



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST
Travel Solo Together

Treats & Traditions:

AUSTRIAN & GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

with Women of the Midwest!

November 30 - December 11, 2025



Women of the Midwest, hello!

There is no better way to usher in the holiday season of Advent and Christmas than to travel with Women of the Midwest to Austria and Germany!

Our fairy tale adventure begins in Vienna. The aroma of burnt umber signals that you have reached the home of the renowned Viennese coffee. No matter how much you wander and shop, there's always time to relax at an outdoor café with a cup of coffee, a slice of Vienna's famed Sacher Torte, and engaging conversations with your new travel companions. What else is Vienna famous for? The music of the Strauss family! Experience the famous Blue Danube River of waltz fame; 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.

As we arrive in Salzburg, we are not only greeted by the sounds of Strauss waltzes, but we also embrace the beautiful notes of Mozart, particularly as we visit the childhood home of this musical "boy genius." Additionally, since Salzburg is the home of the Von Trapp Family Singers, we can hum along to the charming tunes of Rodgers and Hammerstein while exploring the locations where Julie Andrews' movie was filmed.

Not only do we get to experience the magical Christmas markets, but we will also visit Regensburg, a medieval UNESCO World Heritage Site, Linderhof Palace, and Melk Abbey. The snow-covered Alps are the backdrop, and the beautiful cities we will visit are where you can find Christmas gifts for everyone on your list. We will shop for stunning ornaments, wooden toys, Christmas mugs, illuminated paper stars, gingerbread treats, nativity scenes, and sheepskin slippers.

Join me on the Merry Christmas Markets tour. This is the perfect adventure with a friend, sister, or mother and daughter. Come along, and enjoy! Frohe Weihnachten!

Sincerely,
Carol Ann Condon, Women of the Midwest Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

Vienna by Night



November 30, 2025 - Sunday

Traveling to Vienna

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.

December 1, 2025 - Monday

Vienna

Welcome to the "City of Waltz!" Upon arrival, we will meet our local tour director and transfer to the center in our private motorcoach. Vienna beautifully blends the contemporary with the classic and stands out as one of Europe's most stunning capitals, rich in cultural, musical, and theatrical heritage. You will fall in love with this city at first sight! If you are a coffee lover, you have yet another reason to indulge in Vienna, as it truly is the "coffee town of all coffee towns!" Today's lunch is served at a typical Viennese bistro, followed by a visit to the Spanish Riding School with the Lipizzaners, famously known as "the dancing white horses of Vienna." The Spanish Riding School has been the only institution in the world practicing classical riding for over 450 years. Check into our hotel and enjoy an evening of relaxation and unwinding. B (flight) | L

December 2, 2025 - Tuesday

Vienna

After a hearty breakfast, we are ready for city sightseeing on foot, including visiting the Christmas markets in Vienna. This morning, we will explore the Christmas markets of Vienna. These markets are age-old traditions, with origins of present-

Local Delicacies



day events dating back to the Middle Ages when, in 1298, Albrecht I granted the citizens of Vienna the privilege of holding a "Krippenmarkt" (Crib Market). Our first stop is the Christmas market in front of the City Hall. The unique backdrop gives this market its own charm! We will continue on foot to the Christmas market at Stephansplatz, which features more than 30 stalls focusing on high-quality local products. There will be free time for lunch before we walk back to our hotel. A guided tour of the world-famous Sisi Museum is scheduled for later in the day. Dinner and an evening at leisure are planned (Optional: your tour guide will arrange a classical concert on the spot). B

December 3, 2025 - Wednesday

Vienna

After breakfast, we head out to visit Schönbrunn Palace. During the reign of Maria Theresa (1740-1780), Schönbrunn became the dazzling center of court life. From that time onward, it hosted the leading statesmen of Europe. Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife Sisi had a total of 1,441 rooms at Schönbrunn Palace. We will have the opportunity to explore many of these luxurious rooms and immerse ourselves directly in the imperial era. Next, enjoy a demonstration of apple strudel... and a tasting, of course. In the afternoon, we will visit the Imperial Treasury, just a short walk from our hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. B | T

December 4, 2025 - Thursday

Melk Abbey - Salzburg

Breakfast is served at a leisurely pace.

Wooden Souvenirs



We board our motorcoach for a brief one-hour drive to Melk Abbey. Rising high above the town of Melk on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube, the bright yellow Benedictine abbey houses 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 its most impressive features, boasting roughly 100,000 volumes and a ceiling fresco by Paul Troger. A beautiful church and several important paintings await discovery, but the true treasures are the two Melk Crucifixes, one believed to contain a piece of Christ's cross. Our journey continues to Salzburg, where we will enjoy a leisurely lunch along our scenic route. We will arrive at our centrally located hotel in the afternoon for an evening at our leisure. B | L

December 5, 2025 - Friday

Salzburg

Breakfast is served, and then we will set out for a walking tour of Old Town Salzburg, the hometown of Wolfgang Amadeus. We will explore the Residence, St. Peter's Monastery, the Festival House, and the Rock Riding School. We will also attend a beautiful 30-minute concert at the Salzburg Cathedral and visit Mirabell Gardens. In the afternoon, it's time for Mozart! We will visit the "Geburtshaus," the house where Mozart was born in 1756 and lived with his parents until 1773. The house has now been transformed into a three-floor exhibit showcasing Mozart's life: his upbringing, his beginnings in music, his friends and patrons, family

Who Doesn't Love Salzburg?!



relationships, his passion for opera, and much more. You will have free time to enjoy this captivating and enchanting city by night. Salzburg will take your breath away; it truly is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. (Optional: a classical concert will be arranged by your tour guide on the spot). B

