London & Europe Christmas Market Experience

20 Days fully escorted, 24 November – 14 December 2022



Have you ever wondered what bustling London would be like in the Christmas season? Join Melissa and Sandra to be mesmerized with the lights, hype and atmosphere only London can offer at this

spectacular time of the year. Then after 5 festive nights, we head to Europe for the magical winter Christmas markets of Switzerland, France and Germany and how else to visit them all than on luxury river cruise. 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. We will also have 2 Nights in Zurich to explore prior to departing on our River Cruise. Your tour escorts, Melissa & Sandra, are well versed in these areas, experienced tour leaders plus are HUGE Christmas and foodie fans so this tour has been designed with that in mind!





Itinerary

Date	Itinerary
24 Nov	Depart New Zealand for 2 Nights in Singapore.
24-26 Nov	Singapore. We have one full day to explore Singapore and take in the tastes and sounds of the east.
26 Nov	Singapore - London Today we say goodbye to the bustling metropolis of Singapore with a flight to London.
26 Nov to 01 Dec	London. 5 Nights / 4 days in London to experience London's lights and Christmas markets. We have lots of hidden gems along the way including high teas, night tour of London seeing the stunning lights with opportunities to walk around, free time and so much more.
01 Dec	London - Zurich. Today we farewell this truly exciting city and fly to Zurich
01 -03 Dec	Zurich 2 Nights in Zurich we will explore this city together and some free time to shop and wander around.
03-12 Dec	Luxury River Cruise. (Embarkation) We embark on our luxury river cruise our home for the next 10 days.
Day 1	BASEL, SWITZERLAND (EMBARKATION). Welcome to Switzerland: Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Stroll through the city center, enjoy the festive illumination and savor Christmas delicacies like waffles, gingerbread, sweets and Swiss raclette. EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH (D)
Day 2	BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST. Visit a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German wine-making and enjoy a wine tasting, or join a Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG (B,L,D
Day 3	STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Joyeux Noel in Strasbourg - Come along for City Sightseeing, including the city's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SPEYER (B,L,D)
Day 4	SPEYER, GERMANY. HEIDELBERG EXCURSION. Winter Wonders and a Wine Barrel Fit for a King - Take a Guided Tour that includes the magnificent Heidelberg Castle and the Great Vat—the world's largest wine barrel. After the tour, visit the local German Christmas markets Heidelberg. EVENING/OVERNIGHT TO STRASBOURG (B,L,D)
Day 5	FRANKFURT. EXCURSION TO RUDESHEIM. Eat, drink, and be merry in Wine Country. Tour the incredible Mechanical Music

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MAIN RIVER VILLAGE (B,L,D)

Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience in Rudesheim, enjoy a special treat. Don't miss the tantalizing treats, and seasonal

handiwork of sparkling winter wonderlands in the city. EVENING/

- Day 6 MAIN RIVER VILLAGE. Hidden gifts and holiday delights in beautiful Bavaria. Take a Guided Tour of a picturesque village along the Main River. Or join a Cookie-Baking Demonstration on board your ship while sailing. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WURZBURG (B.L.D)
- Day 7 WURZBURG. Old Saint Nick and Nutcrackers Sweet Take a
 Guided Sightseeing Tour of the "Pearl of the Romantic Road"
 with its Old Main Bridge, towering fortress, and baroque
 Bishop's Residence. Join a Guided Optional Excursion to the
 beautiful Bavarian town of Rothenburg. Visit the Kathe Wohlfahrt
 German Christmas Museum-the world's most extensive
 collection of traditional German Christmas decorations. Spend
 free time enjoying the festive, Wurzburg's Christmas markets.
 EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BAMBERG (B,L,D)
- Day 8 **BAMBERG** Christmas Customs and Cradle Scenes Enjoy an onboard Christmas Traditions Lecture while sailing. Or join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Bamberg-medieval home of Germany's Roman Empire dynasties. Stroll through Bamberg's nativity scenes-from miniature to life-size. Take free time to enjoy the quaint Christmas markets, and warm up with traditional German cuisine and a glass of hearty Bavarian ale. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO NUREMBERG (B,L,D)
- Day 9 NUREMBERG. Legends and History Lessons Choose a Guided Tour of Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, Gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle, or join a Guided Tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds-used by the Third Reich. Spend free time browsing the spruce stalls of the Christmas Markets of Nuremberg. Sample favorite Bavarian fare and Christkindlmarkt culinary delights. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN NUREMBERG (B,L,D)
- Day 10 **NUREMBERG (DISEMBARKATION).** Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. (B)
- 12 Dec **Depart Frankfurt.** Today we are transferred to Frankfurt Airport to start our journey home.
- 14 Dec Arrive in New Zealand.

INCLUSIONS:

- » Return Economy Air Travel to/from Christchurch or Auckland
- » All transfers
- » 2 Nights Singapore with accommodation & sightseeing
- » 5 Nights London with accommodation & sightseeing
- » 2 dinners & 1 High Tea in London
- 2 Nights Zurich with accommodation & sightseeing
- » 10 Days luxury European River Cruise including all meals, select beverages, prepaid gratuities and port charges
- » 4 & 5 star Hotel accommodation
- » Breakfast daily
- » Some unique and special surprises along the way
- » Services and expertise of personal experienced tour leaders to Christmas markets
- » All covid related requirements will be taken care of throughout

 $^{^\}star$ Pricing & itinerary subject to change due to currency or availability changes. Tour costs are based on 15 people travelling.