



Europe's Christmas Markets

Presented by Fort Rucker ITR

Day 1: Thursday, December 02, 2010

Overnight Flight

Welcome to Collette's holiday program featuring the traditional Christmas markets, historic towns and spectacular scenery of Europe.

Day 2: Friday, December 03, 2010

Oberammergau, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the charming town of Oberammergau. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner featuring local delicacies.

Today Dinner is included.

Day 3: Saturday, December 04, 2010

Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Travel through the spectacular Bavarian Alps to Innsbruck, located in the heart of the Alps in the Austrian state of Tyrol. A local guide provides a tour highlighting the city's rich history, culture, and popular attractions including Maria Theresienstrasse, the Hofburg, and the "Golden Roof," all set against the backdrop of the majestic Austrian Alps. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the Christmas market.

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 4: Sunday, December 05, 2010

Oberammergau - Munich - Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic



December 02 - December 10, 2010

Highlights...

Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Munich • Bavarian Castles • Black Forest • Strasbourg • Bern • Lucerne •

9 Days • 12 Meals:

7 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

Per Person Rates*:

Double \$2449

Single \$2599

Triple \$2419

***Included in Price:** Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$150 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Montgomery Airport,

*** Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$150 per person,

Park. Enjoy some free time to explore Munich's historic area. Later, return to Oberammergau for some leisure time in the small town of craftsmen which owes its fame to the internationally-known Passion Play which is performed only once every ten years.

Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.

Day 5: Monday, December 06, 2010

Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today's highlights include a picture stop at Wies Church, proclaimed as a World Heritage Site. You also view perhaps the most famous castle in Bavaria, Neuschwanstein, with its beautiful turrets and pinnacles. Continuing along the scenic route, you traverse southern Germany, skirting the northern shores of Lake Constance to the Black Forest, and proceed to the heart of the mysterious Black Forest region - the setting of legends and stories of yore! Don't forget to shop for authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. Your evening begins with a private choir concert performed in an 850-year-old church and ends with a traditional Black Forest dinner.

Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.

Day 6: Tuesday, December 07, 2010

Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and the vineyard fields of the Alsace to the provincial capital city of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique local character. Enjoy a guided tour of the charming old quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered to be one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Time is available for you to explore the wonderful Christmas market before dinner at the Gurtlerhoft Restaurant, one of Strasbourg's finest.

Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.

Day 7: Wednesday, December 08, 2010

Black Forest - Bern, Switzerland

Travel to Bern, one of Europe's most beautiful capital cities. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic city tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit and the impressive Cathedral. Afterwards you may explore more of the area or shop for handmade items at the local Christmas market.

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 8: Thursday, December 09, 2010

Bern - Lucerne - Bern

This morning you travel to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a scenic walking tour of picturesque Lucerne, highlighted by a walk through the romantic old town. The balance of the day is at leisure to do some last minute shopping or simply enjoy the wonderful setting of this beautiful city on a lake, surrounded by snow-capped mountains. This evening, after returning to Bern, join your fellow travelers in celebrating the end of a marvelous trip with dinner, complete with the region's famous cheese

Overnight Flight

DAY 2 - 4

Hotel Wittelsbach,

or Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau

DAY 5 - 6

Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest

DAY 7 - 8

Hotel Bristol, Bern

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It!

Oberammergau

Begin your vacation with a 3-night stay in Oberammergau, the small Bavarian village in Germany which has been a woodcarving center since the 12th century. The town is better known, however, for the Passion Play its residents have performed every decade since 1634. With the most recent performance season in the summer of 2010, the play is a survivor of the amateur medieval miracle or mystery plays that dramatized the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Originally performed in Latin, the plays were being performed in German by the 15th century. By this time, the plays were also losing their religious focus and church officials forbid performances of them. The production in Oberammergau is one of only a few to survive this prohibition. According to tradition, the residents of Oberammergau made a promise to God to perform a play based on the life of Jesus if their lives were saved from the bubonic plague that had reached epidemic proportions in the region. While the town death records do not show an abrupt cessation of deaths in the village, tradition holds that the village was spared and the play was first performed in 1634. With a cast of 2,000 (all village residents), the play is performed for five months and is seven hours long. A meal is served at intermission. It has attracted audiences from around the world since the late 19th century.

For more information call

fondue, at a popular local restaurant.
Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.

Day 9: Friday, December 10, 2010

Bern - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Bern.
Today Breakfast is included.

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Please Note:

- Passport is required.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 4:00 PM. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. Return flights should not be booked prior to 9:30 AM. Collette air passengers will arrive into the Munich, Germany airport and depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All Collette transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to annual fluctuations on the opening dates of some Christmas Markets and tour scheduling, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas Markets may be substituted. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.