






Eastern Highlights Christmas & New Year

Tour Overview

 Start Point Munich	 End Point Munich	 Meals 10 Breakfasts 5 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Munich

 Dinner  Mercure Munich Neuperlach Sued

Welcome to Munich! Meet your tour leader at the hotel this morning. Embark on an orientation tour before enjoying free time. To experience the magic of Munich at Christmas, join today's optional excursion which includes a tour and tasting through the city's Christmas market and top sights! This evening, enjoy a delicious German welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Included:


MEHXMASNY - Embark on a Munich orientation tour

MEHXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in a historic Bavarian restaurant

Optionals:

Christmas in Munich

Day 2: Nuremberg - Prague (Christmas Eve)

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Duo


Journey towards Prague, stopping off in Nuremberg on the way. Enjoy an orientation tour of this historic city before free time for lunch. Arrive in Prague this evening and discover elaborate Baroque, Gothic, Art Nouveau and Cubist architecture, as well as quirky bars, cobbled lanes and courtyards. Get in the festive spirit and celebrate together with a Christmas Eve dinner!

Included:

MEHXMASNY - Visit Nuremberg, a historic Bavarian city

MEHXMASNY - Christmas Eve Dinner in Prague

Day 3: Prague (Christmas Day): Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Duo

Merry Christmas! Follow an expert local guide to see Prague's must-see sights on a walking tour. The rest of the day is free. Join the Prague+ excursion to visit the Mala Strana neighbourhood, enjoy a lunch cruise on the Vltava River and tour Prague Castle! Tonight, celebrate Christmas with an optional four-course dinner and traditional Czech folk show!

Included:

MEHXMASNY - Explore Prague on Christmas Day

Optionals:

Prague+

Traditional Czech Folk Music & Dance Evening

Day 4: Prague - Krakow

 Breakfast, Dinner  TRIBE Krakow Old Town

Leaving Prague this morning, travel towards Krakow. The royal capital of Poland for centuries, today Krakow is home to some of Europe's most impressive Gothic and Renaissance architecture - and over 2.3 million artworks to complement its historic buildings and monuments. Enjoy a walking tour of the city with your tour leader. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

Included:

MEHXMASNY - Explore Krakow on a walking tour

Day 5: **Auschwitz - Krakow**

 Breakfast  **TRIBE Krakow Old Town**

This morning, visit Auschwitz concentration camp. A guided tour will offer great insight into the atrocities committed on these grounds and the significance of this camp during WWII. After, join the optional excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Descending underground, walk through 2km of tunnels and admire freestanding sculptures carved from salt rock walls!

Included:

MEHXMASNY - Visit Auschwitz concentration camp

Optionals:

The Wieliczka Salt Mine

Day 6: **Banska Bystrica - Budapest**

 Breakfast, Dinner  **ibis Styles Budapest Center**

On the way to Budapest, stop in Banska Bystrica in Slovakia, a picturesque town with beautiful buildings dating back to the late Middle Ages. Then it's off to Budapest, the Hungarian capital. Admire this city, blessed with natural beauty as well as Baroque, Neoclassical and Art Nouveau architecture, on a driving tour. Try some local Hungarian cuisine at dinner tonight.


Included:

MEHXMASNY - Visit Banska Bystrica

MEHXMASNY - Embark on a driving tour of Budapest

MEHXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in Budapest

Day 7: **Budapest**

 Breakfast  **ibis Styles Budapest Center**

Enjoy a free day to experience Budapest. Join the Budapest+ optional excursion to visit St. Stephen's Basilica and indulge in a local food tasting! Or, soak your tired traveller's bones in one of the city's renowned thermal baths. Tonight, see the bright lights of Budapest from the water on an optional Danube evening cruise.

Optionals:

Budapest+

Danube Dinner Cruise

Budapest Baths

Day 8: **Bratislava - Vienna**

 Breakfast, Dinner  **B&B HOTEL Wien-St. Marx**

Leave Budapest and head for Austria's grand capital, stopping first in Bratislava. Enjoy an orientation tour and gaze up at Bratislava Castle which overlooks the city. On arrival in Vienna, embark on a driving tour followed by dinner in a Viennese wine cellar! Later, enjoy the option of attending a classical music concert at the Schönbrunn Palace Orangery.

Included:

MEHXMASNY - Visit Bratislava; capital of Slovakia

MEHXMASNY - Discover Vienna on a walking and driving tour

MEHXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in a Viennese wine cellar

Optionals:

Festive Vienna Classical Music Concert

Day 9: **Graz - Ljubljana (New Year's Eve)**

 Breakfast  **B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park**


Head for Ljubljana, stopping in the beautiful city of Graz en route. On arrival in Ljubljana, embark on a walking tour of this quaint European gem. Tonight, ring in the New Year! Ljubljana's celebrations are held throughout the city in public squares before a beautiful fireworks display is launched from the castle hill as the clock strikes midnight.


Included:

MEHXMASNY - Experience an orientation tour of Graz

MEHXMASNY - Discover the magic of Ljubljana with a local guide

Day 10: **Lake Bled - Salzburg - Munich**

 Breakfast

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Visit the spectacular Lake Bled this morning. Wander around or try the famous Bled Cream Cake! Travel onwards to the picture-perfect city of Salzburg. Featuring gorgeous architecture, a cliff-top fortress and imposing cliffs in the distance, this is a true fairytale city. Arriving back in Munich, the evening is free. Why not arrange a farewell dinner with your group?

Included:

MEHMASNY - Stop in Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace

MEHMASNY - Visit the picturesque Lake Bled

Day 11: **End of tour in Munich**

 Breakfast

This Christmas and New Year adventure concludes in Munich after breakfast. Expat Explore hopes you've loved every minute of your Eastern Highlights tour, and wishes you a safe onward journey!



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