



# Yuletide Charm: A Bavarian Journey

Group Organizer: Mr. Jason Engle

## Tour Includes

### Departure Date

December 16, 2027

### Overnights

Munich 2 • Innsbruck 1 • Lucerne 2 • Heidelberg 1

### Accommodations

Accommodations in centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Rooming on a triple basis. Double rooms: \$300 per person.

### Transportation

Round-trip transportation on scheduled airline. Deluxe touring motorcoach. Unlimited public transportation.

### Meals

All breakfasts. One lunch. All dinners. Traditional cheese fondue dinner on Day 6. Lunch in Titisee on Day 7.

### Tour Director

Services of a specially-trained **passports** Tour Director throughout. Tipping is included in the Program Cost. Whisper headsets included.

### Travel Protection

**passports** provides a complimentary Post-Departure Travel Protection Plan that includes coverage for Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Medical Expenses, and more.

## Investment

**\$4188**  
**\$168 / month**

Program Cost \$4488  
-\$300 Early Enrollment Discount  
Total \$4188

*Monthly payments are based on the E-Z Pay payment schedule with \$0 deposit. Early Enrollment Discount expires June 1, 2026. Final payment is due 8/28/2027 or, with E-Z Pay, 11/16/2027. Tour cost is based on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Departure from Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. Adults 24 years or older are automatically charged for double rooms. With doubles, total price is \$4,488.*

## For More Information

- 1 Visit our website **passports.com**
- 2 Enter Tour ID **JENGLE2026-5**

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## Days 1-2: Home - Munich

Arrival in Munich: Arrival transfer

Tour Director-led walking tour in the Schwabing area: Schwabing Christmas Market

## Day 3: Munich

Half-day city sightseeing in Munich: Local Guide, Nymphenburg Palace and Gardens

Christmas Markets: Christkindlmarkt, Krippenmarkt, Medieval Christmas Market

## Day 4: Munich - Innsbruck

Travel to Innsbruck via Neuschwanstein: Neuschwanstein Castle

Tour director-led walking tour in Innsbruck

## Day 5: Innsbruck - Lucerne

Travel to Lucerne via Liechtenstein: Sightseeing stop in Vaduz, Liechtenstein's capital city

## Day 6: Lucerne

Tour director-led walking tour in Lucerne

Traditional cheese fondue dinner

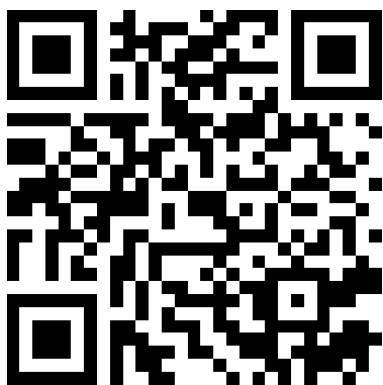
## Day 7: Lucerne - Heidelberg

Travel to Heidelberg, via Rhine Falls, Black Forest, Titisee, Rhine Falls from Laufen Castle's Belvedere Platform and Panoramic Elevator, Scenic Drive through the Black Forest, Sightseeing stop at the lakeside town of Titisee, Lunch in Titisee

## Day 8: Heidelberg - Home

Depart Heidelberg via Frankfurt

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# Detailed Itinerary

## Days 1-2: Arrival in Munich, Schwabing Area Walking Tour

### Arrival in Munich

Depart the U.S. for Europe via scheduled carrier. This is the big day! Watch the morning light gather slowly, first off the left-hand side of the airplane, then everywhere. It's the next day, and Germany!

You'll be struck by your first impression of Munich and its landmarks, which have been beautifully restored to their pre-war conditions.

### Tour Director-led walking tour in the Schwabing area

In the company of your Tour Director, explore Schwabing, the area popular with Munich's youth, students, artists and writers alike. This part of the city retains an offbeat flavor, very much like Greenwich Village in New York City, or the Latin Quarter in Paris. Writers Ibsen and Rilke, as well as artists Klee and Kandinsky, lived and worked here.

#### *Schwabing Christmas Market (Weihnachtsmarkt)*

The Schwabing *Weihnachtsmarkt*, true to its location in Munich's bohemian district, is the finest of Munich's artists markets and a showcase for contemporary culture, with high-quality crafts, art, music and culinary delights!

