



Reformation Tours, LLC presents

Silent Night Christmas Markets Tour

December 5-13, 2018

Oberndorf ▪ Salzburg ▪ Nuremberg ▪ Rothenburg ▪ Bamberg ▪ Erfurt ▪ Ore Mountains ▪ Prague



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On Christmas Eve 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, in the small village of Oberndorf near Salzburg. As this is the 200th anniversary of its first performance, it's the perfect time for a Christmas tour. We've included some of the very best European markets in Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic, so you can buy hand-crafted items, enjoy a warm glass of mulled wine (Glühwein), and sample some delicious stollen. As a special treat, we have tickets to the famous Advent Carol Service in Salzburg, featuring over 150 singers, musicians, and actors, who will perform Christmas carols and Alpine music.



Your tour host is Taree McGee, graduate from McKendree University. Since retiring from the English Department at Belleville East High School, Taree frequently leads tours with the Professional Tour Guides of St. Louis. She has hosted several European tours for Reformation Tours, to England, France, and Italy. She is an avid supporter and guide for the Nine Network (PBS), and is a member of local St. Louis organizations including Forest Park Forever, Missouri Botanical Gardens, and the St. Louis Art Museum.

IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

Day 1: Wednesday, December 5, 2018: Depart North America

We will depart from the USA today. Flight bookings and pre-tour arrangements can be made through Reformation Tours. **(IF)**

Day 2: Thursday, December 6, 2018: Munich

Upon our arrival at Munich airport we will be welcomed by our German, bilingual tour director and board the waiting motor coach. In the afternoon we will have an orientation tour of Munich, including the Marienplatz and the town hall with its delightful Glockenspiel. We will also enjoy our first Christmas Market and sample a glass of Glühwein, which is a hot wine punch. After time to browse the market, we will check-in to our hotel south of Munich. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Friday, December 7, 2018: Oberndorf, Salzburg

After enjoying the breakfast buffet in the hotel, we will travel to the Silent Night Chapel in Oberndorf, Austria. The original poem was written by a priest from Salzburg, called Joseph Mohr. He asked Franz Xaver Gruber to compose the music, so that it could be used for the Christmas Eve service. It's such a popular carol that UNESCO declared "Silent Night" part of our "intangible cultural heritage." We will have time to visit the Christmas Market around the chapel before heading to Salzburg. A local guide will take us on a musical tour of Salzburg in the footsteps of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and many other composers and musicians. In the evening we will enjoy the festive "Salzburg Advent Singing" concert in the grand festival hall. More than 150 singers, musicians, and actors are involved in this moving performance of Christmas carols and Alpine music. We'll overnight in Salzburg this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 4: Saturday, December 8, 2018: Nuremberg, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber

We will return to Germany this morning to visit the world-famous Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg. While we are in Nuremberg, we'll also visit the castle, before ending the day in an historic hotel inside the medieval town walls of picturesque Rothenburg ob der Tauber. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Sunday, December 9, 2018: Bamberg, Erfurt

This morning we will visit Bamberg, where we will see the world's largest exhibition of Nativity Scenes which are displayed in local churches and at the Christmas Market. We will continue our drive through the Thuringian Forest to Erfurt, where Martin Luther spent many years in the Augustinian Monastery. The Christmas Market is on the



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large marketplace in front of the Cathedral, and we'll also have time to explore the historic center. Among the things to see is the Merchant's bridge, lined by many little houses and stores. We will overnight in Erfurt. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Monday, December 10, 2018: Ore Mountains

Germany has many wonderful traditional Christmas foods and crafts, and many of these originate in the Ore Mountains region. This entire area with its many little villages is a Christmas.wonderland. We will visit the Christmas Market in Annaberg-Buchholz and also take a look into a local workshop to see how the local Christmas craftwork, such as candle pyramids and arches, are made. We will overnight in the region. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Tuesday, December 11, 2018: Ore Mountains, Prague

We will travel to Prague in the Czech Republic, which is the final stop on our Christmas tour. We will check in to our hotel after arrival in the "Golden City" and enjoy the evening in the old center of Prague. The center of town houses one huge Christmas Market. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Wednesday, December 12, 2018: Prague

A local guide will take us on a sightseeing tour this morning. We will see the Hradshin castle district, make our way down over the Charles Bridge, and end at the historic astronomical clock at the town square. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the Christmas Market. Our festive farewell dinner will be in a historic restaurant tonight. **(B/D)**



Day 9: Thursday, December 13, 2018: Return

Our motor coach takes us to Prague airport today for our homebound flights. **(B/IF)**

Tour Price: *\$2,999 per person land only

*Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 participants.

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Baggage handling when available
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation
- Single supplement (\$150)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)
- Gratuities for tour director and driver

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
- Final invoices will be sent in August 2018
- Final payments will be due no later than September 21, 2018
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit until 100 days prior to departure, a \$100 per person penalty will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days prior to departure, a \$350 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit will be charged for cancellation. Anyone canceling 14 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund. In the unlikely event the tour does not reach minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

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We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar, the number of participants and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee.

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