

Christkindlmarkt in Germany +



Northern Lights in Iceland DEC 6-15 – 2019

TRAVEL WITH RENOWNED QUILT DESIGNER
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- Start the tour in Munich, Germany with a welcome dinner at famous Hofbrauhaus.
- Enjoy the traditional Munich Christmas Market on Marienplatz. A huge Christmas tree covered in lights towers over the many stands all aglow with pre-Christmas magic.
- Stay in Rothenburg, the famous medieval city, frozen in time since the 17th century. The Christmas Market is one of Germany's most romantic and highly celebrated.
- Spend a full day in Nuremberg at the oldest and most famous markets of them all. This is where smells of mulled wine and rum punch fill the air. Enjoy roasted almonds, Nuremberg bratwurst and gingerbread.
- Travel to Iceland and enjoy the Christmas spirit in colorful Reykjavik. Scout for Northern Lights in a countryside hotel where nothing obscures the pristine atmosphere.

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DEC	PROGRAM
06	Afternoon departure from various US airports by Icelandair via Iceland to Munich on an overnight flight.
07 Sat	Arrive in Munich at noon. Transfer to traditional 4-star Hotel Platzl, located in the heart of the city, - next door to famous <i>Hofbräuhaus</i> and 980ft to Marienplatz where the Christkindlmarkt takes place. Rest before „Welcome to Germany“ dinner at <i>Hofbräuhaus</i> , „The World’s most famous Tavern“ – built in 1589 and accommodates up to 5,000 revelers. Enjoy the beer and the „crisp roast of Bavarian suckling pig.“ Have fun!
08 Sun	Morning tour of Munich with a local guide. Visit some of the best holiday markets across the city and soak up the holiday spirit. The afternoon is yours at the Christkindlmarkt on Marienplatz. Shop for handmade Bavarian gifts, sip <i>Glühwein</i> , and try <i>Lebkuchen</i> , the gingerbread cookies, a treat since the 14th century.
09 Mon	 <p>Proceed from Munich along the Romantic Road for further adventures. Stop at pristine Harburg Castle, which has never been conquered, and visit quaint <i>Dinkelsbühl</i>, a medieval walled city with fascinating architecture. Afternoon arrival in famous Rothenburg. Check in at Hotel <i>Goldener Hirsch</i>, built in 1479 and located in the heart of the medieval town. Walking tour with „The Nightwatchman.“ Dinner at Restaurant <i>Glocke</i> – one of the best in town.</p>
10 Tue	Free day without a program in Rothenburg. You will find the local Christkindlmarkt delightful and located within walking distance of your hotel. The smell of mulled wine and roasted almonds, the illumination by thousands of fairy lights and festive music by local brass bands all make for a pleasant Christmas spirit.
11 Wed	Spend the day in Nuremberg with a local guide. Visit the world famous Christkindlmarkt which takes place in the Hauptmarkt, the Central Square in Nuremberg’s old town.
12 Thu	Proceed to Munich Airport and fly by Icelandair to Iceland’s Keflavik Airport. Afternoon arrival after a 4-hour direct flight. Drive 2 hours to Southern Iceland and arrive at cozy Hotel <i>Lækur</i> , located in the perfect place to observe the Northern Lights – away from all city lights. Welcome to Iceland Dinner.
13 Fri	Drive to Geysir Geothermal area, where you will see any number of bubbling, spouting and boiling hot springs in eerie moonlike landscapes. Visit Geysir, the first geyser for which all geysers are named. See Strokkur geyser erupting every 4-8 minutes. Drive on to nearby Gullfoss, the majestic waterfall, one of the world’s most scenic. Lunch at Friðheimar Farm an amazing greenhouse complex, followed by a horse show that provides an insight into the story of the remarkable Icelandic horse breed. Enjoy a “Meeting with the Horses.” Continue to Selfoss and visit family and friends of your fearless leader Guðrún Erla. Drive on to Reykjavik and settle in at Hotel <i>Arnarhvoll</i> for a 2-night stay. Dinner at The Icelandic Bar.
14 Sat	Tour Reykjavik in the morning and see all the major city attractions. The afternoon is free without a program. Reykjavik will be all decked out in Christmas lights and in full holiday spirit.
15 Sun	The morning is free in Reykjavik, - or, you can visit (optional) the famous Blue Lagoon for a 2-hour bath. Afternoon transfer to Keflavik Airport and departure to the various US destinations.

Tour price: \$4,334 (sharing) – including air fare, hotels, various meals, all touring and admissions.

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