

17 Days | Christmas Markets | Bucharest to Budapest | 2025

Romania - Germany - Austria - Slovakia - Hungary

From **\$6,999** Typically \$9,999 ✈️ pp twin share



Delve into the festive atmosphere of Europe and its most charming cities

Discover enchanting Christmas markets come alive with local crafts and traditional delicacies

Be immersed in the rich cultural heritage and timeless traditions of a European Christmas

Description



Dreaming of a white Christmas? Journey from Bucharest to Budapest in for a festive adventure in 2025

Your adventure begins in Bucharest, Romania, and concludes in Budapest, Hungary, offering a rich tapestry of festive experiences in some of the continent's most enchanting cities. Starting in the vibrant city of Bucharest, you'll be immersed in the festive atmosphere that envelops the city during the holiday season. One of the highlights of this stop is a visit to the ancient Cozia Monastery, a site steeped in history and spiritual significance.

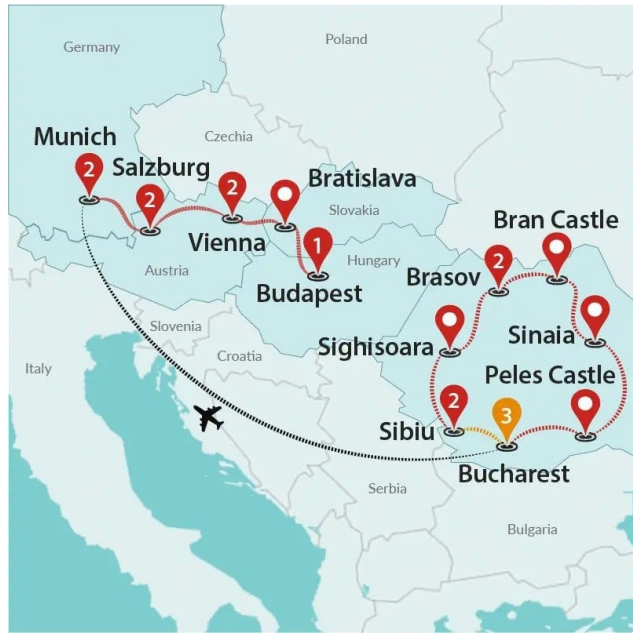
As the tour progresses, you'll journey through Germany, Austria, and Hungary, exploring their most charming cities decked out in holiday splendor. In Salzburg, Austria, the Christmas market comes alive with local crafts, traditional delicacies, and the enchanting sounds of festive music, providing a magical backdrop to your exploration of this beautiful city. Vienna, with its picturesque streets and grand architecture, offers another breathtaking experience as you wander through its renowned Christmas market, soaking in the sights, sounds, and scents of the season.

Munich, Germany, adds another layer of wonder to your journey with its vibrant Christmas market, where you can enjoy mulled wine, gingerbread, and other festive treats while surrounded by the city's historical charm. Finally, the tour culminates in Budapest, Hungary, a city renowned for its stunning architecture and rich cultural heritage. Here, you'll have the opportunity to explore the local Christmas markets, discovering unique gifts and savoring traditional Hungarian fare.



This tour, rated highly for its discovery theme, departs in November and December, perfectly timed to capture the essence of the Christmas season. Designed for groups of 12 to 42 people, the tour ensures a personalized and engaging experience, with expert guides providing insights into the cultural and historical significance of each destination. Accommodation in four-star hotels guarantees comfort throughout your journey, while carefully planned itineraries and comfortable transportation make this a hassle-free way to experience the best of Europe's Christmas markets and historical sites.

Travelers aged 18 and above will appreciate the balance of guided tours and free time to explore each city at their own pace. Whether you are a history enthusiast, a lover of festive traditions, or simply seeking a unique travel experience, this tour offers something for everyone. The 'Europe's Best Christmas Markets 2025' tour is an ideal way to celebrate the holiday season, creating lasting memories amidst the magical ambiance of Europe's most captivating Christmas markets.



Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Bucharest, Romania

Today you will check in and board your flight bound for Europe! Enjoy the services of your flight as you travel North.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Day 2

Bucharest, Romania

Welcome to Bucharest! At the airport, keep an eye out for the Travel Talk sign for your transfer to the hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring the city at your leisure. In the evening, attend a welcome meeting with your fellow travelers to get to know each other and go over the itinerary for the next few days.

