

# A Bavarian Christmas



## Itinerary

### Day 1 - USA to Munich

Depart Wash DC via Lufthansa Airlines to Munich

### Day 2 - 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 - Oberammergau & Ettal

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

### Day 4 - 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 16<sup>th</sup> century *Wies Church*, noted for its magnificent baroque and rococo architecture. (B)

### Day 5 - 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 - 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 - 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, Brotchen and Glühwein, it's time to head back to Oberammergau. On the way there will be a stop in the village of Mittenwald for dinner at the *Gasthof Alpenrose*. Here you will savor traditional Bavarian cuisine and ambiance. (B)

### Day 8 - Oberammergau (Free Day)

Today is for individual activities, wandering, shopping, exploring or simply relaxing. This evening, join the group at the *Hotel Alte Post* for a farewell dinner. (B & D)

### Day 9 - 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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