

# 2026 Enchanted Alpine Christmas Markets - A Fairytale Journey through Southern Germany and Austria

December 4 - December 12, 2026 (9 Days / 8 Nights)



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 – Friday, December 4**  
Arrive at Munich International Airport and begin your journey into Austria's alpine countryside. Feel the magic of the season at the Silent Night Memorial Chapel, then wander through the glowing Christmas market at Hellbrunn Palace. Continue into the heart of the Alps to the storybook village of Bad Ischl, where we settle in for a six-night stay. Your hotel is perfectly placed in the center of town, with twinkling lights and festive markets just outside your door. This evening, we gather for a warm welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 2 – Saturday, December 5**  
This morning, we travel to the medieval town of Steyr, where every corner feels like a step back in time. Stroll through its charming streets, rich with centuries-old Christmas traditions. Step inside Austria's first Christmas Museum, where nostalgia and wonder come to life. Admire the colorful facades and historic buildings lining the festive squares. Return to Bad Ischl for a free evening—relax at the spa or head out in search of St. Nicholas and Krampus. (B)

**Day 3 – Sunday, December 6**  
Today is St. Nicholas Day, one of the most magical times to be here. Enjoy a slow morning in Bad Ischl and explore the local Christmas Market. Later, we venture into the hidden corners of the local region. Deep in the forest, a glowing market awaits, filled with lantern light, wooden huts, and the scent of mulled wine. This evening, gather for a cozy dinner in an alpine hut. Optional event: Experience one of the world's largest and most unforgettable Krampus parades in Bad Goisern. (B,D)

**Day 4 - Monday, December 7**  
Today is pure magic along the shores of Lake Wolfgang. We'll wander through lakeside villages glowing with soft lights, with the Alps rising all around us. A peaceful boat ride across the still water offers one of those quiet, unforgettable moments. Take your time at the markets—warm drink in hand, the scent of pine and mulled wine in the air. As dusk settles, we return to Bad Ischl, cozy and glowing from the day. (B)

**Day 5 – Tuesday, December 8**  
Today we cross into Germany for a truly unforgettable alpine experience. Pause at the peaceful Parish Church in Ramsau, set against a picture-perfect mountain backdrop. We will then sample our way through schnapps and eggnog before continuing to Berchtesgaden, where the Advent market fills the historic town with tradition and charm. After a full and festive day, we return to Bad Ischl. (B)

**Day 6 – Wednesday, December 9**  
This morning, we say goodbye to Bad Ischl and journey to the elegant city of Salzburg. The streets are alive with music, lights, and the scent of roasted chestnuts. Enjoy time to wander, shop, and soak in the festive atmosphere. Later, we continue into Bavaria to the charming town of Landshut. After check in relax or explore this wonderful hidden gem. (B)

**Day 7 – Thursday, December 10**  
We begin the day with a stop at a tucked-away antique market, filled with unique treasures and stories. Then it's on to Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. Wander cobblestone streets where every turn reveals something beautiful and historic. Enjoy time to shop, explore, or simply take it all in. If time allows, we'll visit a whimsical Christmas market known for its artisan charm. Return to Landshut. (B)

**Day 8 – Friday, December 11**  
Today we visit Augsburg, home to one of Germany's oldest Christmas markets dating back to the 15th century. Follow the enchanting "fairytale route," where decorated windows guide you through winding streets. Browse stalls filled with handmade gifts, ornaments, and seasonal treats. You may also visit one of the many wonderful museums or exhibitions or simply get some last minute shopping in. This evening, we gather for a special farewell dinner to celebrate an unforgettable journey. (B,D)

**Day 9 – Saturday, December 12**  
As your journey comes to a close, we transfer to Munich International Airport. Take with you the glow of Christmas markets, the beauty of the Alps, and memories that will stay with you long after the season ends. Happy Holidays and until we travel together again. ✨

OPTIONAL PRE AND POST TOURS AVAILABLE. Start or end your stay with additional time in Munich or combine with another city or even a river cruise! Our travel team can assist with making this an unforgettable vacation and handle all aspects of travel from hotels to airfare. The options are endless!

**\$2899 per person for double occupancy and add \$500 single supplement**

- Completed online application required for each participant.
- **\$500 Nonrefundable deposit required for each participant.**
- Final payment due by September 15, 2026
- Guaranteed Small Group! Limited to 26 passengers.
- 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners included. B= Breakfast D= Dinner
- 9 days and 8 nights with accommodations in Bad Ischl and Landshut. 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 or other destinations (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.