

European Christmas Market – France Getaway

Detailed Itinerary

Europe's Most Magical Markets Await

Step into Europe's most enchanting season, where candlelit courtyards, spinning carousels, and centuries-old markets tell a story you'll never want to end. We'll stroll through Christmas charm in Paris, Strasbourg, Colmar, and Mulhouse—each one offering its own version of holiday wonder.

Airport Information: Need assistance booking your flight? We are here to help.

 **Arrive: Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)**

 **Depart: EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg (BSL)**

Day 1: Welcome to Paris!

Plan to arrive at **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) by 5 PM**, to make our welcome meeting and dinner, which typically start at 6:30pm. If you are unable to arrive by 5pm, please contact us to arrange alternative transportation and dinner options. After dinner, adjust to the time difference and rest up for our whimsical itinerary.

Airport transfer and hotel details will be provided after booking.

If you are arriving ahead of our scheduled itinerary, we will help coordinate hotel accommodations.

Transportation:

 Private vehicle

Airport transfer  Accommodations

Approximate travel time: 30-45 minutes

Meals included:

 Welcome dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Paris. Below hotel or similar.

Hotel: Hotel Le Relais Saint Charles
72 Bd de Grenelle, 75015
Paris, France

Hôtel Le Relais Saint Charles Paris, hôtel Tour Eiffel à Paris

Phone: +33 1 40 58 00 57

Day 2: Paris – Lights, Landmarks & Holiday Flavors

Wake up refreshed and ready to start your exploration of the City of Lights.

Morning - Guided Walking Tour of Paris

Kick off your adventure with a guided stroll through the heart of Paris. You'll explore iconic neighborhoods, uncover hidden gems, and soak in the city's rich history and architecture—from charming cafés to grand boulevards.

Midday - Visit to the Eiffel Tower

No Paris trip is complete without a stop at the Eiffel Tower. Snap photos, take in panoramic views, and feel the magic of the City of Light from its most famous landmark.

Afternoon - French Cooking Class in a Local's Home

Step into a Parisian kitchen for a hands-on pastry-making experience.

Evening - Christmas Market Visit

Wrap up the day at one of Paris's enchanting Christmas markets. Sip **vin chaud**, browse artisan stalls, and let the twinkling lights and festive scents set the tone for your holiday escape.

Transportation:

 Walking Time - Walking Tour

Approximate travel time: about two hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.

 Walking Time

Hotel  Landmarks & Included Activities

Approximate travel time: about two – four hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.

 **Meals included:**  breakfast & cooking class

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Paris. Below hotel or similar.

Hotel: Hotel Le Relais Saint Charles

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Day 3: Paris – Art, Cafés & Street Food Indulgence

Morning – Choose Your Own Parisian Adventure You've got time to roam, so here are a few stellar options:

Option A: Louvre Museum Visit. Dive into centuries of art at the world's most iconic museum. See the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and wander through opulent palace halls.

Option B: Café & Boutique Stroll. Wander through **Le Marais** or **Saint-Germain-des-Prés** for a quintessential Parisian vibe. Sip espresso at a sidewalk café, browse indie bookstores, and pop into chic clothing boutiques.

Option C: Explore the **Montmartre** or **Saint-Germain-des-Prés** markets for a cozier, artisan vibe.

Midday – 🍔 “No Diet Club” Included Street Food Tour. Join your guide for a cheeky, flavor-packed walking tour through local neighborhoods.

Afternoon/Evening – Christmas Market Magic (Optional). If you're still buzzing from the tour, head to the **Tuileries Garden Christmas Market**. Sip **vin chaud**, ride the Ferris wheel, or skate under twinkling lights.

Transportation:



Approximate travel time: about two - four hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.

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🍽️ **Meals included:** ✓ breakfast & lunch (food tour)

🏨 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Paris. Below hotel or similar.

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Day 4: Arrival in Strasbourg – Towering Cathedrals & Market Bliss

Morning – Travel to Strasbourg

- Depart Paris via high-speed train
- Arrive in Strasbourg and check into your hotel near the historic center.

Midday – Old Town Stroll

- Stroll through **La Petite France**, the postcard-perfect district with half-timbered houses, canals, and cobblestone lanes.

Afternoon – Christmas Market Circuit

- Begin your market-hopping adventure with the **Christkindelsmärik at Place Broglie**, one of Europe's oldest Christmas markets.
- Wander to **Place de la Cathédrale**, where Gothic spires and glowing chalets create a cinematic holiday scene.
- Don't miss **Place Kléber**, home to Strasbourg's towering Christmas tree and the **Village du Partage** (a market with a charitable twist).

