



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Austria Christmas Markets: Vienna, Salzburg

7-Day, 6-Night Journey

A 1-week winter tour to historic Vienna and Salzburg offering a magical blend of famous Christmas markets, cultural treasures, and festive charm. Explore Vienna's grand Schönbrunn Palace and Salzburg's Hohensalzburg Fortress while delving into Mozart's hometown. Wander through charming Christmas markets, where you'll discover great festive decorations, traditional foods, and handmade gifts. Enhance your experience by attending classical music concerts and immersing yourself in Austria's rich musical heritage.



Schönbrunn Palace, a former imperial summer residence



Opulent rooms in Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna



Salzburg Old Town



Christmas market in Vienna



Hallstatt and traditional Alpine houses (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



Souvenir shopping is a breeze in the walkable Old Towns

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Hotel Accommodations ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals (See tour plan for details) ▶ English-speaking guided tours ▶ Airport & Train Station Transfers ▶ Train Fare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ International Air Fare ▶ Government Tourism Fee ▶ Travel Insurance ▶ Medical Expenses ▶ Visa Fee (if applicable) ▶ Gratuities ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Vienna - Vienna International Airport (VIE)

Salzburg - Salzburg Airport (SZG)

Itinerary

DAY 1: VIENNA

Arrive at Vienna Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Vienna, the capital of Austria, is a city rich in history, culture, and art. You will see the Gothic Cathedral and Schönbrunn Palace (a former imperial summer residence with stunning gardens and opulent rooms). Vienna was the home of great composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Don't forget to relax in a Viennese coffee house, enjoy traditional Viennese coffee and pastries; also sample Wiener Schnitzel and Sachertorte.

[3 Nights in **Vienna**. Meals: None]



DAY 2: VIENNA | SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE & GARDENS, CHRISTMAS MARKET

This morning you will join the **Schönbrunn Palace & Gardens Skip-the-Line Tour** (group, 2 hours @10:30am).

On this guided tour we explore Vienna's **Schönbrunn Palace** and its marvelous **royal gardens**. Discover the history of the palace and hear entertaining stories from a licensed guide. Marvel at the 120 foot long

Great Gallery and the Hall of Ceremonies. Get a peek into the life of the royal Habsburg family and Empress Sissi. On this tour you'll skip long entrance lines and enjoy more time to explore the lush green gardens.

Next, we explore **Christmas Markets Tour** (group, 2 hours @5pm).

Hear about Vienna's Christmas traditions and culture from your tour guide. Immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of 4 Christmas Markets in Vienna. Head off the beaten track to discover Vienna's hidden gems and lively districts. Taste delicious hot punch with extra rum, and a traditional Christmas treat.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP, THE VIENNESE CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

Participate in a **Chocolate Workshop in the Chocolate Museum with tasting** (group, 1.5 hours @10:30am). At the workshop, you will create and decorate three unique chocolate bars. Learn to use a professional chocolate tempering machine and feel like a pro. Create and Taste the original "Xocolate", hot chocolate by the Aztecs recipe. Visit the interactive chocolate museum to learn about the origins of cacao. Get a signed certificate from Bo-Yo Chocolate Museum upon workshop completion.

Walk on the historic trail of Viennese Christmas Trees on a guided tour (group, 2 hours @6pm).

Learn about the tradition of the Christmas tree in Vienna by walking from palace to markets in the beautifully illuminated city center in the serene Advent atmosphere (the period of preparation for Christmas celebration). Learn all about the Advent season and about how the Christmas tree came to Vienna. Enjoy the fascinating history and architecture during your guided walking tour.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: VIENNA – SALZBURG | MOZART CONCERT AND DINNER AT HOHENSALZBURG FORTRESS

Transfer from the hotel to Vienna train station and take the train to Salzburg (standard class), then transfer to the hotel.

Salzburg was Mozart's birthplace and also the location of the iconic movie "The Sound of Music". The city has a historic fortress, cathedral and a charming old town by the Salzach river. Taste Nockerl (a local dessert) and visit a beer garden.

Enjoy the **Best of Mozart Fortress Concert and dinner** (group, 3.5 hours @6pm). Experience a romantic evening of classical music with a 3-course meal. Listen to a concert of Mozart's renowned masterpieces and lesser-known gems. Enjoy the atmosphere of the Hohensalzburg Fortress and the views of Salzburg.

Hear the works of Mozart interpreted by internationally renowned soloists. Ride the funicular railway to Hohensalzburg Fortress (included).

[3 Nights in **Salzburg**. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 5: SALZBURG WALKING TOUR

This morning, we join the **Salzburg Walking Tour with Mozart, Old Town & More** (group, 2.5 hours @9am). Learn about the very unique history and culture of **Salzburg** and its fascinating sights. Visit one

or two Salzburg churches, **Getreidegasse** (a charming shopping street with historic buildings), historic squares and more.

The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: SALZBURG PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

After breakfast, join one of the following options included in this tour.

OPTION 1: Original Sound of Music Tour (group, 4 hours @9:15am). Visit the locations used in the filming of "The Sound of Music". Hear songs from the original movie soundtrack. Discover historical and architectural landmarks of Salzburg.

OPTION 2: Half-Day Tour to Hallstatt (group, 5.5 hours @8:15am). Travel through the famous Salzkammergut, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Visit **Hallstatt**, one of the most famous towns in Europe. Enjoy a leisurely lakeside walk and see houses clinging onto the mountainside. Visit the Bone House (one of the few remaining ossuaries in Europe open to the public) and gain an insight into historical practices and local customs.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to **Salzburg** Airport (SZG) for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.