Salem Travel presents...

European Christmas Markets

December 9 – 18, 2027

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10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Prague's Christmas Markets, Prague Castle , Dresden's Christmas Markets, Cesky Krumlov, Vienna's Christmas Markets, Budapest's Christmas Markets, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Grandior Hotel , Prague
Days 6, 7	Imperial Riding School Autograph Collection, Vienna
Days 8, 9	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center, Budapest

On some dates *alternate hotels may be used.*

Day 1: Thursday, December 9, 2027 Overnight Flight Set out on a holiday adventure through the iconic capital cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. Along the way, immerse yourself in festive Christmas markets, enjoy traditional entertainment, sample local cuisine, and glimpse this region's rich history.

Day 2: Friday, December 10, 2027 Arrive Prague, Czech Republic Ancient landmarks and medieval architecture – your tour begins in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins.

Day 3: Saturday, December 11, 2027 Prague With no scheduled activities today, spend your time as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *(B, D)*

Day 4: Sunday, December 12, 2027 Prague Experience the magic and wonder of Prague during the holiday season. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Marvel at the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. Spend the rest of the day taking in the best Prague has to offer independently. Visit the renowned Christmas market in Old Town Square filled with artisan crafts, festive food, and warm holiday drinks. *(B)*

Day 5: Monday, December 13, 2027 Prague - Dresden, Germany - Prague Travel to Dresden, Germany, known as "Florence on the Elbe." Join a local guide for a tour highlighting its Baroque architecture, including Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) and the Royal Palace. Visit the Striezelmarkt, the world's oldest Christmas market, dating back to 1434. Enjoy free time exploring the stalls overflowing with ornaments, sample local sweets, and get lunch on your own before returning to Prague later in the afternoon. *(B)*

Day 6: Tuesday, December 14, 2027 Prague - Ceský Krumlov - Vienna, Austria Depart Prague and travel through the scenic countryside toward Vienna, Austria. En route, stop in the medieval town of Ceský Krumlov. Explore its charming cobblestone streets and impressive castle independently, with time for lunch on your own. Continue onward to Vienna, where you'll enjoy dinner at a traditional Viennese restaurant known for its historic ambiance and classic Austrian cuisine. Arrive in the grand city of Vienna, aglow with holiday lights. Perhaps you'll join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Wednesday, December 15, 2027 Vienna This morning, meet your local guide for a combined scenic bus and walking tour of Vienna's city center, showcasing grand architecture, scenic parks, and Gothic spires that fill the city. Get a taste of Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a family-owned candy workshop. See where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating

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For bookings made after Jun 11, 2027 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Group Transportation to/from Lambert St Louis Intl, Round Trip Air from Lambert St Louis Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers
Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $599 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from STL

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. ***(See registration form for consent.)***

back over 150 years. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to visit the Christkindlmarkt. Perhaps the biggest and most famous in the city, it is set at the neo-gothic Rathaus City Hall. Tonight, you may choose an option to explore the Christmas market and the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, together with a classical music performance at the famous Orangery. *(B)*

Day 8: Thursday, December 16, 2027 Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary Travel to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Enjoy free time for lunch, exploring historic streets, and visiting charming Christmas markets. Continue into the Hungarian countryside for a cultural experience at a rustic local restaurant. Learn how to make traditional Hungarian strudel before indulging in typical Hungarian fare for dinner. Later this evening, arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," and your home for the next two nights. Enjoy the evening on your own or join your Tour Manager for an evening walk. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Friday, December 17, 2027 Budapest This morning, choose how you want to experience Budapest with an expert local guide because **it's your choice!** Embark on a classic Budapest city tour, where you'll visit highlights like the Fisherman's Bastion and pass the historic Old Buda **-OR-** retrace Budapest's musical history throughout the city before visiting The House of Music Hungary. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore Budapest's Christmas markets, St. Stephen's Basilica, or Vörösmarty Square, brimming with food and crafts stalls where local musicians often perform. This evening, celebrate the journey with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 10: Saturday, December 18, 2027 Budapest - Tour Ends Say goodbye to these regal cities as your spirited holiday tour wraps up today. *(B)*

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1482305

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Jun 11, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Sightseeing often takes place outdoors in winter conditions, which may include cold temperatures, rain, snow, or icy walks.

