

2025 Alpine Holiday Traditions - Christmas Markets of Germany and Austria

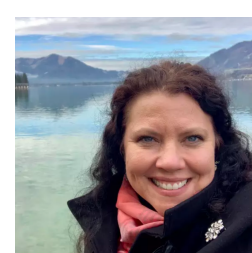
December 6 - December 14, 2025 (9 Days / 8 Nights)

Celebrating 30 years of Christmas Markets! 1995-2025



VIP Alpine Tours, LLC

Full Service Travel Company



Willkommen! Join VIP Alpine Tours President Christina Ernst for an unforgettable holiday season tour celebrating the best hidden gems of the Alps! Explore magical alpine villages, mystical Christmas markets in the forests, and enjoy majestic views of the Alps. Tour Austria's off the beaten path locations while staying in only two hotels. Experience the best of the Old World and visit charming Christmas Markets plus more!

Day 1 - Saturday, December 6

Depart by 10am from Munich, Germany. We will travel to Chiemsee and take a short boat ride to the Island of Fraueninsel. The magical Christmas market is situated around a Benedictine monastery and is the perfect way to begin our adventure! Afterwards we will continue to the charming spa village of Bad Ischl, Austria. Relax or explore the Christmas market from our hotel right in the center of town. Enjoy the next six nights in Bad Ischl. (D)

Day 2 - Sunday, December 7

Today we will head down a road less traveled of the Salzkammergut Region and visit a magical Christmas market in the forest. This enchanting Christmas market truly takes you back in time as you stroll around the old wooden huts alongside locals in traditional costumes selling beautiful handicrafts or enjoy a regional dish honoring old Austrian traditions. Optional evening visit to nearby village to watch one of the largest KRAMPUS runs in the region. Overnight Bad Ischl. (B)

Day 3 - Monday, December 8

A fun day awaits us as we follow the footsteps of the legendary film "Sound of Music!" All roads lead to Salzburg. We will enjoy free time at the Christmas market, which dates back to 1491. Enjoy shopping, sightseeing and exploring the Old Town. Afterwards we will continue on to the fairy-tale advent market of Hellbrunn Palace which is one of Christina's favorites. Evening return to Bad Ischl (B)

Day 4 - Tuesday, December 9

Awake to the sound of church bells in Bad Ischl. After breakfast we will head to the magical village of Hallstatt, which is one of the most photographed places in Austria. You will have some time to explore the lakeside village, or take the funicular train up the steep mountain slopes for magnificent views overlooking the Alps. There will be free time to explore Hallstatt before returning to Bad Ischl. The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure, you will have plenty of time to explore the town and Christmas market, go shopping and even thrifting, or set up spa treatments. (B)

Day 5 - Wednesday December 10

A delightful day awaits. We will visit a beautiful Christmas market on the shores of Lake Wolfgang. We will continue by boat to Saint Wolfgang. The Christmas markets here are truly beautiful with the backdrops of the lakes and mountains. We will enjoy a local farmer's dinner before returning to Bad Ischl. (B, D)

Day 6 - Thursday December 11

Today we have an unforgettable day of sightseeing as we explore the scenic countryside and mountains of Germany. We will stop briefly at the wayside church of Ramsau before heading to Berchtesgaden. The Berchtesgadener Advent takes place right in the historical center of town. This beautiful Christmas market is known for its traditional handicrafts. As daylight fades and twilight begins, we will have an opportunity to see St. Nikolaus and the Krampus, Knecht Ruprecht and numerous angels going around the town. Overnight Bad Ischl. (B)

Day 7 - Friday, December 12

Today we will depart for Altötting. For over 1250 years, this town has been the spiritual center of Bavaria, and for over 500 years, the most significant pilgrimage destination in Germany. Afterwards we will continue on to the Bavarian village of Freising for our next two nights. (B)

Day 9 - Saturday, December 13

After a hearty breakfast we will depart for Regensburg. The town has numerous postcard-worthy views and lots of historical beauty. It is known as the best-preserved medieval city in Germany. You will have time to shop and explore. Also do not forget to visit the romantic Thurn and Taxis Christmas Market and other sights. If you need to purchase luggage, Christina will gladly take you to TK (TJ) Maxx where they have been accustomed to seeing her groups year after year! Evening return to Freising for our Bavarian farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 9 Sunday December 14

Sadly our Alpine adventure ends. Early departure to the Munich airport. Happy Holidays hope to see you on another VIP Alpine Tour real soon!

Tour Details

\$2699 per person for double occupancy and add **\$550** single supplement

- Completed online application required for each participant. **\$500 Nonrefundable deposit required for each participant.**
- Final payment due by **September 15, 2025**
- Guaranteed Small Group! Limited to 26 passengers.
- Daily breakfast and 3 dinners included. B= Breakfast D= Dinner
- 9 days and 8 nights with accommodations in Bad Ischl and Freising. Roundtrip airport transfers included.
- Included sightseeing and excursions planned as per itinerary, weather and road conditions permitting.
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation, taxes and admission fees as mentioned are included. Motorcoach is not equipped to cater to physically challenged persons. Participants must be able to walk without assistance.
- NOT INCLUDED: Round-trip airfare from the USA (contact us for booking airfare and pre or post stays) as well as gratuities to our guides and drivers. Travel insurance is highly recommended., Contact us for rates and more information. Please note: Itinerary is subject to change. Inquire about our other Christmas Market Tours or other options such as cruises or additional independent stays. Please note: itinerary is subject to change. Price is subject to change due to global economic fluctuations. Price is guaranteed when paid in full.