

Austria & Germany's Christmas Magic & the Legendary Krampus Run Detailed Itinerary

Europe's Most Magical Traditions Await

Experience Europe's most festive season as we explore Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, and Nuremberg—each city offering its own unforgettable blend of holiday charm. From Vienna's elegant markets to Munich's Bavarian traditions and Nuremberg's world-famous Christkindlesmarkt, this journey brings you into the heart of Europe's winter celebrations.

In Salzburg, we'll witness the legendary **Krampus Run**, a centuries-old Alpine tradition that combines folklore, music, and thrilling pageantry. It's a highlight of the season and a cultural experience unlike anything else in Europe.

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

 **Arrive: Vienna International Airport (VIE)**

 **Depart: Munich International Airport (Franz Josef Strauß Airport) MUC**

Day 1: Welcome to Stunning Vienna!

Plan to arrive at **Vienna International Airport (VIE) 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: 20 - 30 minutes

Meals included:

 Welcome dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single or double occupancy accommodation in Vienna (2 nights).

Below hotel or similar:

Hotel: The Cloud One Vienna-Staatsoper

Elisabethstraße 5 Vienna

[Hotel Vienna The Cloud One](#)

Phone: +43 1 5850505

Day 2: Vienna's Grand Boulevards & Christmas Market Magic

Wake up in the heart of Vienna and get ready to explore one of Europe's most elegant cities. Today blends guided history, free time to roam, and an evening filled with festive market magic.

Morning – Guided Walking Tour Enjoy a guided stroll through Vienna's historic center, typical stops include the Hofburg Palace area, Graben, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Your guide will share stories of imperial Vienna, architecture, and holiday traditions.

Midday – Free Time Spend the afternoon exploring Vienna at your own pace. Visit museums, relax in a cozy café, or begin browsing the Christmas markets early. Optional: Stop at **Café Central with the group** for coffee and pastries in one of Vienna's most iconic salons.

Evening – Christmas Market Stroll Join the group for a festive market walk through several of Vienna's most beloved Christmas markets, including Rathausplatz, Freyung, and Am Hof. Enjoy handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, and twinkling lights as Vienna comes alive for the holidays.

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: Approximate walking time: about two hours total, with frequent stops along the way. This route includes a mix of city streets and potentially uneven surfaces, but it is not continuous walking — there are many natural breaks, pauses for photos, and benches available throughout the route.

 **Meals included:**  breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Single or double occupancy accommodation in Vienna (2 nights).

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Day 3: Vienna → Salzburg - A Scenic Transition from Imperial Grandeur to Alpine Charm

Morning – Vienna at Your Own Pace Enjoy a relaxed final morning in Vienna. Savor one more café, wander through a museum, or take a last festive stroll through the Christmas markets before we begin our westbound journey.

Journey to Salzburg We travel by train through the Austrian countryside, watching the scenery shift from Vienna’s elegant boulevards to rolling hills and Alpine foothills. It’s a beautiful, peaceful ride — a perfect moment to rest, journal, or simply enjoy the views.

First Evening in Salzburg – Residenzplatz & Cathedral Square Once settled in Salzburg, we head into the historic heart of the city. Lantern-lit squares, cathedral spires, choirs, mulled wine, and one of Europe’s oldest Christmas markets welcome us with classic Salzburg charm. This is your first taste of the city’s cozy holiday magic.

Transportation:

 High Speed Train

Vienna  Salzburg

Approximate travel time: 2.5 hours. Guests will need to roll their luggage through the train station and onto the train. Please plan for a short walk with bags through modern stations in both Vienna and Salzburg.

 Walking Time

Hotel  Christmas Markets

Approximate travel time: Overall walking today is minimal. Christmas market walking time is dependent on personal exploration of the markets. Approximate walking time: about one – four hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.

 **Meals included:** ✓ breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Single or double occupancy accommodation in Salzburg(2 nights).