Included Activities

- Welcome Meeting

Optional Activities

- Group Dinner

Meals: None

Accommodation: Hotel Mercure Unirii – 4 Star

Day 3

Bucharest

After breakfast, take a guided tour of Bucharest to see the city's main sights, such as the Palace of the Parliament and the National Village Museum. In the afternoon, visit Bucharest's Christmas markets, such as the one in the Old Town, to sample local food and drink and pick up some souvenirs.

Included Activities

- Bucharest City Tour

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Mercure Unirii – 4 Star

Day 4

Bucharest 🚗 Cozia Monastery 🚗 Sibiu Old Town & Christmas Market

Travel to Cozia Monastery in the morning, an ancient and beautiful Orthodox monastery. After a tour, continue to Sibiu and explore the charming Old Town with a guide, including the famous Christmas market. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and taste local food and drinks.

Included Activities

- Visit to Cozia Monastery
- Sibiu Sightseeing

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Golden Tulip Ana Tower – 4 Star

Day 5

Sibiu 🚗 Rasinari 🚗 Sibiu

Ride the Rasinari Tram to the village of Rasinari, where you can visit a local museum and learn about traditional life in the area. Return to Sibiu for more time in the Christmas market or to explore other parts of the city.

Included Activities

- Rasinari Sightseeing

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Golden Tulip Ana Tower – 4 Star

Day 6

Sibiu 🚗 Sighisoara 🚗 Brasov & Christmas Market

Visit the medieval city of Sighisoara, birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (also known as Dracula). Take a walking tour of the town, including the Clock Tower Museum, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, travel to Brasov for a city tour and visit the Christmas market in the evening.

Included Activities

- Visit to Brasov
- Sighisoara Sightseeing

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Ambient – 4 Star

Day 7

Brasov 🚗 **Bran Castle** 🚗 **Brasov**

Visit the famous Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's Castle, and learn about the history and legends associated with it. Return to Brasov for some free time in the afternoon to explore the city or do some Christmas shopping.

Included Activities

- Visit to Bran Castle

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Ambient – 4 Star

Day 8

Brasov 🚗 **Sinaia** 🚗 **Peles Castle** 🚗 **Bucharest**

Travel to Sinaia to visit Peles Castle, a beautiful Neo-Renaissance palace built in the late 1800s. After the tour, return to Bucharest for some final Christmas market shopping and sightseeing.

Included Activities

- Visit to Peles Castle

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Mercure Unirii – 4 Star

Day 9

Bucharest ✈️ **Munich, Germany**

Are you ready to say goodbye to Romania and fly to Munich, Germany's third-largest city? Munich is known for its rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture, and world-famous Oktoberfest. Upon arrival enjoy some free time to explore the city's famous landmarks, including Marienplatz, the Viktualienmarkt, and the Englischer Garten.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Munchen Sud or Tulip Inn Munchen Messe – 4 Star

Day 10

Munich

Start your day with a visit to the Frauenkirche, Munich's iconic cathedral, to kick off your orientation walk of this famed town. Explore the city's famous Christmas markets including the Christkindlmarkt in Marienplatz and the medieval market at Wittelsbacher Platz. Enjoy a traditional Bavarian lunch and explore the markets at your own apce. In the evening, take a walk through the Schwabing neighborhood and enjoy some local food and drinks.

Included Activities

- Munich City Tour

Optional Activities

- Allianz Arena FC Bayern Museum – Arena Tour – €40
- Hofbrauhaus Bavarian Dinner Night – €45

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Munchen Sud or Tulip Inn Munchen Messe – 4 Star

Day 11

Munich Salzburg

Travel southeast into Austria to Salzburg today. On arrival, check in to your hotel and then head out into the city for an orientation walk with your leader. The city will captivate with its history, cobblestone lanes, bubbling river and charmingly kitsch atmosphere. In the late afternoon, visit the atmospheric Christmas market in Cathedral Square, where the smells of gluehwein, roasted chestnuts, toasted almonds and cinnamon brushed baked apples waft through the marketplace and traditional Salzburg choirs fill the air. Later on, jump in to a cable car and reach the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the city's most visible landmark. This fully preserved castle hosts a small, intimate Christmas market and if you're lucky, Christmas themed live music.

Included Activities

- Salzburg City Tour
- Hohensalzburg Fortress Sightseeing

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Austria Trend Hotel Europa Salzburg – 4 star

Day 12

Salzburg

Today is a day for you to freely explore Salzburg and its nearby regions. You may consider taking a trip to the salt mine located in Berchtesgaden, which can be found in the German Alps. Alternatively, you can immerse yourself in the world of the von Trapp family from the classic film “The Sound of Music” by visiting the famous filming locations such as Mirabell Gardens, Pegasus Fountain, Leopoldskron Palace, and Hellbrunn Palace. In the evening, you could return to the bustling Christmas markets to revel in the festive ambiance a bit longer.

