

Dec 6 & 7 Vienna, Austria: Depart from Austria's capital, but not before you've spent time exploring this hub of exciting European culture. Thriving with an eclectic mix of music, art and romance, visit masterpiece-filled museums, breathtaking opera houses and concert halls, and bustling shopping and dining districts, all set within beautiful, Baroque-style, streetscapes.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN VIENNA:

The main Christmas Market is held in front of the magnificent City Hall. Featuring over 150 stalls, as well as an ice-skating rink and fairground rides for children, this is a striking setting for a seasonal shopping trip.

Dec 8 Krems & Spitz, Austria: Spend the morning admiring some of Krems' iconic landmarks – including the old Stadtburg and St. Veit parish church – or discovering the quaint Old Town's historic buildings and cosy cafes, with the chance for a complimentary sweet treat at a local chocolate shop. The afternoon brings a short stop in Spitz, one of Wachau Valley's most tranquil spots, featuring a picturesque Old Town surrounded by lush forests and vineyards.

Dec 9 Linz, Austria: The UNESCO Creative City of Linz embraces past, present and future within its incredible setting. With daring public art installations and a cutting-edge cultural scene, this city has its finger on the pulse, but still harbours its charming historic features and traditions. Don't miss a journey on the continent's steepest traction railway to soak up a truly breathtaking, panoramic view of the city.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN SALZBURG & ČESKY KRUMLOV:

Whilst in Linz, savour a complimentary excursion to the Salzburg or Česky Krumlov Christmas Markets, with time to admire the region's sparkling Christmas décor and take part in a festive gingerbread workshop.

Dec 10 Melk, Austria: Cruise into the charming riverside city of Melk, an unmissable stop on any journey along the Danube. Medieval buildings characterise the city, along with stunning landscapes, which provide a picturesque gateway to the Wachau Valley. Perhaps two of the city's most famous features, visit the elegant Artstetten Castle or the Baroque masterpiece of Melk Abbey, which each reveal the true charm of the city's ancient history.



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Dec 11 Bratislava, Slovakia: Slovakia's capital city leads visitors down a maze of cobblestone streets to witness its collection of colourful 18th century buildings. Spend your day here uncovering cafes, churches and hidden courtyards, whilst some 50 museums, 20 art galleries and nearly 30 theatres exhibit how art and culture are a deeply rooted tradition in Bratislava.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN BRATISLAVA:

A complimentary panoramic tour of the city will conclude in the historic Hviezdoslav's Square, which sets the scene for Bratislava's magical Christmas Market. Here you'll have time to browse through the stalls and perhaps savour some delicious mulled wine.

Dec 12 & 13 Budapest, Hungary: Your final port of call, Budapest truly brings grandeur to the banks of the Danube. Hungary's capital city is often characterised by its buildings, many with domes and spires, and backdrop of rolling hills, which withhold a plethora of both local and international cultures. Take a charming carriage ride through the woodland, tour the iconic Hungarian Parliament Building or engage in a guided walk through the old Jewish District – each turn is sure to take you along a new path of discovery.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN BUDAPEST:

Explore the Budapest Christmas Fair and Winter Festival in Vörösmarty Square, accompanied by the scent of traditional honey cookies, cinnamon and roasting chestnuts.

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