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MERRY CHRISTMAS MARKETS!

Germany & Austria

with Women of the Midwest!

November 26 - December 5, 2023



Dear Women of the Midwest,

There is no better way to usher in the holiday season of Advent and Christmas than to travel with Women of the Midwest to Germany and Austria! All of our senses are peaked as we begin this Christmas adventure.

We begin our tour by landing in Munich, where our fairy tale starts to materialize. Not only do we get to experience the magical Christmas markets, but we will also tour the beauty of Tyrol and Bavaria. The snow-covered Alps are a backdrop to our Merry Christmas Markets journey, and the beautiful cities we will visit are where you can find a Christmas gift for everyone on your list. We will shop under the sparkling lights in the city squares. Beautiful ornaments, wooden toys, Christmas cards, mugs, paper-lighted stars and gingerbreads, nativity scenes, and sheepskin slippers are just a few of the famous offerings at the markets.

We also visit Regensburg, a medieval UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of Germany's oldest towns, Linderhoff Castle, Ettal Monastery, Melk Abbey, and many more picturesque places.

The scent of burnt umber alerts you that you have arrived at the home of the famous Viennese coffee. And, no matter how much we stroll and shop, there is always time to linger at an outdoor café over coffee and Vienna's celebrated Sacher Torte and conversation with your new travel friends.

What else is Vienna famous for? The music of the Strauss family! We will get to see the famous Blue Danube River of waltz fame, (a bit of trivia, "Do you know the Danube was really never blue, but green!") You might just find yourself dancing down the streets of the Waltz capital as your ears pick up strains of Austria's second national anthem wherever we are in Vienna.

We are not only greeted by the sounds of the Strauss waltzes, but we add the beautiful notes of Mozart when we arrive in Salzburg, where we visit the childhood home of this musical "boy genius." And, since Salzburg is also the home of the Von Trapp Family Singers, we can hum along to the charming tunes of Rogers and Hammerstein as we visit the scenes where Julie Andrews' movie was filmed.

If you want to combine the magic of Christmas with a European flair, then join me on the Merry Christmas Markets tour from November 26 - December 5, 2023. This is the perfect adventure with a friend, sister, or mother and daughter. Come along, and enjoy! Frohe Weihnachten!

Sincerely,
Susan Hanson, Women of the Midwest Ambassador



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



November 26, 2023

Sunday - Traveling to Munich

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

November 27, 2023

Monday - Munich

Welcome to Munich! Upon arrival, we will meet our English-speaking tour guide who, will follow us throughout our journey. With our private motorcoach, we will transfer to the center of Munich to take a walking tour of Marienplatz with the world-famous Glockenspiel (clock tower) and enjoy a Bavarian lunch at our favorite restaurant with a view of the National Theater and Opera House of Munich. We will also stroll the prominent Residenz Christmas market in the Emperor's Court, the former Bavarian Seat of Government. They say the prettiest gingerbreads in Germany are made and sold here. In the early afternoon, we will check in to our centrally located hotel to unpack, unwind, and relax. B (during flight) | L

November 28, 2023

Tuesday - Munich

After a hearty breakfast, we board our motorcoach and drive to Lake Ammersee to pay a visit to a special pewter manufacturer in the picturesque town of Diessen. We will see how beautifully hand-crafted and hand-painted ornaments are made. Pine trees, angels, playful

puppies; there's one (or more!) for every taste. Since 1796, the same family has kept this rich tradition alive. We return to Munich to explore the Christmas market at the English Garden. This enchanting market is found in the heart of one of the world's largest city parks. Time for lunch at leisure before we continue to the Bayerisches National Museum with the renowned collection of nativity scenes. The evening is yours to relax or spend more time at the quaint Christmas markets of Munich. B