## Day 3: Munich City Sightseeing, Christmas Markets

### Half-day city sightseeing in Munich

A sightseeing tour in *München* takes you around the impressive *Theresienwiese*, site of the famous annual *Oktoberfest*. In the center of the city discover the grand set-piece boulevards of the *Ludwigstrasse* and *Maximilianstrasse* with their Neoclassical palaces, and the monumental *Feldherrnhalle* where, in 1923, Hitler failed in his attempt at the *coup d'état* known as the Munich Putsch. See the student area of Schwabing, *Königsplatz*, the *Residenz*, the *Frauenkirche*, whose 300-foot-high onion-domed towers symbolize the Munich skyline, and the historic *Marienplatz*. The tour ends with a performance of the red-coated mannequins in the Neuen Rathaus (Town Hall) *Glockenspiel*.

A half-day local guide, well-educated and specially-trained on the history and culture of Munich, will accompany your group.

#### *Visit to the Nymphenburg Palace and Gardens*

Visit Nymphenburg Palace, once the summer residence of the Bavarian sovereigns. See rooms decorated in their original Baroque style from the 17th century, as well as Rococo and Neoclassical decor. The gardens were landscaped in the 18th century by an employee of André Le Nôtre, who designed the gardens of Versailles.

### Christmas Markets

Munich's Christmas market tradition dates back to the medieval fairs of the 14th century. Nowadays, the capital of Bavaria sparkles at Christmastime with some twenty markets located throughout the city, many with a special theme (there's even one at the airport, with a skating rink!).

#### *Marienplatz Christmas Market (Christkindlmarkt)*

Visit Munich's historic Christmas Market (*Christkindlmarkt*), held in the splendid setting of *Marienplatz*, by the Town Hall. It's got all one can expect of a German Christmas market, with a hundred and fifty stalls set up around a 100-foot-tall *Tannenbaum* dressed in white lights.

## Thursday 12/16 - Friday 12/17

### Home - Munich

Arrival in Munich: Arrival transfer

Tour Director-led walking tour in the Schwabing area: Schwabing Christmas Market

Dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight: Munich

## Saturday 12/18

### Munich

Half-day city sightseeing in Munich: Local Guide, Nymphenburg Palace and Gardens

Christmas Markets: Christkindlmarkt, Kripperlmarkt, Medieval Christmas Market

Dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Munich

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## Sunday 12/19

### Munich - Innsbruck

Travel to Innsbruck via Neuschwanstein:  
Neuschwanstein Castle

Tour director-led walking tour in Innsbruck

Dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Innsbruck

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## Monday 12/20

### Innsbruck - Lucerne

Travel to Lucerne via Liechtenstein:  
Sightseeing stop in Vaduz, Liechtenstein's  
capital city

Dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Lucerne

### *Manger Market (Kripperlmarkt)*

Check out the *Kripperlmarkt* (Manger Market) located on *Rindermarkt*, a short walk from *Marienplatz*. This market offers all that's needed (and more!) to create Nativity scenes, notably exquisite woodcarvings from Oberammergau and the South Tyrol.

### *Medieval Christmas Market*

For a journey through the Germany of fairy tales, walk through the Medieval Christmas Market (*Mittelaltermarkt*), located on Wittelsbacherplatz, near the Odeonplatz U-Bahn station. There, euros are called guilders, costumed vendors hawk traditional ornaments and tempting food (roasted piglets are popular), and musicians entertain the crowd.

## Day 4: Neuschwanstein, Innsbruck Walking Tour

Today, follow a scenic route into fantasyland.

### *Guided tour at Neuschwanstein Castle*

Enter the dream castle built by Bavaria's "mad" King Ludwig II. About Neuschwanstein, the model for Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty's* castle, it is said that Ludwig employed a stage set designer rather than an architect. The result is pure theatrical fantasy, stimulated by the King's fancy for Wagnerian music: from artificial grottoes to ornate rooms to dazzling views of the Alps from the belvedere.

### *Travel to Innsbruck*

Your coach takes you to the Austrian mountain resort of Innsbruck, which hosted the Winter Olympic Games twice, in 1964 and 1976.

### **Tour director-led walking tour in Innsbruck**

The city's historic center is concentrated in a few small blocks. Your tour director will introduce landmarks such as the Hofburg Palace (summer residence of the Hapsburg monarchs), the cathedral, the Little Golden Roof, *Maria-Theresien-Strasse*, and the rococo-style *Helblinghaus*. View the **Triumphforte** the Triumphal Arch is one of Innsbruck's most prominent sights. Like a triumphal arch of antiquity, it bears witness to Innsbruck's history.

### *Old Town Christmas Market*

Enjoy a visit to the Christmas markets in Innsbruck, a magical winter experience set against the stunning backdrop of the snow-covered Nordkette mountains. The most famous market, located in the Old Town (Altstadt) beneath the Golden Roof (Goldenes Dachl), features charming wooden stalls selling traditional Tyrolean crafts, festive decorations, and seasonal treats like *Kiachln* (fried pastries with cranberry sauce).

