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Christmas Markets and Castles of Europe

November 29 – December 7, 2027



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9 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Christmas Markets, Heidelberg (UNESCO), Heidelberg Castle, “Petite France” of Strasbourg, Ulm Minster, Ludwigsburg, Nymphenburg Palace, Munich

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	NH Collection Heidelberg, Heidelberg
Days 5, 6	Maritim Hotel Ulm, Ulm
Days 7, 8	Eurostars Grand Central, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Monday, November 29, 2027 Overnight Flight Your journey begins as you step into the magic of Europe’s most enchanting Christmas markets, where medieval castles, twinkling lights, and centuries-old traditions await.

Day 2: Tuesday, November 30, 2027 Heidelberg, Germany Arrive in Heidelberg, one of Germany’s most picturesque towns, set along the Neckar River and crowned by a hilltop castle. As arrival times will vary, there is no included sightseeing today. Spend your time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome briefing and cocktail reception before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, December 1, 2027 Heidelberg This morning, discover the storybook charm of Heidelberg on a guided walking tour. Visit the iconic Heidelberg Castle,* offering sweeping views of the river and red-roofed city below, and stroll through the Old Town to learn about local Christmas traditions. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure — perhaps wander the Christmas markets, browse festive stalls, or enjoy lunch at a cozy café. If available, you may choose to explore the Christmas markets in Schwetzingen independently; they’re known for their intimate atmosphere and seasonal charm. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, December 2, 2027 Heidelberg - Strasbourg, France - Heidelberg Travel to Strasbourg, where French elegance meets German tradition. Enjoy a Tour Manager-led walk as you leisurely explore the historic Old Quarter, “Petite France,” and admire the magnificent cathedral that anchors the city, followed by free time to soak in the festive atmosphere of one of Europe’s most celebrated Christmas market cities. Later, return to Heidelberg for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Friday, December 3, 2027 Heidelberg - Ludwigsburg - Ulm Depart Heidelberg and travel toward Ulm, with a stop along the way to experience the Baroque splendor of Ludwigsburg. Enjoy time exploring the Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market, where grand architecture provides a dramatic backdrop to festive stalls. Continue onward to Ulm, your home for the next two nights. This evening, join your Tour Manager for a leisurely-paced stroll in the historic center and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Saturday, December 4, 2027 Ulm This morning, with a local guide, discover Ulm, a city known for its impressive Gothic cathedral and medieval roots, and the birthplace of Albert Einstein. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore Ulm at your own pace, perhaps enjoying seasonal treats at local markets and cafés or visiting “The Einsteins – Museum of an Ulm Family,” which tells the story of the 19th-century Jewish community into which Albert Einstein was born. (B)

Day 7: Sunday, December 5, 2027 Ulm - Munich Travel to Munich, Bavaria’s lively capital, with a visit to Nymphenburg Palace, the former summer residence of Bavarian royalty. Explore its elegant halls with a local guide before continuing to Munich city center. After settling into your hotel, enjoy time on your own or join your Tour Manager to experience Munich’s festive atmosphere, including its Christmas markets. (B, L)

Day 8: Monday, December 6, 2027 Munich Today, **it’s your choice!** You may step into royal history with a visit to the Treasury of the Munich Residence, where centuries of Bavarian splendor are displayed in dazzling crowns and priceless artifacts. Then, wander through the festive courtyards of the Munich Royal Palace Christmas markets, browsing handcrafted treasures and enjoying seasonal local specialties amid twinkling lights and holiday cheer **-OR-** savor



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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from CLE

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

Munich through its flavors on a guided food experience. Discover beloved Bavarian specialties while exploring local markets and traditional eateries. Continue to *Marienplatz*, the city's vibrant central square, and witness the charming Rathaus-Glockenspiel performance as its colorful figures reenact historic Bavarian events. Enjoy lunch on your own and spend the afternoon discovering Munich at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to enjoy dinner featuring regional cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, December 7, 2027 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1482008>

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until May 30, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Sightseeing often takes place outdoors in winter conditions, which may include cold temperatures, rain, snow, or icy walks.

While visiting historic areas of Heidelberg and Strasbourg, you will walk along cobblestone, uneven streets, steps, and narrow passageways.

*The visit to Heidelberg Castle involves walking on uneven stone floors, cobblestones, stairs, and sloped pathways. Due to the historic nature of the site, handrails and elevators are limited. Portions of the tour take place outdoors, so wearing non-slip footwear and dressing in layers for comfort and warmth is recommended.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, including Heidelberg, Ulm, Munich, and Strasbourg. Your coach will be parked in a designated area requiring a walk on cobblestones while exploring the historic areas.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

You will be traveling during the heart of a European winter. Expect cold temperatures, likely between 23°F to 41°F, with potential for rain, snow, and icy conditions. Proper footwear and layered clothing are essential for your comfort and safety. Market visits are primarily outdoor experiences and subject to winter weather conditions.

The visit to Strasbourg, France includes approximately 125 miles (201 kilometers) of coach travel each way, with an estimated driving time of 2.5 to 3 hours, depending on traffic.

Christmas markets are seasonal and typically operate from late November through December. Specific opening dates, operating hours, and market locations vary by city and are subject to change.

Due to tour scheduling and annual fluctuations in the opening dates of some Christmas markets, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas markets may be substituted.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Hotels may be located outside historic centers. Access to sightseeing areas may require public transportation or walking.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

Our transfers will depart from Frankfurt airport for Heidelberg. The approximate travel time is up to 1.5 hours (54 miles / 87 kilometers), depending on traffic.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights in Frankfurt should not be booked after 2:00 p.m.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours. Gratuities for your Tour Manager, primary motor coach driver, and other applicable services are not included in the cost of your tour. Additional gratuity guidance can be found within the final travel documents you'll receive prior to departure.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of May 23, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 31, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until May 30, 2027.

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**For important reservation information visit
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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$2,290 ☐ Business Class \$4,590

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

() Sybille Siegrist - Treasury of the Munich Residence and Residence Gardens

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