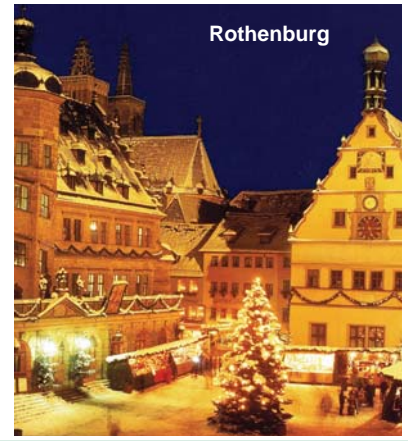


VIP-Alpine Tours presents: The 15th Anniversary Christmas Market Tour through Germany

November 27 - December 4, 2011 8 Days - 7 Nights

Willkommen! Join us for a delightful cultural journey and discover the magical Christmas Markets and Holiday Season of Germany. We will depart from **Munich** by Motorcoach and visit **Ulm, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Plauen, Dresden, Seifen, Waldsassen, Steinwald, Abensberg, Wildenreuth, Regensburg** and return to **Munich**. Celebrate VIP-Alpine Tours' 15th year! We will visit more than 10 Christmas Markets during our tour. Return home with Old World gifts and great memories of a magical European journey.

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Rothenburg

We recommend that you fly to Germany a day early and rest prior to our tour's departure from Munich's International Airport. We will be happy to help you plan your air and hotel arrangements.

Day 1 Sunday, Nov. 27

Our VIP- Host and Tour Director, Christina Ernst will meet us at the **Munich** Airport. By mid-morning we will travel through Bavaria's countryside to our first destination, **Ulm**, to visit the Christmas market at the Old Town Square. Afterwards we will continue along the Romantic Road toward **Rothenburg** via **Dinkelsbühl**. We will arrive late afternoon in **Rothenburg**, Germany's oldest city, with one of the prettiest Christmas markets. We will dine and overnight at the romantic Hotel Eisenhut, a favorite from prior trips! **D**

Day 2 Monday, Nov. 28

Today is a free day to enjoy the fascinating shops and Christmas events in **Rothenburg**. Don't miss Kathe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Shop where the lights and displays are amazing! Walk the cobblestone streets and marvel at this walled city that has survived for over 1,000 years. Sample the unique treats including "Schnee Kugeln", a confectionary delight! We will spend a second night in historic **Rothenburg**. **B**



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Nuremberg

Day 3 Tuesday, Nov. 29

A morning departure will have us on our way to **Nuremberg**, the home of Germany's most famous Christmas Market. With more than 180 stalls, the market is right in the heart of the old city. Savor the sights, sounds and aromas of the market. Sample Lebkuchen (gingerbread), or the succulent Nuremberg sausages and mulled wine. Visit the castle above the city or the famous Toy Museum to round out your time here. We will return late afternoon to **Rothenburg** for our third night. **B**

Day 4 Wednesday, Nov. 30

This morning we will travel north to Eastern Germany. We will travel via historic **Coburg** to **Dresden**. Stroll through the **Dresden** markets featuring many of the handcrafted ornaments, smokers and nutcrackers that are famous for this part of Germany. There are many historic inner city sites to visit as well. By late afternoon we will finish our tour in **Dresden** and travel to **Plauen** famous for its hand-stitched linens. Dinner and overnight in **Plauen**. **BD**

Day 5 Thursday, Dec. 1

After breakfast we will leave for **Seifen** in the "Erzgebirge" or Ore Mountains. The entire town has a true Christmas spirit. You will have the chance to visit a local folk history museum or toy museum as well as have time for shopping. Mid-afternoon return to **Plauen** for more shopping, sightseeing and our overnight stay. **B**

Day 6 Friday, Dec. 2

We will leave early and travel southward to **Waldsassen**. We will have a guided tour of the famous baroque library at the local Monastery and also visit the world renowned "Rosner" Gingerbread Company. Later, we will have lunch in **Steinwald** with a panoramic view of the Palatine and Bohemian Forest. From there we will continue on our journey southward to **Wildenreuth** where we will visit the Christmas Market at historic Wildenreuth Castle. We will have our overnight stay in the city of **Regensburg** on the **Danube River**. **B**



Dresden

Day 7 Saturday, Dec. 3

Today your morning is free to visit several Christmas Markets and perhaps the famous Regensburg Cathedral. You may want to have lunch in the world's oldest "Sausage Kitchen" near the Danube River before our excursion to **Abensberg**. There we will have a guided tour of Kuchelbauer's World of Beer and the "Hundertwasser" Building with the Christmas Market all around the tower. Our farewell Dinner will be at the unique country-style Deglbauer Restaurant in **Hernau**. Overnight in **Regensburg**. **BD**

Day 8 Sunday, Dec. 4

We will have an early morning transfer to the **Munich** Airport for our return flight to the USA. Sadly we say "Auf Wiedersehen" to our new friends and wish everyone a "**Merry Christmas**". Perhaps we will meet again on another VIP-Alpine Tours guided journey through the heart of Europe. **B**

Tour #2011
**15th Anniversary
Christmas Market Tour
Land tour \$1995
per person dbl. occ.
Single supplement \$399**

Included Features:

8 Days - 7 Nights
4 star hotel accommodations.
3 nights in **Rothenburg**, 2 nights in **Plauen**, 2 nights in **Regensburg**
Lavish breakfast buffet daily and 3 dinners. Roundtrip Deluxe 4-star Motorcoach transportation from and to Munich Airport. Escorted by our own VIP-Alpine Tours host/director. Sightseeing and excursions as planned, weather and road conditions permitting, including all admissions paid. Baggage handling (2 per person). Tax and sales charges for local services.

Not Included:

Roundtrip airfare from the USA. (We'll be glad to quote you the best airfare available and pre stay at a Munich hotel as well as post itineraries.) Meals not specified, laundry, daily beverages or sight-seeing not included in the itinerary, room service, mini-bar, and phone calls. We advise taking travel insurance in case of unforeseen sickness, accidents or travel delays. Contact us for a quote. **Recommended tips for the tour director and driver \$30 each per person.** Participants should be able to walk without assistance due to street and weather conditions.

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through the Bavarian Alps.**

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