



Christmas Markets in Germany and France

*including visits to: Aachen, Strasbourg, Colmar, the Black Forest,
Stuttgart, Esslingen and more!*

9 Days ~ Nov. 28 - Dec. 6, 2022

**Join Fr. Larry
on this wonderful
adventure!**



Aachen Cathedral, Germany



Strasbourg, France



Colmar, France



Esslingen, Germany

Hosted by:

Fr. Carl Morello

St. Giles Catholic Parish
Oak Park, IL

Fr. Larry Basbas

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Glenview, IL

Fr. Tom May

St. Paul VI Parish
Riverside, IL

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Program Cost †

\$3,559.00 per person - double occupancy

† A limited number of single rooms may be available at a supplemental cost of \$659.

† Price is based on a minimum of 27 group members. Space is limited.

† Deadline for enrollment is August 24, 2022

Deposit Schedule

- \$900 per person due with reservation
- Final payment is due by September 15, 2022

Program Highlights

- Round trip air transportation from Chicago, including taxes and fees in effect as of July, 2022
- 7 nights accommodations in first class (3 & 4 star) hotels
- Breakfast daily and 3 dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Professional tour manager to accompany the group in Europe
- European transportation via private motorcoach
- Comprehensive sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including applicable entrance fees
- Masses to be scheduled during the tour
- Portage of one suitcase per person at European hotels

RESERVATION FORM

Please make your check payable to Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to:

Frs. Morello and May Christmas Markets Tour, c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

* Couples living at the same address may use the same form. Individuals living at separate addresses should use two forms.

Enclosed is my (our) completed reservation form for Fr. Morello and Fr. May's tour to the Christmas Markets departing on November 28, 2022 and a deposit check in the amount of \$900 per person. I understand that the completed form and deposit indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated on the back of this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carrier for fuel and/or government related taxes. All payments must be made by check. We strongly recommend that all passengers consider optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions. You will receive information about the NTA Travel Protection Plan in your welcome packet.

NAME(S) AS SHOWN ON YOUR PASSPORT(S): PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name 1. _____ Birth Date: _____

Name 2. _____ Birth Date: _____

First name(s) as you would like them to appear on your name tag(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Roommate: _____ Bedding preference (*not guaranteed*): ___one bed ___two beds

_____ I do not yet have a roommate. Please notify me if anyone is looking for a roommate for this trip.

_____ If available, I prefer a single room at the supplemental cost listed in the tour brochure.

Airline Seating Request (*not guaranteed*): _____ Window _____ Aisle

Dietary restrictions (if applicable) (*not guaranteed*): _____

E-mail address: _____ Signature: _____

Important: Please send a copy of the photo page of your passport to Trans World Travel!

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Monday, November 28, 2022 - Chicago Departure: Today we gather at Chicago's O'Hare Airport to begin our journey to Europe. Meals will be served aboard our overnight flight.

Tuesday, November 29 - Düsseldorf / Aachen: On arrival at Düsseldorf Airport we will meet the tour manager and coach driver who will accompany us throughout our tour. As we travel by motorcoach to Aachen, our tour manager will share information about our tour and details of today's schedule. On arrival in Aachen we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

Wednesday, November 30 - Aachen: Following breakfast this morning we will enjoy a walking tour of Aachen. Two thousand years ago, the city's thermal springs were a playground for Roman legionaries. 800 years later, on the site of the Roman baths, were built the palace and cathedral of Emperor Charlemagne, the Father of Europe. For 1000 years the city has stood at the crossroads of Europe, on the border of the French and German cultural spheres. Highlights of our walking tour include the Cathedral, which houses the shrine of Emperor Charlemagne, the City Hall on the site of Charlemagne's Palace with its countless art treasures, and the unique experience of the drinking fountains of Elisenbrunnen, whose thermal springs are known to cure all ailments! The afternoon and evening are free to enjoy the unique flavors and fragrances of Aachen Christmas Market, which is particularly famous for its Printen gingerbread. (B)

Thursday, December 1 - Aachen / Trier / Strasbourg: This morning we will depart Aachen to continue our journey along the crossroads of Europe. Two thousand years ago, it was Julius Caesar himself who brought this region under the influence of Roman civilization and nowhere is Roman heritage more evident than in Trier, with its treasure of perfectly preserved Roman structures - the Porta Nigra gate, the ruins of Roman baths, the amphitheater and the stone bridge across the River Mosel. In the Middle Ages Trier was ruled over by the Church and, like Aachen, stood at the crossroads of German and French cultures - it became a symbol of the ethnic and religious conflicts which have traditionally torn Europe apart. Our walking tour will explore the history of this fascinating city and there will be free time to enjoy its Advent Market, before we cross the border into France and continue to Strasbourg for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Friday, December 2 - Strasbourg: Few regions have played a more important historical role than Alsace in the creation of the Europe of today. For centuries at the crossroads of German and French cultures, Strasbourg is not only a potent symbol of the conflicts which have torn

