



**WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS MARKETS!

Austria & Germany

with Women of the Midwest!

**November 27 - December 5, 2021**



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Come, join me, solo or two-by-two on this once-in-a-lifetime, nine-day Christmas fairy tale tour - a celebration of Christmas, "Chris's Mass," the "Midwinter Feast," ...or simply "The Celebration of the Light!"

Together we will experience the real traditional and romantic Christmas markets of Austria and Germany. We will visit enchanting Vienna, alluring Salzburg, the 12th-century market town of Murnau in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen located in the Alps, Bad Tölz (our own favorite Christmas market village), the medieval and UNESCO World Heritage Site city of Regensburg, and finally our all-time-favorite; Munich!

Our days are filled with Christmas magic and each place we visit has its own unique atmosphere. You will have the opportunity to buy exclusive craft works of the highest quality and beautiful traditional gifts such as Christmas ornaments, woodcarvings, marionettes, and lambskin shoes to place beneath your Christmas tree. The aromas of roasted chestnuts, grilled sausages, gingerbread biscuits, and marzipan figures further enhance this tour. The sweets are appealing and who can resist a baked apple on a crisp winter day, accompanied by a glass of delicious mulled wine? We will taste and enjoy it all while our professional tour guide will share her local knowledge of each place we visit. This is a fantastic way to start your Christmas Holiday!

Take a look at the delightful tour program, once you have read it, I hope you will join me. Remember, space is limited, we specialize in small groups of a maximum of 20 travelers so do not hesitate to secure your spot today.

Sincerely,

Ann K. Bruntz  
Women of the Midwest Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



### **November 27, 2021**

#### **Saturday - Traveling to Vienna, Austria**

Our European fairy tale adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Vienna. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

### **November 28, 2021**

#### **Sunday - Vienna**

Welcome to the "City of Waltz!" Upon arrival, we will be met by our English-speaking tour guide who will follow us during our entire journey. We transfer to our centrally located hotel to unwind and relax a bit, prior to heading out for an afternoon stroll of the city. Vienna embraces both the contemporary and classic and is one of Europe's most beautiful capitals with an exciting cultural, music, and theatre heritage. The Museumsquartier and Hofburg are world-class and you will fall in love with the city at first sight. If you are a coffee lover, you have one more reason to delight in Vienna as the city definitely is the "coffee town of all coffee towns"! Do not miss a Viennese Melange and a piece of the famous Sacher Torte in one of the countless cafes. The cake itself is a "bite of history" and our guide will share an interesting story with you along with her own favorite recipe. A welcome lunch is arranged at a local Viennese restaurant. **L**

*\*Depending on availability, an optional tour of the Spanish Riding School will be offered today.*

### **November 29, 2021**

#### **Monday - Vienna**

After a hearty breakfast, we are off for a city sightseeing by foot including visiting the Christmas markets of Vienna. The markets are age-old traditions with forerunners of the present-day events dating back to the Middle Ages when, in 1298, Albrecht I, granted the citizens of Vienna the privilege of holding a December Market or "Krippenmarkt" (Crib's Market). The Wiener Rathausplatz Market is our first stop. The Christmas market in front of City Hall is an unforgettable highlight for those eager to get into the spirit of the season. The unique backdrop gives this market a charm of its own and delicious aromas are sure to lull all of us into the seasonal joy. We continue by foot to the Christmas market of Stephansplatz, a market with more than 30 stalls focusing on high-quality local products. We will also visit the Sisi Museum located inside the Imperial Palace which today serves as the official residence and workplace of the President of Austria. Empress Elisabeth "Sisi" (1837-1898) enjoyed an informal upbringing before marrying Emperor Franz Joseph I at the age of sixteen. She was obsessed with her beauty and her perfect figure and taking care of her body, resulting in anorexia. Her very liberal ideas, her call for a republic structure, and her effort for the poor and troublesome made her very popular with the Austrian people.

Estimated return to the hotel at 2 PM. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. **B**

### **November 30, 2021**

#### **Tuesday - Salzburg**

After a filling breakfast, we board our motorcoach for a short one-hour drive to visit Melk Abbey. Towering high above the town of Melk on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube, the bright yellow Benedictine abbey contains the tomb of Saint Coloman of Stockerau and the remains of several members of the House of Babenberg - Austria's first ruling dynasty. The library is one of the most impressive features with roughly 100,000 volumes and a ceiling fresco by Paul Troger. There is a beautiful church and several important paintings to be found, but the real treasures are the two Melk Crucifixes, one said to contain a piece of Christ's cross. Our journey continues to Salzburg but before checking in to our hotel we will let ourselves be carried away following in the footsteps of the Trapp family! Hum along to the tunes of "The Sound of Music" as we enjoy the Hellbrunn Castle, admire the pavilion, the gardens, and the romantic courtyard, a path lined by torches and an oversized Advent calendar. We will step into the magic of Advent; romantic booths, tempting treats, and pre-Christmas gift ideas add to the charming atmosphere. The late afternoon and evening is yours at leisure in Salzburg. **B**



