impressive Mount Pilatus*, offering *stunning views of Lake Lucerne, the countryside and hills around*. Later, back in Lucerne you are at leisure in this beautiful city. Admire the superb baroque Jesuit church, stroll along the lake side promenades, explore the old walls and watch towers of the medieval fortifications, or browse the excellent shops. (BB,D)

🇩🇪 DAY 8 – LUCERNE – RHINE FALLS – HEIDELBERG – FRANKFURT. First stop at *Schaffhausen* to see the Rhine River thundering over the *Rhine Falls*. Now cross the German border and drive deep into the Black Forest. Following the Rhine Valley north, head for the town of *Heidelberg*, dominated by its magnificent red sandstone *castle*. Stroll through the *old town* or perhaps see the old 'Student Prison'? After rejoining your coach, it's not far to your Frankfurt hotel where dinner awaits. Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach. (BB,D)

DAY 9 – FRANKFURT. After breakfast, the Airport shuttle to Frankfurt Airport's Terminal 1 arrives at 09:00 and Terminal 2 at 09:15. (BB)



Shop in the magical Christmas Markets



Enjoy an included ascent of Mount Pilatus with astounding alpine views, Lucerne

9 DAYS ~ GERMANY ~ AUSTRIA ~ SWITZERLAND

- Key**
- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
 - PERSONAL INSIGHTS
 - HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
 - WELCOME DRINK
 - LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
 - ORIENTATION TOUR
 - CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
 - GATEWAY HOTEL + NIGHTS



An exhilarating ride to the summit of Mount Pilatus, for stunning panoramas of snow capped peaks, including the Eiger and Jungfrau

Visit the pretty market place with its animated town clock and glockenspiel



- Included Premium Highlights**
- Visit Rothenburg to see its animated town clock
 - Enjoy an exhilarating ride by cable-car to the summit of Mount Pilatus for stunning views over Lucerne

- Included Personal Insights**
- Learn about the poignant history of the Lion Monument in Lucerne

- Included Additional Excursions & Sights**
- Drive along part of Germany's Romantic Road
 - Visit Munich's Marienplatz and see the Olympic Stadium, Victory Arch and university
 - Visit Salzburg's Old Town & see Mozart's birthplace
 - Visit Innsbruck's Wilten Basilica & see the Golden Roof
 - Drive through the Arlberg Tunnel and stop in Vaduz to see the Castle
 - View the Jesuit Church & Chapel Bridge in Lucerne
 - Visit the Rhine Falls and enjoy a scenic Black Forest drive
 - See Heidelberg's ruined castle and visit the Old Town.

- Included First Class Services**
- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
 - Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and onboard restroom
 - First Class hotels with all service charges, taxes and portorage
 - Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
 - Airport Shuttle arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 9. (Should your flights not coincide with these arrival and departure transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or see page 50 to purchase a transfer)

- Included Quality Dining**
- Highlight Dinner in Innsbruck at a Tyrolean restaurant (HD)
 - 8 Buffet breakfasts (BB), 3 three course table d'hôte dinners, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)
 - Departures on tour for Christmas & New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner

TOUR CODE: W600 **Save up to US\$150 p.p. - see reductions below**

| Starts - Ends Frankfurt | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts - Ends Frankfurt | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts - Ends Frankfurt | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option |
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| Nov 27 - Dec 05 | \$1,475 | \$335 | Dec 11 - Dec 19 | \$1,475 | \$335 | ♦^ Dec 27 - Jan 04 | \$1,499 | \$335 |
| Dec 04 - Dec 12 | \$1,475 | \$335 | * Dec 15 - Dec 23 | \$1,475 | \$335 | | | |
| * Dec 08 - Dec 16 | \$1,475 | \$335 | ♦† Dec 18 - Dec 26 | \$1,525 | \$335 | | | |

Supplements

Pre & post tour accommodation

| Per person, per night | Twin | Single | Triple |
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| Sheraton Offenbach, Frankfurt | \$80 | \$116 | \$80 |

Notes

* Tours start on Wednesday and end on Thursday.
 ^ This departure starts on Monday and ends on Tuesday.
 All other tours start on Saturday and end on Sunday.

Festive highlights

All departures offer you the opportunity to explore Christmas markets in Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck & Lucerne.
 † Xmas/New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included ‡ Lucerne Christmas markets are closed on this departure.
 ^ All Christmas markets will be closed.

Reductions

SAVE \$35 per person with Triple room reduction

Insight's Great Savings & Discounts

SAVE \$150 per person with Young Traveller Discount
 SAVE up to \$76 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
 SAVE up to \$76 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount

Early Payment Discount

| | 10 months | 6 months |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| SAVE per person | \$115 | \$75 |

For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 7.

DEF **Definite Departures (DEF)** are tour dates guaranteed to operate. These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 7 for details).

Included are worth approximately US\$263

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