Europe apart in the past, but also a signpost to the future as the seat of the European Parliament. Our walking tour this morning will reveal the unique charm of the old city, dominated by one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in Europe and characterized by its half-timbered houses and network of canals. Strasbourg boasts one of the oldest Advent Markets in Europe, more than 450-years-old, so the afternoon and evening will be free to explore the Alsatian specialties and handcrafts. (B)

Saturday, December 3 - Strasbourg (Colmar Excursion): Today we will explore some of the Alsace Wine Road en route to Colmar. At the heart of the Alsace Wine Road, Colmar is the picture-perfect town of canals and cobblestoned streets, lined by half-timbered houses. Our walking tour of the town will include a visit to the Unterlinden Museum, housed in a former Dominican convent, to see its most exquisite treasure, the Isenheim Altarpiece of Matthias Grünewald. There will be time to enjoy Colmar's Christmas Market, before we return to Strasbourg for our overnight. (B)

Sunday, December 4 - Strasbourg / Black Forest / Stuttgart: This morning we will depart Strasbourg and France to return to Germany. We will drive through the northern part of the fabled Black Forest, pausing in Gengenbach to view the world's largest Advent calendar house on the facade of the City Hall. We will arrive in Stuttgart in the early afternoon to enjoy its Christmas Market, centered on the Castle Square. We will check into our hotel in the early evening for the last two nights of our tour. (B)

Monday, December 5 - Stuttgart (Esslingen Christmas Market): This morning we will enjoy an orientation tour of Stuttgart, before we drive the short distance to Esslingen for the most unique of all our Advent Market experiences. In Esslingen the spirit of Advent takes us a step back in time, to experience Christmas of the Middle Ages - craftsmen, street entertainers and merchants in historical costume against the authentic backdrop of Esslingen's medieval half-timbered houses make this the most unforgettable of our Advent Markets. We will enjoy our farewell dinner, before our final overnight in Stuttgart. (B, D)

Tuesday, December 6 - Stuttgart / Chicago: This morning we drive to Stuttgart Airport to begin our journey home. Meals and beverages will be served during the trans-Atlantic flight. We will arrive in Chicago late this afternoon. *Welcome Home!*

Key: B - Breakfast, D - Dinner

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Trans World Travel, Inc. (TWT)

CANCELLATIONS per person: All requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$250.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation for any reason. In addition, all acknowledged cancellations will be subject to the following terms:

1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of tour departure, penalty equals 10% of tour cost per person.†

2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of tour departure, penalty equals 25% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of tour departure, penalty equals 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty equals 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate. TWT shall process such refunds, subject to the above terms offset by applicable penalties as soon as reasonably practicable.

PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS: Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

CANCELLATION BY TWT: TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given less any charges of fees assessed by hotels, motor coach companies, airlines or other third party vendors. TWT shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that such performance is prevented by a fire or other casualty, strike, pandemic, Act of God, other cause beyond the control of the Parties. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

INSURANCE: An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure or during the tour. Please note that all insurance policies will be subject to all terms and conditions applicable to the respective insurance policies and participants should review all terms and conditions. Such policies may not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately upon receipt of a detailed written request. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$200 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name as it appears on your passport. Ticket reissue fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

HOTELS: We exercise our best efforts to use mostly 3 & 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness, services and, when possible, are typical of the local area. Hotels do not allow credits if passenger chooses to depart earlier than the scheduled group departure.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruise ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver or guides, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

RATES: All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS: For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries, you might also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility, and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWT or any

subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

TWT is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or any carrier or their respective employees, agents or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or carriers. By utilizing the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWT nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

Except as specifically set forth herein, TWT does not make any representations or warranties with respect to the services performed under this Agreement and hereby specifically disclaims all other representations and warranties with respect to the services, whether expressed or implied.

Any action commenced arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved by arbitration in Cook County, Illinois, unless another location is mutually agreed upon, in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and judgment upon the award may be entered by any court located in Cook County, Illinois.

These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries, change the departure date and substitute components of tour programs, which could also include replacing the tour host due to sickness, etc. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please call TWT prior to registering for the tour.

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