While visiting historic areas of Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest you will walk along cobblestone and uneven streets, steps, and narrow passageways.

Some of the most unique sightseeing sites can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches. Your coach will be parked in a designated area requiring a walk on cobblestones while exploring the historic areas.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

You will be traveling during the heart of a European winter. Expect cold temperatures, likely between 23°F to 41°F, with potential for rain, snow, and icy conditions. Proper footwear and layered clothing are essential for your comfort and safety. Market visits are primarily outdoor experiences and subject to winter weather conditions.

In Prague, you can expect up to four-and-a-half hours of walking, with stops, during the city tour. You should be prepared for climbing up and down occasional steps and walking on uneven surfaces. The Prague Castle visit lasts approximately three hours and includes standing for longer periods of time. If you have chosen the classic Budapest city tour option as your selected Choice on Tour, it will include up to three-and-a-half hours of walking.

Most of the cities on this program are very busy with visitors during Advent.

This tour features multiple long transfers exceeding two hours, in particular the transfer to and from Dresden, Germany.

The transfer from Prague to Vienna, Austria, with a stop in Ceský Krumlov for independent exploration, can take up to 10 hours.

The transfer from Vienna to Budapest, with stops in Bratislava and for an included dinner in the Hungarian countryside, can take up to 10 hours.

Christmas markets are seasonal and typically operate from late November through December. Specific opening dates, operating hours, and market locations vary by city and are subject to change.

Due to annual fluctuations in the opening dates of some Christmas markets and tour scheduling, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas markets may be substituted.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Hotels may be located outside historic centers. Access to sightseeing areas may require public transportation or walking.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

Not all major sites can be reached by coach. Public transportation might be used during the Budapest city tour.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours. Gratuities for your Tour Manager, primary motor coach driver, and other applicable services are not included in the cost of your tour. Additional gratuity guidance can be found within the final travel documents you'll receive prior to departure.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.
IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

While visas are not required for U.S., Australian, New Zealand, UK, or Canadian citizens for a stay of up to 90 days, we recommend you inquire with your consulate for further information.
Visitors are required to show proof of travel medical insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad with specific coverages. Please visit https://travel.state.gov (the U.S. State Department) for the latest details with regards to entry requirements. If you have **purchased our Travel Protection Plan**, your coverage meets this requirement.

A deposit of $698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of June 04, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 11, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until June 11, 2027.

CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1482305. You can also find this information on your tour documents.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1482305

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DEPARTURE DATE: December 9, 2027

GROUP NAME: Salem Travel

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Vienna

Christmas at Schönbrunn with Concert **$169 USD**

Experience an unforgettable evening at Schönbrunn Palace as you stroll through the Christmas market, explore the palace after-hours, and enjoy a concert in the Orangery. With its Christmas market, the Parade court in front of the Schönbrunn Palace becomes a winter wonderland and bustling Christmas extravaganza. Inside the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, take a special after-hours, audio-guided tour of the largest palace in Austria, once the summer residence of the Habsburg emperors. Away from the crowds, discover rooms filled with paintings, sculptures, and tapestries. Your palace tour concludes in the breathtaking Great Gallery, a Rococo masterpiece of gilt décor, ceiling frescos, and chandeliers. Then, the Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra awaits you in the Orangery with a concert featuring music from Mozart and Johann Strauss, as well as vocal performances. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation:____ First:_____ Middle:_____ Last:_____ Suffix:____ Nickname:_____

(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
____	Christmas at Schönbrunn with Concert	169.00

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TRAVEL DATE: 12/09/2027 TERRITORY: M7
RES#: 1482305

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This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First:_____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: ( ) _____ Cell: ( ) _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy $1,990 ☐ Business Class $4,790

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection $599 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Salem Travel