Optional Activities

- House of Mozart – €25

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Austria Trend Hotel Europa Salzburg – 4 star

Day 13

Salzburg {bus} Vienna

Once you arrive in Vienna today, take part in a guided walking tour led by your guide. During the tour, you will get to see magnificent buildings, parks, and monuments that pay homage to celebrated composers and notable historical figures. During your leisure time, consider visiting the stunning Hofburg Palace or the Leopold Museum, or you can take in stunning city views from the top of the Prater Ferris Wheel. Later in the day, make your way to the Christmas markets located in front of the City Hall. There, you can peruse the various stalls, indulge in some delicious freshly baked cinnamon biscuits, and enjoy a warm cup of Christmas punch.

Included Activities

- Vienna City Tour

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Eventhotel Pyramide or Austria Trend Hotel Ananas – 4 Star

Day 14

Vienna

You have a full day to spend exploring Vienna, so why not consider visiting Schoenbrunn Palace, personally designed by Empress Maria Theresa? While the gardens are open to all visitors free of charge, there is a fee for entering the palace and taking tours. To avoid lengthy queues, it's recommended to book your tickets in advance through schoenbrunn.at. Return to the sparkling Christmas markets in the afternoon, with more than 12 Christmas markets scattered throughout the city, you're bound to discover the perfect holiday gift!

Optional Activities

- Schonbrunn Palace (Imperial Tour) – €50
- Danube Tower – €30
- Salzburgwerk Berchtesgaden Salt Mine – €40

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Eventhotel Pyramide or Austria Trend Hotel Ananas – 4 Star

Day 15

Vienna Bratislava Budapest

Travel from Vienna to Bratislava today, where you'll have a few hours to explore the Slovakian capital on your own. Stroll along the Danube promenade, visit the Bratislava Castle, or try some traditional Slovakian food. In the afternoon, continue on to Budapest, known as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. After a short orientation walk around the city, it's time to visit the Christmas markets.

Included Activities

- Budapest Orientation Walk

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel City Inn or Novotel Budapest City – 4 Star

Day 16

Budapest ✈ Australia

Check out of your accommodation and say goodbye to your fellow travelers. If you have some extra time, you may want to visit some of Budapest's other attractions, such as the Fisherman's Bastion or the Hungarian National Museum. Alternatively, you could head back to the Christmas markets to pick up any last-minute souvenirs or indulge in some more traditional Hungarian food and drink. When it's time to depart, your tour leader will be on hand to offer any assistance with transport arrangements or recommendations for further travel in the region.

When its time, make your way to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Day 17

Australia

Welcome Home! We trust you have enjoyed this amazing Christmas Markets Adventure through Europe.

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return International Economy Class Flights from Australia to Europe
- 4 Star hotels
- 14 Breakfasts
- Air-conditioned coach or mini-bus Flight from Bucharest to Munich
- Services of experienced Travel Talk local guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism
- Arrival airport transfer from Bucharest Airport to the hotel
- Complimentary hotel Wi-Fi access (where available)

Highlights:

- Experience the magic of a European Christmas as you journey through Romania, Germany, Austria and Hungary's most charming cities.
 - Delve into the festive atmosphere of Bucharest and explore the ancient Cozia Monastery.
 - Discover the enchanting beauty of Salzburg, where the Christmas market comes alive with local crafts and traditional delicacies.
 - Wander through the picturesque Vienna and marvel at the stunning Munich.
 - Throughout the tour, you'll be immersed in the rich cultural heritage and timeless traditions of a European Christmas.
 - With expert guides, comfortable transportation, and carefully planned itineraries, this tour provides a hassle-free way to experience the best of Europe's Christmas markets and historical sites.
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Exclusions

- Any flights not mentioned above
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not stated above
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gestures
- Entrance fees to the sights and museums
- Optional activities
- Other services not stated in the itinerary

Single Supplement: Please contact our Friendly Customer Service Team for a quote on the Single Supplement for this deal.

Dates and Rates: All prices are per person, based on double, twin or triple share occupancy. Solo passengers not wishing to pay a single supplement will be accommodated in a double, twin or triple room according to availability with a passenger(s) of the same gender. Dates are subject to availability.

Group Size: There is 12-42 People per departure on this deal.

Age Requirement: You must be 18 to 60 years of age for this tour program. For alternate deals, please speak with our Friendly Customer Service Team.

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