

ITINERARY
MOLLIE B CHRISTMAS EUROPE TOUR 2025
December 14 – December 22, 2025
Germany, Austria, Czech Republic
3 European countries within 9 days

Sunday, December 14

Depart from airports in the United States and embark on a flight to Munich, Germany.

Monday, December 15

Upon your arrival in Munich, a luxury bus accompanied by our attentive team, including your tour guide, will be waiting for you at the airport to transport you to your first destination: downtown Munich. Munich serves as the hub of economic and cultural activity in southern Germany and is renowned as one of the country's most captivating cities, hosting the world-famous Oktoberfest, the largest beer festival, each year.

During our guided walking tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the main square, Marienplatz, where you can admire the New Town Hall, a stunning example of Neo-Gothic architecture featuring an animated carillon. We will also explore St. Michael's Church, the largest Renaissance church north of the Alps, and the Church of Our Lady, a vast Late Gothic hall-church that has become a symbol of the city.

The tour will conclude at the iconic Munich Christmas Markets, where you can shop for unique gifts and souvenirs, enjoy traditional Munich delicacies such as Bratwurst, and sip on Glühwein, a mulled wine typically enjoyed during the Christmas season. For those who appreciate fine beer, you may join our tour guide for a visit to the legendary Hofbräuhaus, established in 1589. This historic beer hall is a favorite destination, serving an impressive 17,500 mugs of beer in one-liter tankards every day.

Following our time in Munich, we will depart for Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a picturesque town nestled at the foothills of the Alps, beneath Germany's highest peak, Zugspitze. This charming resort is one of the most beloved holiday destinations in the country.

Tuesday, December 16

Awaken to breathtaking views of the mountains overlooking the charming town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, renowned as Bavaria's premier ski resort. This picturesque destination was formed in 1935 through the unification of two towns by Hitler's decree to prepare for the 1936 Winter Olympic Games. Today, Garmisch-Partenkirchen stands as a prominent location for skiing, ice skating, and hiking. We will commence our day with an excursion to Zugspitze Mountain, which uniquely combines three modes of transport: a cogwheel train, a cable car, and a state-of-the-art cable car that holds a world record. Weather permitting, we will ascend to the glacier summit, reaching an elevation of 9,718 feet. After our descent back to the town, you will have time to explore at your leisure.

Our hotel, conveniently situated in the heart of this enchanting city and just a few steps from the Christmas market, offers you the freedom to decide how to spend your afternoon. You may choose to relax at our hotel and take in the majestic mountain views, wander the streets adorned with Bavarian architecture and beautifully painted buildings, visit local sports facilities such as the Olympic ski jump, or immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere of the Christmas Markets. A stroll through the market stalls reveals a treasure trove of artisanal crafts and culinary delights. From hand-knitted winter apparel, including hats and ski sweaters, to exquisite tea and coffee specialties, each stall offers a unique experience.

Visitors with a sweet tooth will be pleased to find a delightful selection of honey, jams, and other confections. Additionally, the market showcases a variety of handicrafts, ranging from traditional Christmas decorations to intricately designed lighthouses and nativity scenes.

Wednesday, December 17

Depart from Garmisch-Partenkirchen and drive to Salzburg, renowned as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Our exploration will commence with a walking tour of this enchanting destination, starting at the Mirabell Garden, a site

famously featured in the iconic film, *The Sound of Music*. We will then cross the Salzach River to visit Mozart's birthplace, located on the prominent Getreidegasse street.

The walking tour will conclude at Residenz Square, home to the majestic Salzburg Cathedral, opulent palaces, and the medieval fortress of Hohensalzburg, which majestically overlooks the city. This square is also the location of Salzburg's Christmas Market, with roots tracing back to the 15th century. Throughout the season, a rich program of events unfolds here, including choral performances in front of the cathedral, "Turmblasen" (wind instrument concerts) at Residenz Square, and nativity exhibits within the Residenz courtyard.

Following our tour, we will continue to Gmunden, situated along the picturesque shores of Lake Traunsee. This charming town is a popular health and summer resort, offering a diverse range of bathing options, including lake, brine, vegetable, and pine-cone baths. Furthermore, Gmunden serves as a significant center for the salt industry in the Salzkammergut region.

Upon arrival, we will check in to our romantic hotel, located on the shores of the lake, where you can unwind and enjoy the stunning views.

Thursday, December 18

After breakfast, we will embark on a half-day excursion to one of Austria's premier holiday destinations – Wolfgangsee Lake, nestled amidst lush forests, meadows, and majestic mountains. Along its shores, you will find enchanting villages such as St. Gilgen, St. Wolfgang, and Strobl. Our exploration will focus on the largest of these, St. Wolfgang, where charming historic houses coexist with vibrant shops and inviting inns. Upon arrival, you will quickly notice that folk culture and traditions are integral to the daily lives of the locals.

