

Sample Itinerary

Christmas Markets Tour through Baden-Württemberg (6 days)

Stuttgart – Rottweil – Villingen-Schwenningen – Gengenbach – Lahr –
St. Blasien – Freiburg – Constance (Konstanz) – Ulm



DAY 1 **USA – Stuttgart**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Stuttgart**

Arrival in Stuttgart

Transfer to hotel and check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour

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DAY 2
Cont'd

Stuttgart

Places of interest:

- State Gallery
- Opera
- Parliament Building
- Historic Center
- Medieval Old Palace
- New Palace and Schlossplatz Square
- Mercedes-Benz Museum
- Porsche Museum
- TV Tower

Stuttgart – For four weeks in the run-up to Christmas, Stuttgart is transformed into a magical winter wonderland. More than 250 stallholders offer seasonal wares, while concerts in the courtyard of the Old Palace set the festive tone. The superbly decorated roofs of the traditional wooden booths add to the overall charm. Amid the enchanting ambience, people from all over the world enjoy the city's famous Black Forest fruit loaf washed down with a mug of hot Glühwein.



Christmas Market in Stuttgart

Visit to local Christmas Market

Dinner

Overnight in Stuttgart

DAY 3

Stuttgart – Rottweil

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Rottweil in the Black Forest – 60 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to local Christmas Market & the historic town

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DAY 3
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Rottweil – Villingen-Schwenningen

Places of Interest:

- Old Town Hall
- Minster of the Holy Cross
- Hochturm tower
- Town Museum
- Chapel Church with tower
- Dominican Church
- Apostle Fountain

Rottweil – The oldest town in Baden-Württemberg, established 73 AD by the Romans. The splendid appearance of Rottweil is enlivened by the numerous artistically wrought iron signs which differ in their shapes, colours and ideas. An increasing number of traders and craftsmen used them to advertise their services. Signs of mediaeval buildings also include the numerous towers, fountains and bridges which give the centre of Rottweil its characteristic appearance.



View of the historic town

Lunch

Transfer to Villingen-Schwenningen in the Black Forest – 16 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to local Christmas Market

Villingen-Schwenningen Tourist Office

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Places of Interest:

- Minster
- Muslen Square
- Clock Museum
- Clock Industry Museum
- Neckar Source
- Aviation Museum
- Church of Our Lady
- Franciscan Museum and Concert Hall
- Towers of the Old Town Wall of Villingen

DAY 3
Cont'd **Villingen-Schwenningen – Gengenbach**

Villingen-Schwenningen – A small twin town beautifully surrounded by the Black Forest. Villingen-Schwenningen has a long history of clock production which can be learned about in the clock museum and the clock industry museum. Apart from well kept half-timbered houses and Villingen’s medieval town wall with its towers visitors are also invited to enjoy a tour through the aviation museum, or visit the source of the river Neckar. In December, Villingen-Schwenningen’s Christmas market is set up in front of the minster with its unique tower.



Minster Tower

Transfer to Gengenbach – 42 miles (by car or coach)

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Places of interest:

- Town Hall
- Old Town Wall Towers
- Raftman’s Museum
- Benedictine Abbey
- Town Church of St. Mary
- Angel Alley with half-timbered houses

Gengenbach – A tourist destination on the western edge of the Black Forest. Travellers approaching Gengenbach are greeted from afar by the church- and watchtowers that invite them into the historical town centre, where narrow alleys lead them to picturesque corners. On the market square, the stone knight on top of the fountain is a sign of the pride of the former free imperial town, just as the over 200 year-old town-hall. Gengenbach is also home to the World’s Largest Advent Calendar House – the 24 windows of the town hall serve as the “doors” of the calendar.



The Town Hall at Christmas time

DAY 3
Cont'd **Gengenbach**

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Gengenbach

DAY 4 **Gengenbach – Lahr – St. Blasien**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Lahr – 14 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to local Christmas Market

Lahr Tourist Office (in the Old Town Hall)

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Places of interest:

- Old Town hall
- New Town hall
- Burgheimer Church
- St. Peter and Paul Church
- Stork Tower

Lahr – The town is set in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the Black Forest. With colourful vineyards, Lahr offers unlimited opportunities for culture, shopping, leisure and relaxation, in addition to hosting an authentic Christmas Market in the winter season.



Nutcrackers

Transfer to St. Blasien via Glottertal – 68 miles (by car or coach)

St. Blasien Tourist Office

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DAY 4
Cont'd **St. Blasien – Freiburg**

Places of Interest:

- Benedictine Abbey
- Cathedral
- Town Hall

St. Blasien – A town with a population of 4,000, located in the forest hills in the Black Forest. The town is known for its impressive dome Cathedral, third in size only to St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome and Les Invalides in Paris. Visit during the Christmas Season to experience their Christmas Market.



Stall with toys and figurines

Lunch

Visit to the Cathedral of St. Blasien

Visit local Christmas Market

Transfer to Freiburg via Titisee and Höllental – 34 miles (by car or coach)

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Places of interest:

- Minster
- Historical department store
- Medieval town wall towers
- Old Quarter
- Swabian Gate
- Schlossberg mountain, also accessible with cable cars
- Franciscan Monastery
- Town Hall Square
- Museum of Modern Art

DAY 4
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Freiburg

Freiburg – Freiburg Christmas market in the heart of the beautiful old quarter is a delight for young and old. Traditional arts and crafts on offer include hand-blown glass art and wooden toys, and there is also a candle workshop. Tempting aromas of Glühwein, bratwurst and honey gingerbread drift through the town's beautifully illuminated lanes. Children can bake their own treats in the Christmas bakery and create handicrafts in the Land of Lights.



The Minster by night

Visit to Freiburg's Christmas Market

Dinner

Overnight in Freiburg

DAY 5

Freiburg – Constance (Konstanz)

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Constance – 78 miles (by car or coach)

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Places of interest:

- Harbor by Lake Constance with Imperia Statue
- Town Hall
- Old Town Wall with towers
- Minster
- St. Stephan Church
- Trinity Church
- Petershausen Monastery with Archaeological Museum
- Dominican Monastery on Dominican Island (nowadays a hotel)

DAY 5 **Constance (Konstanz) – Ulm**

Constance – With a population of more than 82,000, the historical town of Constance is the largest town on Lake Constance (German: Bodensee). This lively university town has managed to keep itself true to the long-standing traditions of trade and culture right up until the present day. Enjoy a stroll through the old town which has remained relatively unchanged since the Middle Ages. Constance is uniquely located on the shores of Lake Constance and the River Rhine. The town's Christmas market spreads from the historical town down to the harbor.



Christmas Market

Visit to local Christmas Market

Lunch

Transfer to Ulm – 78 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Minster
- Old fishermen's quarter with half-timbered houses
- Old Town Hall
- Promenade on the old town walls
- Green Court
- Wiblingen Monastery
- Paulus Church
- St. Georg's Church
- St. Johann Church
- Martin Luther Church
- Museum of Art Weishaupt
- Bread Museum

DAY 5
Cont'd **Ulm**

Ulm – Every year Ulm's Christmas market attracts visitors from all over southern and central Germany. The Minster is surrounded by enchanting Christmas stalls offering a range of tasty treats, arts and crafts and other specialties. During the festive season the whole town gathers here to soak up the atmosphere, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and browse for gifts.



A stall selling ginger bread

Visit to local Christmas Market

Dinner

Overnight in Ulm

DAY 6 **Ulm – Stuttgart – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Stuttgart Airport – 52 miles (by car or coach)

Departure for the USA