Evening – Lights, Treats & Local Sips

- Strasbourg's decorations are next-level. Sip hot chocolate as you spend your evening discovering Strasbourg's handcrafted ornaments, regional textiles and seasonal delights.
- Optional: Book a **Batorama boat tour** for a festive glide through the illuminated canals.

Transportation:

 High Speed Train

Hotel  Strasbourg

Approximate travel time: 2 hours

 Walking Time

Christmas Markets

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 **Meals included:**  breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Strasbourg. Below hotel or similar.

Hôtel Vendôme
9, Place de la Gare, Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, 67000 France
<http://www.hotel-vendome.com/>
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Day 5: Colmar - Where Storybooks Come to Life

Morning – Scenic Transfer & Welcome to Colmar

- Depart Strasbourg for a picturesque ride into the heart of Alsace

Midday – Old Town Immersion

- Meet your guide, a local expert who knows every hidden nook and festive corner. They'll immerse you in the culture and history of this quaint town.
- Begin your walk through the **Old Town**, where pastel facades, flower-lined canals, and cobblestone lanes evoke a life-sized gingerbread village
- Visit **Place de la Cathédrale** and **Maison Pfister**, a 16th-century jewel dripping with Renaissance details
- Pop into **Käthe Wohlfahrt**, a wonderland of handcrafted ornaments and nutcrackers

Afternoon – The Five Christmas Markets

- Explore Colmar's **five distinct Christmas villages**, each with its own theme—from artisanal makers to gourmet treats
- Stroll through **Place des Dominicains**, where a Gothic church watches over shimmering stalls of handmade goods
- Head to **Petite Venise**, where illuminated canals and wooden walkways create a cinematic winter scene straight out of a children's book

Evening – Lanterns, Legends & Cozy Delights

- As the lights of Colmar shimmer across cobblestone and canal, the night is yours—whether you hop on an adult only spinning carousel sipping mulled wine, dine in hidden courtyards laced with twinkling vines, or treasure-hunt through twinkling market stalls.
- As our night winds down, we head to Mulhouse to check into our accommodations.

Transportation:

🚂 Train or shuttle bus

Strasbourg ➔ Colmar

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes to an hour

🚂 Train or shuttle bus

Colmar ➔ Accommodations in Mulhouse

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes to an hour

🚶 Walking Time

Christmas Markets

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🍽️ **Meals included:** ✓ breakfast

🏨 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Mulhouse. Below hotel or similar.

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<http://www.hotel-mulhouse.com/>
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Day 6: Mulhouse – Textile Dreams & Market Farewells

Morning–Afternoon: The Day Is Yours Whether you're chasing one last market thrill or slowing down to soak it all in, Mulhouse delivers a stylish send-off. Its vibrant Christmas market—set against a backdrop of historic facades and custom holiday textiles—offers artisan treasures, local treats, and a final taste of Alsace enchantment.

Spend your day however you wish:

- Hunt for handcrafted souvenirs under shimmering garlands
- Sip vin chaud and snack on cinnamon-laced *bredele* cookies
- Follow the soundtrack of holiday music drifting through the square

Evening: Farewell Dinner As the lights begin to glow, we'll gather for a final dinner to toast an unforgettable journey. Expect cozy ambiance, bold flavors, and a few stories shared over candlelight—because this isn't just a meal, it's the last chapter of our magical European getaway.

Transportation:

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ⓘ **Meals included:** ✓ breakfast and dinner

ⓘ **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Mulhouse. Below hotel or similar.

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Day 7: Departure Day

This morning's pace is entirely yours. Whether you're wrapping up a final treasure hunt, or sketching out your next holiday chapter, the magic doesn't need to end here.

If you're still craving cobblestone strolls and market sparkle, we've got ideas:

Riquewihr – A tiny Alsatian gem wrapped in color and charm, where half-timbered houses lean into the streets and each storefront feels like a miniature Christmas stage.

Switzerland Bound – Cross the border for a taste of Alpine wonder. Lucerne and Basel offer snow-globe scenery, lakeside lights, and even more markets to explore.

Germany Calling – Think big trees, bratwurst, and bold traditions. A hop over to Freiburg or even Baden-Baden means your festive story continues, with glühwein in hand.

Europe's festive magic doesn't end here—just say the word and we'll make it happen. We're happy to help coordinate an extended stay, suggest local guides, or build you a custom detour.

Transportation:

ⓘ **Taxi/shuttle vehicle**

Accommodations ➔ **Airport**



Approximate travel time: 40 minutes to an hour drive

Meals included: N/A