## Day 5: Liechtenstein, Lucerne

More majestic scenery today as you travel through Austria's Arlberg Alps to the postage-stamp-sized Principality of Liechtenstein. A fragment of the former Germanic Confederation, it became a sovereign state in 1719 but now functions as an economic satellite of the Swiss Confederation, to which it is linked by monetary, postal and diplomatic conventions.

Enjoy a photo stop in Liechtenstein's capital city, which is famous for its Postage Stamp Museum!

Cross the border into Switzerland, traveling through its historic cantons to William Tell's country.

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## Tuesday 12/21

### Lucerne

Tour director-led walking tour in Lucerne

Traditional cheese fondue dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Breakfast, Traditional cheese fondue dinner

Overnight: Lucerne

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## Wednesday 12/22

### Lucerne - Heidelberg

Travel to Heidelberg, via Rhine Falls, Black Forest, Titisee, Rhine Falls from Laufen Castle's Belvedere Platform and Panoramic Elevator, Scenic Drive through the Black Forest, Sightseeing stop at the lakeside town of Titisee, Lunch in Titisee

Dinner

Overnight

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch in Titisee, Dinner

Overnight: Heidelberg

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## Thursday 12/23

### Heidelberg - Home

Depart Heidelberg via Frankfurt

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 6: Lucerne Walking Tour, Cheese Fondue Dinner

### Tour director-led walking tour in Lucerne

Explore Lucerne's Old Town. You may want to feed the ducks from the ancient wooden *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge). Pause at Thorvaldsen's *Löwendenkmal* (or *Lion of Lucerne*), near the remarkable Glacier Gardens. See the large and noble *Jesuitenkirche*, one of the landmarks that show that the rural alpine areas in central and southern Switzerland remained Roman Catholic following the Reformation.

### *Franziskanerplatz Christmas Market*

Soak in the traditional Swiss festive atmosphere at the Franziskanerplatz Christmas Market held in the heart of Lucerne. Featuring beautifully decorated wooden stalls selling handmade crafts, seasonal delicacies, and holiday gifts. Visitors can enjoy Swiss specialties like *Glühwein* (mulled wine), roasted chestnuts, and gingerbread while listening to live Christmas music.

### Traditional cheese fondue dinner

At tonight's dinner, taste a real Swiss cheese fondue.

## Day 7: Rhine Falls, Black Forest, Titisee, Heidelberg

Stop in the Swiss town of Dachsen to visit *Schloss Laufen*, built on a rocky spur above the colossal Rhine River Falls. Goethe described the spectacle of the river plunging from a height of seventy feet at the foot of this medieval fortress as "the Source of the Ocean." Take in the view from the castle's Belvedere Walk and Platform, but don't miss the panoramic elevator.

### *Scenic Drive through the Black Forest*

Travel through the wooded landscapes of the mountainous *Schwarzwald*.

Pause in a small town located on the picturesque shores of the glacial lake *Titisee*, and you'll understand why it has become a favorite destination.

Enjoy lunch at a quaint restaurant.

### *Travel to Heidelberg*

Continue to the seat of Germany's oldest university (1386), which inspired Sigmund Romberg's operetta *The Student Prince*.

### Free time in Heidelberg

Get ready for your last German Christmas Market, the *Weihnachtsmarkt*, open during the four weeks of the Advent. Enjoy the seasonal music and hear the choirs sing traditional songs of the season. Stroll through the festively lit areas and sample some of the local specialties, some prepared only at Christmastime. Have your final *Glühwein* and find your last souvenirs.

## Day 8: Frankfurt, Departure

Board your coach for the ride to Frankfurt.

*Auf Wiedersehen!* Memories of Glockenspiels, Cinderella castles, oom-pah bands, fastidiously clean villages and fast, sleek automobiles all blur together as you bid adieu to Germany at the bustling Frankfurt airport.

You'll arrive home eager to share your adventures with family and friends.

# Cost Breakdown

<b>Itinerary</b>	Yuletide Charm: A Bavarian Journey
<b>Departing</b>	December 16, 2027
<b>Departure City</b>	Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
<b>Rooming</b>	Triples
<b>Program Cost</b>	\$4,488
	-\$300 Early Enrollment Discount for enrollments before 6/1/2026
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$4,188
<b>Monthly Payment</b>	\$168 with <b>\$0 deposit</b>
<b>Standard Final Payment Deadline</b>	08/28/2027
<b>E-Z Pay Final Payment Deadline</b>	11/16/2027
<b>Available Add-ons not included in price</b>	Double rooms: \$300 per person - 6 @ \$50 per night (mandatory for adults 24 years and older)