December 6, 2025 - Saturday

Salzburg

After a delicious breakfast, we will board our motorcoach and let ourselves be carried away, following in the footsteps of the Trapp family and humming to the tunes of "The Sound of Music!" We will visit Oberndorf Chapel, the birthplace of the famous Christmas carol "Silent Night, Holy Night." Then, we will return to Salzburg to explore the charming town and all it has to offer! B

December 7, 2025 - Sunday

Salzburg

More "The Sound of Music" awaits as we head out to visit Mondsee (and stop by the "wedding church"). We will visit the village of St. Wolfgang, where we will enjoy lunch. Afterward, we will take a boat tour to St. Gilgen, known for its baroque Advent market, before continuing on to Hellbrunn Palace and the Hellbrunner Advent Magic, where the palace's façade transforms into a massive Advent calendar, with its 24 windows marking the countdown to Christmas. Over 700 conifers adorned with 10,000 red baubles and twinkling lights create a magical forest setting that illuminates the grounds. The evening is at your leisure, and your tour guide is happy to suggest great places for dinner. B | L

Bavarian Winter Landscape



December 8, 2025 - Monday

Oberammergau - Munich

After breakfast, we are ready to depart Salzburg and head toward Munich. On the way, we will stop in Oberammergau. You will enjoy this town, famous for its Passion Play performances that take place every ten years. The area is known for its woodcarvers, and you'll find numerous shops dedicated to this beautiful craft. Many carvings depict biblical figures, angels, Madonnas, and nativity scenes, all in harmony with religious themes. We will enjoy lunch in Oberammergau before continuing to Linderhof Palace, which is beautifully set on the edge of the Bavarian Alps. It's hard to imagine a better backdrop. Of the three palaces built by the "mad" King Ludwig II (Hohenschwangau, Neuschwanstein, and Linderhof), this was the only one he saw completed. We will reach Munich in the afternoon and check in to our hotel in the center of town. In the evening, we have arranged a walking tour to the nearby old-town Christmas market at Marienplatz, featuring the world-famous Glockenspiel. B | L

December 9, 2025 - Tuesday

Regensburg

After a hearty breakfast, we will drive to Regensburg, a medieval UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Germany's oldest towns. Crusaders crossed the Danube via the 12th-century stone bridge on their way to the Holy Land. We have arranged an old-town sightseeing tour on foot, and we will visit the Christmas market at the Thurn & Taxis Palace. During Advent,

Old Town Regensburg



the courtyard transforms into a magical stage for one of Bavaria's most beautiful Christmas markets. Anyone hungry? Enjoy lunch at the historic "Wurstkuchl" (Sausage Kitchen). Housed in a 900-year-old building, this is the world's oldest sausage kitchen, still serving over 6,000 sausages daily. Our final stop is at a local hat maker, where we will see and learn the techniques behind some of the most elegant hats you can imagine. The quality is the finest you can find! We will return to our hotel in Munich in the late afternoon. B

December 10, 2025 - Wednesday

Munich

We begin our day by admiring the world-famous collection of nativity scenes at the Bayerisches National Museum. After that, we will visit the Residenz Christmas market. The organizers have recreated a Christmas market in the Emperor's Court, the former Bavarian seat of government. Tonight, we have arranged a farewell dinner at a special restaurant. "Prost" (cheers) to our wonderful group! B | D

December 11, 2025 - Thursday

Return home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Munich 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 | In-flight meals

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, T = Tasting, D = Dinner



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$4,995
 Per person in a single room: \$6,495
 Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in 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. The balance is due on August 4, 2025, and is non-refundable. The 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.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:
 Register at least six (6) months prior to departure and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

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 4-5 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.

Group airfare: Becomes available by February 1, 2025.

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. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Hotel Accommodations (announced 30 days prior to dep.):

Vienna - Hotel Stefania or similar
 Salzburg - Hotel Imlauer Pitter or similar
 Munich - Hotel Hilton City or similar

Included:

- 10 nights during the tour in Austria and Germany at hotels mentioned above or similar (4-star)
- 10 x breakfast
- 4 x lunch, including a beverage
- 1 x dinner, including beverages
- Apple strudel tasting
- All transportation by private motor coach as per itinerary
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Headphones where required
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Professional English-speaking tour director, December 1-11, 2025
- Step-on guides where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, November 30 - December 11, 2025
- All local taxes and fees as of March 12, 2025

Not Included:

- Airfare, estimate \$1,400-\$1,500 per person
- Airline baggage fees (first checked piece up to 50 lbs is FREE)
- Gratuities (estimate \$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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JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with United Airlines:

November 30, 2025	Omaha* - Chicago	11:21 AM - 12:59 PM
November 30, 2025	Chicago - Zurich	4:15 PM - 7:55 AM (December 1, 2025)
December 1, 2025	Zurich - Vienna	10:40 AM - 12:00 PM
December 11, 2025	Munich - Chicago	11:25 AM - 2:10 PM
December 11, 2025	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

\$1,495 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to obtain your quote.

If you are traveling from a different airport, we plan to have you meet your fellow travelers at Chicago Airport on November 30 and return from Munich around the same time as the rest of the group on December 11. Individual additional transfers may be required if meeting with the main group is not feasible. We can assist with this (there may be a small additional cost).

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
 - Economy Plus* can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$400-\$800.
 - Premium Economy* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$2,000-\$3,000.
 - Business Class* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$8,000-\$10,000.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation.** Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.
- **Taxes**, fuel charges, and security fees are subject to change.
- **Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

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