

A Bavarian Christmas



Itinerary

Day 1 (1 DEC) - USA to Munich

Depart Wash DC via Lufthansa Airlines to Munich

Day 2 (2 DEC) - Munich to Oberammergau

After arrival in Oberammergau and check-in at the *Hotel Alte Post* there will be time to relax. Then, take a short orientation tour of the village. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 (3 DEC) - Oberammergau & Ettal

After breakfast, visit the Oberammergau *Kristkindl Markt*. Note the famous *Luftmalereien*, exterior fresco paintings on houses and various village buildings. Tour the 16th C parish church of *St. Peter & Paul* and the *Pilatushaus*. Explore the *Oberammergau Museum*. View the *Passion Playhouse* exterior. Finally, visit the 12th Century *Ettal* Benedictine Monastery and distillery. (B)

Day 4 (4 DEC) - Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau

Bus to Füssen and the castles of King Ludwig II. Once there, mount a horse cart for the ride up to *Neuschwanstein Castle*. Then, travel to *Hohenschwangau*, boyhood home of Ludwig II. Later in the afternoon a stop will be made at the 16th century *Wies Church*, noted for its magnificent baroque and rococo architecture. (B)

Day 5 (5 DEC) - Linderhof & Bad Tölz

Travel to the village of Graswang. Here, mount a horse drawn sleigh or cart for a ride to King Ludwig II's castle of *Linderhof*. After the castle tour, travel to the *Gasthof Ettaler Mühle* for lunch. Then, drive to Bad Tölz and a visit to the *Kristkindl markt*. (B)

Day 6 (6 DEC) - Munich

The day in Munich will include: the *Kristkindl Markt*, a tour of the old town (*Rathaus, Glockenspiel, Marienplatz & Frauenkirche*) and the *Kristkindl Markt*. Lunch will be at the world famous *Hofbrauhaus* beer hall. After time for lunch there'll be additional time to tour and Christmas market shop in the markets of Munich. (B)

Day 7 (7 DEC) - Innsbruck

Today, head for Innsbruck, Austria. After a morning of touring the old city, shopping in the *Kristkindl markt* and sampling the traditional market cuisine of a *Bratwurst*, a *Brotchen* and a cup of *Glühwein*, it'll be time to head back to Oberammergau. On the way there are two more stops. First is a visit to the *Kristkindl Markt* in the village of *Mittenwald*. Then a stop for dinner will be for dinner at the *Gasthof Frauendorfer* in *Partenkirchen*. Here you will savor traditional Bavarian cuisine and enjoy folk music and dance. (B)

Day 7 (8 DEC) - Oberammergau (Free Day)

This evening, join the group at the *Hotel Alte Post* for a farewell dinner. (B & D)

Day 8 (9 DEC) - Munich to the U.S.

Oberammergau to the Munich Airport and fly home. (B)

Package Includes:

- * Roundtrip air Wash DC to Munich
- * Transfers and Motorcoach ground transportation
- * 7 nights at the *Hotel Alte Post*
- * Meals – breakfast each day & two dinners
- * Admission to all listed tours and tour sites.
- * Horse sleigh ride from Graswang to Linderhof
- * Travel Insurance (accident, medical & baggage)



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