



## Frankfurt to Luzern German Christmas Holiday

### Celebrate Christmas in the heart of the German Black Forest

**A perfect mix of medieval charm, enchanting Christmas Markets, historic castles, and picturesque landscapes**

Imagine staying deep in the heart of the German Black Forest over Christmas. Visit medieval towns and explore Christmas Markets on cobblestoned streets.

Explore the magnificent Hohenzollern Castle and visit Gengenbach's town hall illuminated with the world's largest advent calendar.



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners  
Welcome drink in Frankfurt  
15 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 7 evening meals (D)



7 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation  
Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)  
Free WiFi at hotels



Local guides as described in the itinerary  
Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)  
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides  
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager



ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described





## Frankfurt

Day 1



**Maritim Hotel Frankfurt, Germany**

9Ψ D

Your tour commences this evening in wonderful Frankfurt: a city of contrasts – from modern skyscrapers to beautifully maintained old buildings. There is so much to see and do in the city centre. Dinner tonight is included in your hotel but first, enjoy a welcome drink. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

## Heidelberg, Baden Baden Christmas Markets and Hornberg

Day 2



**Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany**

9Ψ B,D

The ancient university town of Heidelberg is only an hour's drive away. Set in the wooded Neckar Valley, with its twin towered bridge and red sandstone castle, we spend the morning here. Moving on to delightful Baden Baden you will have time to explore the Christmas Market, which is set against the picturesque backdrop of the Kurhaus and the colonnades lit up by thousands of lights, in the heart of the festively decorated old town. Late afternoon we drive deep into the Black Forest to the village of Hornberg where we stay for the next six nights over Christmas. During your stay all breakfasts and dinners are included and there is also Turkey lunch on Christmas Day.

## Medieval Strasbourg and picture perfect Gengenbach

Day 3



**Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany**

9Ψ B,D

After a leisurely departure this morning we cross the River Rhine and enter France to visit Strasbourg. A local guide will join us to bring to life this historic medieval town. The rest of the day is free to explore the old town. The Christmas Markets around the Place de la Cathédrale and Place Broglie are beautifully decorated and a delight. This traditional Christmas Market, which dates back to 1570, is one of the oldest and finest, and boasts one of the highest Christmas trees in Europe. Time to do that last minute shopping, indulge in the mulled wine, ginger biscuits and 'Bredele' (small Alsatian biscuits), take in the music, fabulously decorated trees and folklore displays. Late afternoon we cross back into Germany and make a very special stop in the picture postcard village of Gengenbach. The ornate Christmas markets are set in the old town centre which dates back hundreds of years. Behind the giant Christmas tree, the beautiful 18th century town hall becomes the largest advent calendar in the world. Our visit is timed so we are in the markets after dusk as the advent calendar window is opened in celebration.

## Cuckoo Clocks and Lake Titisee

Day 4



**Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany**

9Ψ B,D

Christmas Eve! An exciting day as we drive through the conifers and snow covered meadows to reach Hofgut Sternen - 'the Black Forest Village' to discover how cuckoo clocks are made, and to enjoy Black Forest gâteau and coffee. Afterwards we enjoy lunchtime on nearby beautiful Lake Titisee. This afternoon, back at your hotel, we have included afternoon tea with Christmas biscuits and later this evening relax and enjoy our traditional festive Christmas Eve dinner.

## Christmas Day – 'My Time' in Hornberg, a winter walk and the 'Hornberg Shooting'

Day 5



**Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany**

9Ψ B,L,D

Christmas Day as it should be...in a wonderful location – relaxing, eating, drinking and definitely no Indiana Jones repeats or visits from long, lost relatives! This is a day to relax and savour the delights of the valley you are staying in. Nearby you will find numerous hiking paths and walkways to enjoy.

A Christmas Day Turkey lunch is included at your hotel. Mid afternoon we have included a guided village walk, followed by cookies and glühwein (mulled wine). Later we gather for 'the Hornberger shooting'. This historical re-enactment provides insight into the local event which took place in 1576.

## Black Forest Museum & spectacular 'Christmas Magic' in Triberg

Day 6



Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany



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Boxing Day!

A leisurely morning in your castle hotel to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

This afternoon in Triberg we visit the Schwarzwald Museum (Black Forest Museum). Afterwards, we see 'Christmas Magic' – a spectacular illumination that transforms the area around the Triberg waterfalls.

## Gothic Freiburg, 'Royal Winter Magic' at Hohenzollern Castle & medieval Banquet dinner

Day 7



Hotel Schloss, Hornberg, Germany



B,D

This morning we are joined by our local guide when we visit the capital of the Black Forest – the Gothic city of Freiburg. Sensitively restored, Freiburg is one of the most charming German cities located where the Black Forest meets the Rhine Plain. Arcaded shopping streets and little streams lead through the old town to its great Gothic Münster with a splendid tower and richly decorated interior. This afternoon we have included a glorious visit to the 'Royal Winter Magic' at Hohenzollern Castle with its many towers and turrets which are surrounded by ramps and fortifications. The castle rises majestically from atop an 855 metre high mountain overlooking the Swabian Alb (Highlands). We will use a local shuttle bus to travel up the wooded road from the coach park to the castle. The Royal Winter Magic event promises to indulge you with enchanting illuminations and festive decorations both inside and out. Tonight we indulge in our farewell Medieval Banquet in the cellars of the Schloss.

## To Luzern

Day 8



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This morning it is time to say farewell as your tour ends with a transfer to Luzern, via Zürich (drop off at Airport and train station in the city centre). We recommend that you book flights that depart Zurich after 2pm today.

## Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



**Heidelberg**  
Visit Heidelberg



**Baden Baden**  
Christmas Market  
Walk through Baden  
Baden



**Hornberg**  
Christmas in the  
Black Forest



**Strasbourg**  
River cruise



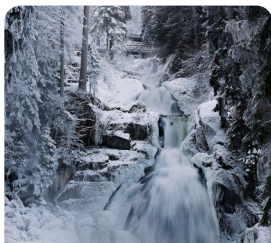
**Gengenbach**  
Visit to Gengenbach



**Lake Titisee in  
winter**  
Visit to Lake Titisee



**Hohenzollern  
Castle**  
Visit to Hohenzollern  
Castle



**Triberg Waterfalls**  
Triberg waterfalls in  
winter



**Freiburg**  
Freiburg visit

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 10:34 on 17th May 2024

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	
21 Dec 2024	28 Dec 2024	AUD\$4,487	AUD\$4,937	● Space Available

\* All 2024/25 dates, prices, itineraries and hotels are tentative and may be subject to change. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- ✈ Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- ✈ The Hotel Schloss in Hornberg, where you stay for 5 nights does not have a lift. We are able to request ground floor rooms for those with accessibility issues but these cannot be guaranteed until discussed with our sales team.
- ✈ We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes, thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. You will be comfortable when travelling as your first class coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
- ✈ Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>

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