November 29, 2023

Wednesday - Regensburg

After a filling breakfast, we drive to Regensburg (90 min.), 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 on 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 Bavaria's most beautiful Christmas markets. Hungry anyone? Enjoyed your lunch at the historic "Wurstkuchl" (Sausage Kitchen). 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. We will see and learn the

technique behind some of the most elegant hats you can imagine. The quality is the best; if you purchase one, it will last for a lifetime. We will return to our hotel in the late afternoon/early evening to relax. B

November 30, 2023

Thursday - Ettal - Salzburg

We enjoy our breakfast and then board our motorcoach to head toward Salzburg. On our way, we will stop in Ettal to visit the Linderhof Palace, a beautiful Schloss (castle) set in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the edge of the Bavarian Alps. A better backdrop is hard to imagine. Of the three palaces "mad" King Ludwig II had built (Hohenschwangau, Neuschwanstein, and Linderhof), this one was the only one he saw completed. Our next stop is at Ettal Monastery (Kloster Ettal). Founded in 1330 but completely rebuilt in the 1700s following a devastating fire, Kloster Ettal features Baroque and Rococo architecture. Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian had it constructed to house knights and monks who, for more than 400 years, have been brewing some of the best beer in Bavaria. Taste and judge for yourself. Time for a leisurely lunch before we drive to the heart of Salzburg to check in and enjoy the evening. B

December 1, 2023

Friday - Salzburg

Breakfast is served, and we head out for a 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 visit the Salzburg Christmas markets, and you will have free time to enjoy this captivating and enchanting city. B

December 2, 2023 **Saturday - Melk - Vienna**

After a delicious breakfast, we board our motorcoach and 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, 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. Up next is 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 Vienna, and after an hour’s drive, we welcome you to the “City of Waltz!” 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!” The evening is yours to relax. B

December 3, 2023 **Sunday - 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. The Wiener Rathausplatz Market is our first stop. The Christmas market in front of City Hall is an unforgettable highlight. 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. Her very liberal ideas, call for a republic structure, and efforts for the poor and troublesome made her very popular with the Austrian people. The evening is yours to enjoy more of Vienna. B

December 4, 2023 **Monday - Vienna**

Breakfast is served before we enjoy an exclusive tour of the Spanish Riding School. The beautiful Lippizaner horses will make an impression that is hard to forget. If you wish, join our guide on a visit to the Michaelerplatz Christmas market or simply enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight we have arranged a farewell dinner at a very special restaurant. Wiener schnitzel and apfel strudel it is! Cheers to our wonderful group; Merry Christmas! B | D

December 5, 2023 **Tuesday - Return home**

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

Itinerary subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/WMWXMAS23/>

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$2,995

Per person in a single room: \$3,995

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

Triple rooms are not available on this journey.

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 August 25, 2023, 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.

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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. We walk between 3-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this, the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

Group airfare:

We offer group airfare. See separate page.

Hotel Accommodations:

Munich: Hilton City Hotel or similar

Salzburg: Imlauer Pitter Hotel or similar

Vienna: Hotel Wandl or similar

Final accommodations will be announced with your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.

The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers.

Included:

- 8 nights during the tour in Germany and Austria at hotels mentioned above or similar
- 8 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 1 x dinner
- Professional English-speaking tour guide, November 27 - December 5, 2023
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, November 26 - December 5, 2023
- All local taxes and fees as per January 29, 2023

Not Included:

- Airfare, see separate page
- Airline baggage fees (first checked piece up to 50 lbs is FREE)
- Gratuities (estimate \$12-15 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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GROUP AIR:

Join our group airfare with Delta Airlines at **\$1,195** per person, economy class, including all taxes and fees.

November 26, 2023	Omaha* - Atlanta	11:25 AM - 2:35 PM
November 26, 2023	Atlanta - Munich	5:45 PM - 9:00 AM (November 27, 2023)
December 5, 2023	Vienna - Amsterdam	12:15 PM - 2:10 PM
December 5, 2023	Amsterdam - Atlanta	4:50 PM - 8:25 PM
December 5, 2023	Atlanta - Omaha*	10:36 PM - 11:55 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important:

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.

Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

