

Sample Itinerary

Bavaria's most romantic Christmas markets (7 days)

Nuremberg (Nürnberg) – Coburg – Bamberg –
Rothenburg o.d.T. – Munich (München)



DAY 1 **USA – Nuremberg (Nürnberg)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Nuremberg**

Arrival in Nuremberg

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Nuremberg

Places of Interest:

- Old walled city with crafts shops and gothic churches
- Lutheran Lorenz Church
- Kaiserburg Castle
- Church of St. Sebaldus
- Church of Our Lady
- Albrecht Durer House
- Renaissance Town hall
- Toy Museum
- Germanic National Museum
- Documentation Center on the former Nazi Party rally grounds about Nürnberg in the Third Reich

Nuremberg – Visitors to Nuremberg, a lively city with a medieval feel, will find evidence of its 950-year old history at every turn. Having been severely damaged during World War II, the medieval city center with its main buildings has been reconstructed using the original stone. Thick walls with 80 towers enclose the historical old quarter, where beautiful works of art in the Gothic churches, like the impressive Church of Our Lady, bear testament to the city's heyday – not to mention the impressive Kaiserburg Castle above the city. Nuremberg also was the First free imperial town to adopt the Reformation. In December, the city hosts one of Germany's oldest and most famous Christmas markets, the "Christkindlesmarkt" (Christ Child market), with local 'Bratwurst', traditional gingerbread and handcrafted goods. Eagerly awaited in particular by younger visitors is the appearance of the Christmas Angel at the opening ceremony.



Kaiserburg Castle



Christmas Angel at the Christmas Market

Visit to Christmas market on Hauptmarkt Square (For dates and further visitor information please check www.christkindlesmarkt.de/english)

DAY 2
Cont'd **Nuremberg**

Dinner at the 500 years old restaurant "Goldenes Posthorn" (Alternative: Bratwurst at the Christmas market)

Goldenes Posthorn

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Overnight in Nuremberg

DAY 3 **Nuremberg – Coburg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to gingerbread factory Lebkuchen-Schmidt

Lebkuchen-Schmidt GmbH & Co. KG

Zollhausstrasse 30

90469 Nuremberg

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Transfer to Coburg – 68 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Lunch

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Veste Coburg Fortress
- Ehrenburg Castle with Library
- Rosenau Castle
- Callenberg Castle
- Mint Master's house

**DAY 3
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Coburg – Bamberg

Places of interest (cont'd):

- St. Moritz Church
- St. Augustine Church
- Market Square
- Castle Square

Coburg – A lively city, rich in tradition. The seat of power of the dukes of Saxony-Coburg and Gotha for a long time and the meeting place of European high nobility, the City became part of Bavaria only in 1920 by a referendum. Nevertheless, the former residence had remained a lovely blend of Franconia and Thuringia. With the fortress towering high above the city, its art collections, Ehrenburg Castle (a former Franciscan Monastery), and the State Theatre, Coburg houses cultural and art treasures of international renown. In Coburg's idyllic corner, half-timbered houses, medieval alleys, and lovingly created parks are an inspiration to take a stimulating stroll. Succumb to the charm of the historical city centre and enjoy the colorful happenings around the marketplace, particularly the Christmas market with its little booths and Bratwurst stands.



Ehrenburg Palace



Christmas market on Market Square

Visit to Christmas market on historical Market Square (For dates and further visitor information please check www.coburger-weihnachtsland.de)

Transfer to Bamberg – 33 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner at brewery restaurant Schlenkerla

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Bamberg**

Overnight in Bamberg

DAY 4 **Bamberg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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Bamberg – During its period of greatest prosperity, from the 12th century onwards, the architecture of Bamberg strongly influenced northern Germany and Hungary. In the late 18th century it was the centre of the Enlightenment in southern Germany, with eminent philosophers and writers such as Hegel and Hoffmann living there. Bamberg's nicknames - the "Seven Hill City" or "Franconian Rome" - refer to the part situated on the hills. Cathedral Hill was the spiritual and secular centre of power in the diocese of Bamberg from the 11th century until 1802. This is where some of the UNESCO town's best-known and prominent buildings are located, including the Imperial Cathedral, the baroque New Residence, the Old Court and the St. Michael Monastery. Altenburg Castle which towers above the city, the greenery of the hills and the church spires, which can be spotted from afar, are typical landmarks. Bamberg's Christmas market is located on Max Square in the old quarter.



Crafts stand at the Christmas market



Rottmeisterhaus in the Old Quarter

Places of Interest:

- New Residence Castle with rose garden
- Monastery St. Michael
- Little Venice
- Cathedral Square with St. Peter and George Cathedral and Old Court

DAY 4
Cont'd **Bamberg – Rothenburg**

Places of interest (cont'd):

- Altenburg Castle
- Old Quarter Island Town
- Old Quarter Mountain Town
- Rottmeister House
- Museum of History in the Old Court
- Franconian Brewery Museum

Visit to Christmas market on Max Square including lunch snack (For dates and further visitor information please contact Bamberg Tourist Office)

Transfer to Rothenburg – 94 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Visit to Christmas market on Green Market square (For dates and further visitor information please contact Rothenburg Tourist Office)

Dinner

Overnight in Rothenbug

DAY 5 **Rothenburg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Old Town with town wall and western town gate
- Old Town Hall
- St. Jakob Church
- St. Wolfgang Church
- Franziskaner Church
- Käthe Wohlfahrt Store
- Christmas Museum
- Toppler Castle

DAY 5
Cont'd **Rothenburg – Munich (München)**

Rothenburg – A walk around Rothenburg, a small town on Germany's idyllic Romantic Road is like taking a journey down the centuries. Its proud town hall, lofty towers and stout town walls, its churches and patrician houses bear witness to its history as a powerful free imperial town. With its elaborate half-timbered buildings and imposing fortifications, the Rothenburg townscape is still much as it was in the Middle Ages. In December, the traditional "Reiterlesmarkt" Christmas market opens on Green Market square behind city hall. And there is a place where it is *always* Christmas: the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt store.



Christmas in the Old Town

Lunch

Transfer to Munich – 159 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner at Augustiner Restaurant

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Overnight in Munich

DAY 6 **Munich**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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DAY 6
Cont'd **Munich**

Places of Interest:

- Residenz Castle
- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- "Alter Peter" Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church
- Marien Square and Town Hall
- Bavaria Film Studios
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market "Viktualienmarkt"
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

Munich – the capital of Bavaria has a lot of attractions to offer for all ages and tastes. Whether you are interested in history, architecture or art; whether you enjoy strolling through the parks, fancy attractions like a trip to the Bavaria Film Studios or long for a visit to one of Munich's famous traditional beer gardens, you'll always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Munich is also home to 46 museums, 56 theaters, 2 opera houses, and of course the world famous Oktoberfest which attracts millions of visitors from all over the world each year. Take a romantic stroll through the old parts of the city around Marien Square, Viktualien Market and Odeon Square to see how Munich's past is still lived in the every day life, enjoy a walk along the Isar river and its beautiful embankments, or visit the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace. During Christmas season, the historical center around Marien Square turns into winter wonderland (see also front page).



Aerial view of Munich



Christmas Market by the City Hall

Lunch

Visit to Christmas market on Marien Square (For dates and further visitor information please contact Munich Tourist Office)

Free time at leisure

DAY 6
Cont'd **Munich**

Dinner at the Hofbräuhaus brewery

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DAY 7 **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA