



# Classic Christmas Markets

Nuremberg to Frankfurt | 8 Days

## Classic Christmas Markets River Cruise Package Includes:

7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the regal *River Queen*

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

Captain's Welcome Gala and Farewell Dinners

Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer, and soft drinks during lunch and dinner onboard; replenished bottled water daily in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar

7 excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides

An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions

Captivating onboard local entertainment

Signature Lecture: "Christmas Traditions in Germany"

All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 170)

## Embrace the holiday spirit in Germany, the land where many Christmas traditions began

Germany, the origin of many beloved holiday traditions, is a truly special place to experience the magic of Christmas. Explore some of the country and world's most celebrated Christmas markets in Nuremberg, Bamberg, Rothenburg, Würzburg, Wertheim, and Frankfurt. Be treated to a winter wonderland of stocking stuffers and sweet treats.

Sail in true holiday style along the peaceful Main River, stopping to marvel at Medieval villages and majestic stone castles. The merrymaking continues as you stroll through cobblestone streets dusted in snow. Mouth-watering aromas surround the festive stalls at the Christmas markets; shops and bakeries are laden with gingerbread, biscuits, and speciality cakes. Cozy up to a steaming mug of *glühwein* (hot spiced wine) or indulge in some of the region's famous Franconian sausage.

Everywhere you turn, you will find cities decked in holiday finery with glittering Christmas trees, bells pealing from cathedral towers, and children dressed as angels singing Christmas carols. With sights straight out of a classic Christmas tale, this is sure to be one of the most memorable holiday trips you will ever take.

**Who will enjoy this cruise:** Those wanting to experience the quintessential magic of the holidays while shopping for one-of-a-kind treasures and discovering the legends behind some of our most popular holiday traditions.

From **\$2,199** per person,  
cruise only

Christmas Market, Nuremberg, Germany



#### Nuremberg to Frankfurt

Day	Port/City
1	Nuremberg (embark)
2	Nuremberg
3	Bamberg
4	Kitzingen (Rothenburg), Würzburg
5	Würzburg
6	Wertheim
7	Frankfurt
8	Frankfurt (disembark), transfer to the airport

#### Frankfurt to Nuremberg

Day	Port/City
1	Frankfurt (embark)
2	Frankfurt
3	Wertheim
4	Würzburg
5	Kitzingen (Rothenburg), Schweinfurt
6	Bamberg
7	Nuremberg
8	Nuremberg (disembark), transfer to the airport

**Cruise Start Dates: November 25\* | December 2, 9, 16**

\* On these dates, cruise operates from Frankfurt to Nuremberg.

Note: Christmas Markets are generally open from the beginning of Advent until December 23.





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### Day 1 | Nuremberg

Arrive at the Nuremberg airport where you will be transferred to the ship. (D)

### Day 2 | Nuremberg

**Featured Excursion:** Nuremberg city tour and Christmas Market

During the Middle Ages, Nuremberg was the preferred residence of German emperors, as you will discover on your guided excursion. Visit Kaiserburg Castle, which rises high above the city and has housed every emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Your walking tour continues along cobblestone streets to one of the most famous examples of 14th-century German ironwork, the Schöner Brunnen (Beautiful Fountain) in Hauptmarkt (Market Square). Finish the day shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts at the festive *Christkindlesmarkt*, the largest and oldest Christmas Market in Germany. In this fine Medieval setting, you can enjoy authentic Nuremberg gingerbread and bratwurst. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Gala)

### Day 3 | Bamberg

**Featured Excursion:** Bamberg Nativity walk and Christmas Market

One of the few cities not destroyed during the WWII bombings of Germany, Bamberg is a city built on seven hills. Wander through the half-timbered fishing village of Klein-Venedig, known as "Little Venice," and past the curious narrow alleyways that line Old Town. Continue to the scenic Bamberg Cathedral and New Residence. The guided tour also includes visits to Nativity scenes throughout the city and time to explore the treasures waiting in the local Christmas Market. While enjoying the market, be sure to sample what Bamberg is world-famous for *rauchbier* (smoked beer). (BB, L, D)

### Day 4 | Kitzingen (Rothenburg), Würzburg

**Featured Excursion:** Rothenburg walking tour and Christmas Market

The ship will dock in Kitzingen, where a motorcoach will take you to Rothenburg. Travel along parts of the "Romantic Road" on your way to Germany's best-preserved walled city, Rothenburg, with its timber-frame houses topped with picturesque red tile roofs. Your exploration of this fairytale gem gives you a glimpse at the way life was lived during the Middle Ages, as it is home to some of the best-preserved Medieval buildings in Europe. You will conclude your visit at one of Germany's oldest and most celebrated Christmas Markets, *Reiterlesmarkt*. You will also want to visit Kathe Wohlfahrt's original Christmas shop. Rothenburg also features a delightful museum that displays vintage toys from as early as the 17th-century. (BB, D)