**December 1, 2021  
Wednesday - Salzburg**

We enjoy our breakfast and then head out for yet another enchanting walking tour of the old town of Salzburg; the hometown of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. We will visit the "Geburtshaus", the house where Mozart was born in 1756 and lived with his parents until 1773. The house is now transformed into a three-floor exhibit, showcasing Mozart's life: how he grew up, his start in music, who his friends and patrons were, family relationships, his passion for opera, and much more. We will swing by a local violin maker's workshop to learn about the restoration work and maintenance of local masterpieces, tonal adjustments, and how to make new instruments. Later we will visit the Salzburg Christmas market and the remainder of the day is at leisure in this captivating and charming city. **B**

**December 2, 2021  
Thursday - Bad Tölz - Murnau - Munich**

After a rich breakfast, we depart Salzburg and head towards Munich. On our way, we will make a stop at Bad Tölz to experience a Christmas market with a focus on baked goods and hot food. You must try the Feuerzangenbowle, the village's own version of mulled wine. Next stop is Murnau am Staffelsee, a market town in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the edge of the Bavarian Alps. The market originates in the 12th century around Murnau Castle. We will visit a special gallery and a local

chocolate manufacturer where local treats will be served. Munich is reached in the early afternoon and we will enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the center of town. In the evening, we will take a walk to the nearby old-town Christmas market at the Marienplatz with the world-famous Glockenspiel. Close by is the Viktualienmarkt where you can find numerous stalls selling local delicacies, fresh fish, exotic fruits, flowers and plants, and much more. **B | S**

**December 3, 2021  
Friday - Regensburg**

After a hearty breakfast, we will enjoy a short train ride to Regensburg, a medieval UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of Germany's oldest towns. Crusaders used the 12th century stone bridge to cross the Danube en route to the Holy Land. We have arranged an old-town sightseeing by foot and we will visit the Christmas market at the Thurn & Taxis Palace. During Advent, the courtyard serves as a magical stage for one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Bavaria. Hungry anyone? Enjoyed your lunch at the historic "Wurstkuchl" (Sausage Kitchen) of Regensburg. Located in a 900-year-old building, this is the world's oldest sausage kitchen, still serving more than 6,000 sausages to its guests daily. The menu is simple: Sausages (comes in portions of six, eight, or ten!) along with sauerkraut and mustard - a meal for a queen! Our last stop in Regensburg is at a local hat maker.

Ohh, how you will love this place which has been in operation since 1875! We return to Munich in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. **B**

**December 4, 2021  
Saturday - Munich**

Breakfast is served and the morning is free to relax before we head out to enjoy two prominent Christmas markets. The organizers of the Residenz Christmas Market have recreated a farming village in the Emperor's Court of the Munich Residenz, the former Bavarian Seat of Government. They say the prettiest gingerbread in Germany are made and sold here; we will taste and judge! We continue to the Bayerisches National Museum with the world-famous collection of nativity scenes. Tonight we have arranged a farewell dinner at a very special restaurant. This will be a fun way to say a fond farewell to our fellow travelers - Merry Christmas, Women of the Midwest! **B | D**

**December 5, 2021  
Sunday - Return home**

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Munich airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. **B**

*Itinerary subject to change.*

**B = Breakfast S = Snack L = Lunch D = Dinner**



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

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**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room: \$2,695  
 Per person in a single room: \$3,695

*We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist with finding your roommate!*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Balance is due on July 27, 2021, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

**Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

*Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

*The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 17 travelers. We refer to our general terms and conditions which can be found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours).*

The price quoted within this brochure is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20. We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.

**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4**

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, some stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

**Group airfare:**

We offer group airfare. Pricing and specific itinerary will be available by the beginning of Mid-January 2021. All registered travelers will be notified. Estimate \$1,400 for your roundtrip ticket, economy class, including taxes and fees.

**Hotel Accommodations:**

Vienna: Hotel Wandl  
 Salzburg: Imlauer Hotel Pitter  
 Munich: King's Hotel Center

*Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.*

**Included:**

- 7 nights during the tour in Austria and Germany at hotels mentioned above or similar
- 7 x breakfast
- 1 x snack (day 6)
- 1 x lunch (day 2)
- 1 x dinner (day 8)
- Professional English-speaking tour guide, November 28 - December 5, 2021
- All transportation as per tour program
- Train ticket (roundtrip, economy class) Munich-Regensburg-Munich
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, November 27 - December 5, 2021
- All local taxes and fees as per July 17, 2020

**Not Included:**

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees (first checked piece up to 50 lbs is FREE)
- Gratuities (estimate \$10 per person per day in total)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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11/27/2021	Minneapolis - Paris	4:50 PM - 8:15 AM (11/28/2021)
11/28/2021	Paris - Vienna	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
12/5/2021	Munich - Atlanta	10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
12/5/2021	Atlanta - Omaha*	4:28 - 5:59 PM

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote; we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Minneapolis and return together to Atlanta.

Group air is offered at **\$1,375 per person** including taxes and fees, economy class.  
*Airfare is subject to change until tickets are issued, 30 days prior to departure.*

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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