The Advent season at Lake Wolfgang is celebrated through one of Austria's most picturesque Christmas markets. You will enjoy strolling through the market, where the rich tapestry of Austrian Christmas traditions comes to life. Savor the warmth of mulled wine and punch as you immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere, and let the enticing aromas of hot chestnuts, gingerbread, and baked apples from the quaint stalls draw you in. Additionally, the town is renowned for its traditional crafts, so be prepared to pick up some unique local souvenirs.

Friday, December 19

Embark on a journey from Austria to the Czech Republic, heading towards the enchanting capital city of Prague. Along the way, make a stop in Český Krumlov, a picturesque town nestled along the Vltava River and the second most visited destination in the Czech Republic after Prague. Revered as the Jewel of Bohemia, Český Krumlov offers a charming atmosphere reminiscent of a fairytale, featuring an impressive town square, a majestic castle, and an abundance of Medieval and Renaissance architecture. Since earning UNESCO World Heritage status in the early 1990s, Český Krumlov has seen a surge in popularity.

During the holiday season, its Christmas market in Svornosti Square showcases traditional Czech crafts, mulled wine (svařák), and carols performed by local children's choirs, creating a delightful festive ambiance.

Continuing our journey towards Prague, we will make another stop in České Budějovice, established in the mid-13th century as a royal city. This charming city boasts one of the largest squares in Europe and is renowned for its famous brewery. You will certainly enjoy the Christmas market situated in the historic Přemysl Otakar II Square, which offers an intimate experience away from the typical tourist crowds. Snow-covered stalls overflow with locally crafted goods, including handmade decorations, artisanal sausages, and cheeses. Visitors can also relish skating on an ice rink set against this festive backdrop or enjoy a ride on the Ferris wheel or children's carousel.

Upon reaching the capital of the Czech Republic, we will check in at our hotel located in the downtown area. You will have leisure time to explore the surrounding area, including nearby Christmas markets and shopping opportunities within walking distance. In the evening, we will indulge in a delightful dinner accompanied by a folklore performance.

Saturday, December 20

In the morning, we will embark on a guided walking tour of Prague, commencing at the iconic Prague Castle. Our journey will then take us to St. Vitus Cathedral, the Hradčany quarter, and the Church of Our Lady Victorious, which is home to the renowned wax statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

We will stroll across the historic 14th-century Charles Bridge and proceed to Old Town Square, where we will admire the Astronomical Clock. Following lunch, our tour will conclude at Wenceslas Square, a site of significant historical events, including the demonstrations of the 1989 Velvet Revolution.

You will have free time to explore the enchanting Christmas markets, which are particularly notable for their grandeur and scale. The Old Town Square market, featuring the tallest Christmas tree in the Czech Republic adorned with lights and ornaments, serves as a focal point. Nearby, Wenceslas Square enhances the festive atmosphere with rows of stalls offering hand-blown glass baubles, intricately painted marionette puppets, and traditional Czech delicacies.

In the evening, you can look forward to a delightful 2-hour boat cruise on the Vltava River, which includes a buffet dinner. This experience will allow you to take in the breathtaking beauty of Prague as it lights up at night.

Sunday, December 21

Today, we will embark on a two-hour journey to the renowned city of Dresden, Germany. As the capital of the German state of Saxony and the second most populous city after Leipzig, Dresden is situated along the picturesque Elbe River. Our first stop will be the historic city center, which, despite its tumultuous history marked by extensive bombing during World War II, remains a treasure trove of rich history and stunning architecture. Key attractions include the Zwinger Palace, Theaterplatz, the Royal Palace, and the iconic Frauenkirche.

Following our exploration of the historic sites, we will immerse ourselves in the festive atmosphere at Germany's oldest Christmas market, the Striezelmarkt. Here, you can discover delightful stalls brimming with handcrafted gifts, traditional toys, and seasonal delicacies such as Hefestriezel and mulled wine. Take a leisurely stroll through this vibrant market and fully embrace the holiday spirit at its finest.

Afterward, we will drive back to Prague for dinner and prepare for our flight home the following morning.

Monday, December 22

We depart for Václav Havel Airport in Prague early in the morning to ensure you catch your flight to the United States.

HOME SWEET HOME!

We hope you are as enthusiastic as we are about this exceptional experience, as we are.

**** Itinerary subject to change depending on availability. ****

ACCOMMODATIONS

Mon, Tue -- December 15, 16	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
Wed, Thu -- December 17, 18	Gmunden, Austria
Fri, Sat, Sun -- December 19, 20, 21	Prague, Czech Republic