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Day 4: Salzburg + Krampus Unleashed

Morning – Salzburg’s Iconic Highlights We begin the day exploring Salzburg’s most beloved sights — from baroque squares and hilltop views to Sound-of-Music–inspired landmarks. This gentle, scenic walk offers a perfect blend of history, storytelling, and classic Salzburg beauty.

Midday – Free Time in the Old Town The afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Wander the cobblestone lanes of the Altstadt, browse local shops, settle in for a cozy café stop, or simply soak in the festive atmosphere. This is a great window for lunch, rest, or light exploring before the evening’s excitement.

Evening – Krampus Unleashed As dusk settles, we travel to a nearby village for one of the most electrifying traditions in the Alps. Find a good viewing spot and prepare for the spectacle: fire, bells, drums, folklore, and the wild energy of Krampusnacht. It’s immersive, unforgettable, and unlike anything else you’ll experience on this trip.

Transportation:



Walking Time

Christmas Markets

Approximate walking time: light to moderate Most walking today is gentle city exploration on paved and occasionally uneven streets. Expect short walks between sights in Salzburg and a bit of standing/walking while viewing the Krampus parade. Total walking/standing time 1 – 4 hours



Meals included: N/A



Accommodation included: Single or double occupancy accommodation in Salzburg (2 nights).

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Day 5: St. Nicholas Day in Salzburg

Cozy Traditions, Slow Joy, and a Festive Farewell to Austria

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Morning – Easy Start in Salzburg After the excitement of Krampusnacht, today begins gently. Sleep in, enjoy a relaxed breakfast, or wander the Old Town as Salzburg wakes up. It's a perfect morning for cafés, photos, and soaking in the soft holiday atmosphere of St. Nicholas Day.

Free-time suggestions:

- Mirabell Gardens & Pegasus Fountain
- Mozart's Birthplace and Getreidegasse shopping
- A peaceful walk along the River Salzach
- Cozy cafés serving St. Nicholas Day treats
- Optional visit to the hilltop fortress for those who want a viewpoint

Early Afternoon – Strudel/Holiday Cookie Baking Class Step into a warm local kitchen for a hands-on Austrian baking experience. Learn to make traditional location pastry specialties like strudel or festive holiday cookies.

Late Afternoon / Early Evening – Train to Munich A quick, scenic train ride brings us to Munich for the final chapter of our holiday adventure. Settle into the city and feel the shift from Alpine charm to Bavarian festivity.

Transportation:



Salzburg  Munich

Approximate travel time: 1.5 - 2 hours. Guests will need to roll their luggage through the train station and onto the train. Please plan for a short walk with bags through modern stations in both Vienna



Free Time & Baking Class

Approximate walking time: light to moderate Most walking today is gentle city exploration on paved and occasionally uneven streets. Expect short walks between sights in Salzburg and a bit of standing/walking while viewing the Krampus parade. Total walking/standing time 1 – 4 hours

 **Meals included:** Baking Class

 **Accommodation included:** Single or double occupancy accommodation in Munich(3 nights).

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Day 6: Munich Holiday Magic

Morning – Slow Start + Munich Old Town Ease into the day with a relaxed morning exploring Munich's historic center. Wander through Marienplatz, admire the twin towers of the Frauenkirche, browse the stalls at Viktualienmarkt, and enjoy boutique shopping streets dressed in holiday décor. Everything is walkable, atmospheric, and full of Bavarian charm.

Late Morning / Early Afternoon – Munich Christmas Markets Munich's markets are some of Germany's best — festive, varied, and all within a short stroll. Explore the classic Marienplatz Christmas Market, the elegant Residenz Courtyard Market, or the Medieval Market near Odeonsplatz. This is a perfect window for ornaments, mulled wine, and seasonal treats.

Afternoon – Free Time or Optional Activities Guests can choose how they'd like to enjoy the rest of the day:

- Visit the Munich Residenz
- Explore the English Garden
- Warm up in a cozy café
- Shop for Bavarian gifts

The city offers endless festive corners to discover at your own pace.

