



Enchanting Christmas Markets of Germany, Switzerland, and France (TGT1026)

December 12-20, 2026

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season on a festive journey through Germany, Switzerland, and France. This enchanting 9-day adventure begins in Regensburg, where medieval charm and Christmas cheer fill the air. Discover timeless markets, explore fairy-tale towns like Rothenburg and Colmar, and soak up the seasonal spirit in Strasbourg, the "Capital of Christmas." In Freiburg and Lucerne, enjoy guided tours, local flavors, and scenic beauty, including a serene cruise on Lake Lucerne. From twinkling lights to Old World traditions, this unforgettable holiday tour is sure to warm your heart.

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation between Syracuse, Rochester, or Buffalo and Toronto Airport with driver gratuity)
- Economy non-stop flights from Toronto to Munich, Germany (overnight flight on December 12) and Zurich, Switzerland to Toronto
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in Munich and Zurich
- 7 nights accommodations as outlined in itinerary
- 11 meals: 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Luxury transportation on tour
- All admission and entrances fees as outlined in the itinerary
- All restaurant gratuities for included meals
- All hotel charges and local taxes
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a local Tour Guide
- Services of a local Driver
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.



PRICING:

Double	\$5,199
Single	\$5,999
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$36

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit is due at the time of booking. Final payment is due September 1, 2026.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

Day of Deposit to 6-1-2026 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person

6-2-2026 to 7-15-26 / \$450 Penalty Per Person

7-16-26 to 9-1-26 / Loss of Deposit Per Person

9-2-26 to Travel to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



ITINERARY:

Day 1

Depart Western and Central New York overnight for Munich, Germany.

Day 2

Welcome to the city of Regensburg in the heart of Bavaria, buzzing with yuletide celebration. This charming old city transforms into a festive wonderland during Christmastime. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and enjoy the holiday spirit all around. Hampton by Hilton Regensburg (2 nights).

Day 3

Start your day with an included breakfast before setting out to explore Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities, with a local guide. Visit the iconic Old Stone Bridge—the first of its kind to span the Danube—and the Porta Praetoria, a Roman gate dating back to A.D. 179. Wander through the festive Old Town, alive with holiday cheer, and enjoy a tasting of traditional Bavarian treats. In the afternoon, step into a winter fairytale at the Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Castle. Begin with a guided tour of St. Emmeram Palace, once a monastery and now a royal residence rich with 500 years of history. Marvel at the medieval cloister and Rococo interiors before immersing yourself in the market's magical atmosphere. Surrounded by glowing lanterns and flickering torches, browse stalls of artisan crafts and seasonal delicacies in one of Bavaria's most picturesque Christmas markets.

Day 4

Begin your day with an included breakfast before traveling to the storybook town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, nestled in the heart of Franconia. Step back in time as you explore the German Christmas Museum, where sparkling glass ornaments, traditional nutcrackers, Santas, and festive Christmas pyramids bring the magic of past holidays to life. Later this afternoon, continue to Freiburg, beautifully set at the edge of the Black Forest. Settle into your hotel, your home for the next three nights, and enjoy a warm and welcoming dinner at the hotel restaurant. Hotel Elements Pure Freiburg (3 nights).

Day 5

After an included breakfast, hop aboard a streetcar to Freiburg's charming Old Town, where you'll have your choice of locally guided tours. You may choose to uncover the city's rich history on a walking tour through its medieval streets, discovering iconic landmarks and hidden gems, or dive into the traditions of the season with a tour focused on Freiburg's Christmas heritage. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure—stroll through festive markets, browse local shops, and soak in the unique cultural blend shaped by nearby France and Switzerland.



Day 6

Begin your day with an included breakfast before traveling to Strasbourg, a city where Roman, French, and German influences beautifully intertwine. Enjoy a guided tour of the charming Old Quarter, known as “Petite France,” and marvel at the stunning Cathedral of Notre Dame. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, taking in the enchanting sights and festive spirit of the “Capital of Christmas.” This evening, savor the flavors of the region with an early dinner featuring renowned Alsace cuisine at a local restaurant.

Day 7

Start your day with an included breakfast before heading to the storybook town of Colmar, where the festive spirit comes alive with twinkling lights, joyful decorations, and lively Christmas markets. Stroll past half-timbered houses, along cobblestone streets, and discover cozy cafés and quaint shops in this unforgettable Alsatian gem. In the afternoon, continue to Lucerne—the stunning “City of Lights”—nestled between majestic mountains and a serene lake, where you’ll have time to explore and take in the beauty of this Swiss treasure. Hotel Astoria Lucerne (2 nights).

Day 8

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before stepping into the crisp winter air, where the scent of cinnamon and mulled wine fills the streets. Join a local guide for a walking tour through Lucerne’s charming Old Town, rich with history and holiday cheer. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the festive Christmas atmosphere at your own pace in one of Switzerland’s most romantic cities. Later, relax on a scenic cruise across Lake Lucerne, framed by a stunning winter landscape. This evening, toast to your journey with fellow travelers at a festive farewell dinner featuring traditional Swiss cuisine.

Day 9

Farewell to the magic of the Christmas markets. Following breakfast, you'll transfer from Lucerne to Zurich Airport for your return trip home to Western and Central New York, bringing cherished memories of Germany, Switzerland, and France with you.