

"A Christmas Carol"

Pre-Christmas Tour to Germany – get into the spirit on a trip Munich and the Bavarian countryside. Enjoy the festive atmosphere of this very special time of year, taste Christmas delights and learn about German customs and traditions.

Munich (3 nights)

Welcome reception with Bavarian beer (or soft drink) and pretzel; get to know Munich on a guided tour: Munich, once a village founded by Benedictine monks is today the heart and capital of Bavaria. See Nymphenburg castle, Deutsches Museum (the largest technical museum in the world); the BMW museum, the Bavaria Film Studios..... options are endless. Visit Munich's "Christkindl" Christmas market, with its stalls and stands, offering a wide variety of food, goods and gifts not only for the Christmas season. Enjoy a cup of mulled wine and some Lebkuchen ginger bread under the Christmas lights. Attend a Christmas concert. Excursion to Neuschwanstein Castle which was constructed by Bavarian King Ludwig II. En route, you will see the "Wies" Baroque pilgrimage church and the tranquil village of Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play that takes place every ten years.

Small town in the Bavarian countryside (2 nights)

Get familiar with German Christmas customs: Local people will show you their techniques for making Christmas decorations and will teach you how to bake German Christmas cookies and the famous "Stollen" cake. Home visit for an afternoon, or evening of Christmas carolling with German families. Transfer to Munich airport for your flight back home.

Tour includes

5 nights b&b in twins/doubles in good tourist class hotels (***), transfers and excursions by chartered motorcoach, guided tour of Munich; day excursion to Neuschwanstein (incl. admission); welcome reception by our local representative; Christmas activities with German hosts; 3 dinners plus Bavarian folklore dinner, service charges and taxes.

Optional excursion (at extra charge)

Day trip to Salzburg/Austria, one of the most beautiful European cities because of its scenic countryside and splendid architecture. Guided walk through the historical center. En route back to Munich stop in the village of Oberndorf and visit the chapel where the Christmas carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" was composed.