2025 Scandinavia, Estonia, Czech Republic & Germany Christmas Market Experience

28 Days fully escorted

17 November – 14 December 2025



Join us to Discover the European Christmas Markets Magic!

Join Sandra and Melissa to be mesmerised with the lights, hype and atmosphere only Europe can offer at this spectacular time of year. After a short break in Dubai we head to Copenhagen for the magical Christmas markets Højbro Plads, Nyhavn & Tivoli Gardens.

We explore the beautiful cities of Stockholm and Tallin before heading to Prague where we enjoy four days before joining our 6 Day Luxury Viking Christmas Market Cruise to Berlin. You will wake up each day to charming villages, towns and cities that embrace the holiday spirit and are fully in tune with the festive season.

Your tour escorts, Sandra and Melissa are well versed in these areas, experienced tour leaders who are passionate and avid Christmas fans, and this tour has been designed with this in mind!



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Trip Itinerary:

17 Nov Depart Christchurch, New Zealand

- 18-20 Nov **Dubai, UAE.** 2 Nights Dubai, including early check-in, includes day trip to to Abu Dhabi.
- 20-23 Nov **Copenhagen, Denmark.** 3 Nights to be charmed by the historic capital of Denmark. Visit the famous Christmas markets Højbro Plads, Nyhavn & Tivoli Gardens. Experience the historic delights such as the Little Mermaid Statue, Gefion Fountain, Amalienborg Palace & Rosenborg Castle. Canal cruise included
- 23-26 Nov **Stockholm, Sweden.** 3 Nights. Visit the Royal Palace of Stockholm, Dorrningholm Palace Vasa Museum and Nobel Museum. Includes walking tour of the old town. Experience the Christmas Magic at the Christmas Market on Gamla Stan the oldest in all of Sweden.
- 26-29 Nov **Tallinn, Estonia.** 3 Nights. The capital of Estonia and a city with rich history, and culture. This city is one of Europe's best preserved Medieval Cities now a UNESCO Heritage city with narrow streets lined with architectural gems from the 13th and 16th century. We have two full days here to visit the world-famous Christmas Market in Town Hall Square. This features a huge Christmas tree, wooden stalls and traditional Estonian crafts. You will find cozy shops, galleries, Museums and craft shops. A true winter wonderland, candles illuminate café windows beckoning you in for a cup of hot mulled wine, delicious hot chocolate or local glögi and a gourmet pastry or three! Try Ice-skating at Harju Hills, climb Helman Tower, walk the city walls, there is plenty to keep us occupied. Though the nights may be dark, winter is when you find Tallinn at its most enchanting.
- 29 Nov 3 Prague, Czech Republic. 4 Nights. Prague is known as the "City of a Hundred Spires" and it is easy to see why. The towering twin steeples of Týn Church and the beautiful baroque Church of St. Nicholas are among some of the city's most notable. Best explored on foot, Prague's Old Town is a maze of ancient cobblestone lanes with the Old Town Square at its core. Here, the medieval Astronomical Clock still chimes today and provides for its viewers a little theater with the "Walk of the Apostles" on the hour, every hour.
- 3 Dec Prague to Děčín, Czech Republic. Board our Luxury River Cruise. (Embarkation) Transfer to your ship and settle in. The Czech town of Děčín enjoys a pastoral setting amid green hills. The 13th-century king of Bohemia Ottokar II invited northern neighbours to settle here, forever giving the town a German flair. Though the 1945 Potsdam Agreement expelled postwar Germans, Děčín embraces its heritage in many of its architectural treasures, including its namesake castle and the 1906 buttercream- and azure-coloured synagogue, the only surviving structure of its kind in the former Sudetenland. Děčín's elegant beauty was inspiration for Polish composer Frédéric Chopin
- 4 Dec **Bad Schandau to Dresden, Germany** Sail through the magnificent, soaring rock formations of Saxon Switzerland. This spectacular region earned its name from two Swiss painters who were reminded of their home while visiting. You will witness some of the wildest cliff formations imaginable, with nicknames such as Catapult, Locomotive and Wolf's Ravine.
- 5 Dec **Dresden, Germany.** The scent of gingerbread, aromatic glühwein and roasted chestnuts has been filling the air of Dresden's Old Market Square since the mid-15th century. Traditional crafts, such as Ore Mountain folk art, Lusatian blue-printed fabrics and Moravian stars, are popular gifts, as is the city's famous Dresdner Christstollen, a delicious spiced fruit loaf. Each year, a festival dedicated to the regional specialty takes place, where a giant stollen weighing several tons is presented to the town and sold to raise funds for charitable causes.

INCLUSIONS:

- Return Economy Air Travel to/from Christchurch or Auckland, New Zealand.
- All accommodation in 4.5 to 5-star hotels with Breakfast daily.
- All transfers.
- Sightseeing in each exciting place.
- 6 day luxury Viking Cruise including all meals, sightseeing, select beverages with lunch & dinner, prepaid gratuities and port charges.
- Services and expertise of personal experienced tour leaders.
- Unforgettable experiences, and lifetime memories.
- Unique and special surprises on the way.



- 6 Dec Meissen, Germany. Surrounded by idyllic wine villages and set at a rocky spur on the Elbe, Meissen dates back more than a thousand years. The city is dominated by its 13th- and 14th-century Gothic cathedrals and Albrechtsburg Castle, perched on a low hill, considered one of the great achievements of German architecture. The introduction of porcelain here by Johann Friedrich Böttger in the early 18th century made Meissen world famous. Meissenware has been produced here eversince. Acrossthecity, the chimes of the Gothic Church of Our Lady's bells can be heard; they were the first church bells made of porcelain.
- 7 Dec Wittenberg, Germany. Wittenberg is an important center of culture and learning, known mostly as the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation. It was here that the Augustinian monk Martin Luther famously nailed his "95 Theses" against the selling of indulgences to the door of the palace church in 1517, launching the spread of a new religious movement throughout Europe. Wittenberg's incredibly preserved Old Town was spared destruction during World War II, and so its charming houses remain as they have for centuries, with those in the market square huddled around the beloved statue of Luther.
- 8 Dec **Potsdam, Germany (Disembarkation) to Berlin, Germany.** After breakfast, disembark your ship and transfer to your destination. Potsdam straddles one of the Elbe's main tributaries, the Havel River. It boasts a rich history that spans more than 1,000 years. Berlin, Germany - Arrive and check in to your hotel. After a decades-long postwar rift, Germany's capital has been reunified and undergone a remarkable rebirth as a center of art, culture and great architecture.
- 08-12 Dec **Berlin, Germany.** 4 Nights. The capital and the largest city of Germany. A city that boasts famous landmarks, Museums, 3 Opera Houses, Orchestras, Theatre, Architecture, where we take in many iconic sights. The oldest and most famous Christmas Market in Berlin city centre, the Roten Rathau, however there are many others within proximity. Known as Ku'damm by the locals, the tree lined boulevard is decked with fairy lights. Giant snowmen, Christmas trees, Santa and reindeer, all erected and lit up are guaranteed to enthral all that visit. Right in the heart of Berlin you can experience the thrill of a 12-meter high toboggining run, all while taking in the views of the Brandenburg Gate. A capital that sparkles and twinkles during the Festive season, and we may also experience a snowfall, which adds to the mystic of a European Christmas.
- 12 Dec **Depart Berlin** on our coach to the Airport for our flight to New Zealand.

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Arrive in Christchurch, New Zealand.

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* Pricing & itinerary subject to change due to currency or availability changes. Tour costs are based on 12 people travelling, twin share and category F on the Viking Cruise.