Evening – Munich Christmas Markets or Beer Hall Dinner Settle into Munich's holiday rhythm with more market browsing or a classic Bavarian dinner in a warm, lively beer hall. It's the perfect way to round out your first full day in the city.

Transportation:

 **Walking – Munich Old Town** **Approximate walking time: light to moderate** Munich's Old Town is compact and flat, making it easy to explore on foot. Expect gentle walking on paved streets with occasional uneven surfaces around historic areas.

 **Meals included:** ✓ lunch

 **Accommodation included:** Single or double occupancy accommodation in Munich(3 nights).

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Day 7: Optional Nuremberg Day Trip

Germany's Most Famous Christmas Market — A Festive Adventure or a Relaxed Day in Munich

Nuremberg Option:

Morning – Optional Departure to Nuremberg Guests joining the day trip board a mid-morning train to Nuremberg. The ride is typically **about 1 hour 15 minutes**, smooth and scenic.

Late Morning – Arrive in Nuremberg & Christkindlesmarkt Step into one of Europe's most iconic holiday experiences. Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt fills the Old Town with red-and-white stalls, gingerbread, handcrafted ornaments, and the famous Christkind. Explore at your own pace — the market is large, atmospheric, and easy to navigate.

Afternoon – Old Town Exploration Guests can wander the medieval streets, visit nearby churches, sample Franconian specialties, or continue browsing the market. There's plenty to see within a compact, walkable area.

Late Afternoon – Return to Munich Travel back to Munich by train for a relaxed evening in the city.

Munich Option – A Relaxed Day in the City:

For guests who prefer to stay local, Munich offers a wonderfully cozy and flexible alternative to the full-day Nuremberg trip. The city is easy to explore, beautifully decorated, and full of festive corners to enjoy at your own pace.

Munich Christmas Markets Continue exploring the city's markets at a relaxed pace.

Museums & Cultural Stops Munich has world-class museums within easy reach of the Old Town:

- Munich Residenz Museum, Deutsches Museum (science & innovation), Alte Pinakothek (classic art), Neue Pinakothek (modern art)

Relaxation & Wellness Munich has beautiful spa and wellness options — perfect for guests who want a restorative day:

- Therme Erding (Europe's largest thermal spa; easy train access), Blue Spa at Bayerischer Hof (luxury rooftop spa in the city center), Müller'sches Volksbad (historic Art Nouveau bathhouse with saunas)

Shopping & Strolling Munich's pedestrian streets — Kaufingerstrasse, Sendlingerstrasse, and Maximilianstrasse — offer everything from boutiques to Bavarian specialty shops.

Transportation:

 Train

Munich  Nuremberg

Approximate travel time: 1 hour 15 minutes each way Guests joining the optional day trip will take a mid-morning train to Nuremberg. Stations in both cities are modern and easy to navigate.



Walking – Nuremberg Old Town Approximate walking time: moderate. The Christkindlesmarkt and surrounding medieval streets are compact but involve cobblestones and uneven surfaces. Expect steady but comfortable walking while exploring the market and Old Town.



Meals included: N/A



Accommodation included: Single or double occupancy accommodation in Munich (3 nights).

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Day 8 – Departure Day

A Warm Farewell from Munich

Morning – Checkout & Departures Today we say goodbye after a festive week together. Hotel checkout is typically by 11:00 AM.

Munich offers easy options:

- Taxi or rideshare
- Hotel-arranged shuttle (if available)
- S-Bahn (S1 or S8) train directly to Munich Airport

We're happy to help you coordinate the option that works best for your departure time.



Travel Time The ride from our hotel to Munich Airport is **approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour**, depending on traffic.

Timing Tip Plan for **1 hour of transportation** and aim to arrive at the airport **2 hours before your flight** for a smooth check-in experience.

 **Meals included:** N/A