

## Christmas Markets



**Tour Name:** Christmas Markets

**Tour Code:** CHMA

**Days:** 15

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Budapest (D)</b> Relax and raise your glass to the days ahead at this evening's welcome reception.
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Budapest (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Join a guided tour of Budapest, or relax at the city's Thermal Baths and Spa. Alternatively, take an active hike to Buda Hill, or brave the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock.
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Vienna (B,L,D)</b> Enjoy the many splendid vistas as you cruise the beautiful Danube river. <b>Enrich</b> Be enthralled by a private classical evening concert at the enchanting Palais Liechtenstein.
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Vienna (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Take a guided tour of Vienna, or visit Schönbrunn Palace. Alternatively, learn about Viennese coffee culture during a guided tour, or cycle to the Danube Island. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring Vienna's magical Christmas markets.
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Dürnstein &gt; Melk (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Enjoy a guided bike ride from Dürnstein to Melk, or be guided through Melk's Benedictine Abbey. Alternatively, meet a Schnapps producer and sample some of the many flavours on offer.
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Salzburg (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Enjoy a guided tour of the Baroque Old Town of Salzburg, or join a walking tour focused on sights from the classic movie 'The Sound of Music'. <b>Enrich</b> Let the 'Best of The Sound of Music and Salzburg Show' transport you to another time and place.
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Regensburg (B,L,D)</b> Enjoy a guided walking tour of this fabulous city including its well-preserved medieval centre.
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Nuremberg (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Take a walking tour of this fascinating city, or visit moving WWII sites. Alternatively, join a gingerbread baking class.
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Bamberg (B,L,D)</b> Explore the old town of Bamberg with a local guide.
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Würzburg (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Take a guided tour of Rothenburg with time to wander the famed Reiterlesmarkt that has a history dating back to the 15th century, or stay in Würzburg and visit the Bishop's Residenz Palace and sample some delicious wine.
<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Miltenberg (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Visit a local monastery and learn about beer production, or meet a winemaker and join him for a taste of his fine wines. Alternatively, be introduced to a Baron and Baroness and discover how they celebrate Christmas, or opt to visit a Schnapps producer or a local farming family, and toast the festive season as you sample some of their produce.
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Rhine Gorge &gt; Rüdesheim (B,L,D)</b> Explore charming Rüdesheim, including a guided visit of Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Enjoy free time and perhaps try delicious glühwein or hot chestnuts amid the stalls.
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Cologne (B,L,D)</b> Take a guided tour through Cologne before time at leisure to explore the delights of the Christmas markets set with the wonderful Cathedral as their backdrop.
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Amsterdam (B,L,D)</b> <b>Freechoice:</b> Explore the city by bicycle, or by foot during a guided tour. Alternatively, experience an iconic canal cruise, or visit the villages of Schermerhorn & Alkmaar.
<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Amsterdam (B)</b> Depart after a wonderful farewell breakfast. Amsterdam is the end of your cruise, but it will be the start of wonderful memories. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above.