### Day 5 | Würzburg

**Featured Excursion:** Würzburg Residenz, Christmas Market and home-hosted coffee and cookies

Visit the opulent Würzburg Residenz, one of the most extraordinary Baroque palaces in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The 300-room palace took nearly 60 years to complete and contains the world's largest ceiling fresco, created by Venetian painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, as well as what is often described as the most beautiful staircase in the world. Your visit here will give you a true sense of the history of this region through the European Renaissance. Afterward, visit the town's 200-year-old Christmas Market for one-of-a-kind presents and souvenirs. In the afternoon, enjoy home-hosted coffee and cookies providing you with an intimate encounter with the local culture. (BB, L, D)

Rothenburg, Germany

**Day 6 | Wertheim**

**Featured Excursion:** Wertheim walking tour and meet the children of Wertheim

Join your local guide for a walk through the picturesque town of Wertheim, where you can look across the Main River to Bavaria before continuing to the Spitzer Turm (Pointed Tower). Built in the 13th-century and once a former prison for drunkards and feuding women, the Tower's structure now leans to one side after withstanding over 800 years of flooding. Stop in the historic Wertheim Market Square, lined with half-timbered buildings and shops selling artisan glassworks and Franconian wines in round bottles. Back onboard the ship, enjoy festive carols by some of Wertheim's children, and later listen to a piano recital. (BB, L, D)

**Day 7 | Frankfurt**  

**Featured Excursion:** Frankfurt city tour and Christmas Market

On the last full day of your journey, enjoy a panoramic drive amid the high-rises of "Mainhattan." Cross the Main River for a photo opportunity in Frankfurt before returning to view the New Opera House, Hauptwache Plaza, and Zeil shopping district. Continue past the Stock Exchange, Goethe Place, Goethe University, and the Palmengarten (botanical garden). The walking portion of your tour begins at Paulskirche (St. Paul's Church), where you can explore the neighboring Old World buildings and finish your Christmas shopping in Römer Square before returning to the ship. On Römerberg Square, Paulsplatz, and Mainkai Quay, 200 stalls offer arts, crafts, and seasonal food and drink. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

**Day 8 | Depart Frankfurt**  

Disembark the ship in Frankfurt and transfer to the Frankfurt airport for your flight home. (CB/BB)

**Extend your vacation with a pre- or post-cruise optional extension**



**Prague** | Visiting the "City of Spires" is a delightful way to begin or end your holiday cruise. Prague offers a collection of Art Nouveau, Baroque, Renaissance, and Gothic architecture. During the holiday season, the city is even more magical. With its Christmas Market all lit up and the spectacular Christmas tree in Old Town Square, Prague will leave a lasting impression on you for years to come.

**Included in your 4-day stay:** 3 nights at the superior first-class Art Deco Imperial Hotel (or similar) with breakfast daily | All transfers | Local host | Prague city tour | Quietvox

**Only \$839 per person** (single supplement \$299)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Nuremberg.

**Pay-in-Full Savings**

Pay in full at time of booking to **SAVE \$900 per couple** (\$450 per person) on category 2 & 1 staterooms and suites. **SAVE \$600 per couple** (\$300 per person) on category 5, 4 & 3 staterooms. Offer expires **March 31, 2012**.

**Early Booking Savings**

Book and deposit at time of reservation to **SAVE \$300 per couple** (\$150 per person). Offer expires **April 30, 2012**.

**Pricing Details Per Person**

Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship	Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Nov 25*	\$2,399	River Queen	Dec 9,* 16	\$2,199	River Queen
Dec 2	\$2,299	River Queen			

– Pay-in-Full and Early Booking Savings cannot be combined. – Prices listed in US dollars. – Travel document shipping/handling fee of \$5 per person applies. – Airfare is not included in the prices listed above. Please inquire at time of booking for best available airfare pricing. – Port Charges: \$126 – Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck. – A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement. \* On these dates, cruise operates from Frankfurt to Nuremberg. Please visit uniworld.com for reverse itinerary and for more information.

**To upgrade to a higher category stateroom, add the following per-person price below:**

Category 4	\$190	Category 1	\$925
Category 3	\$450	Suite	\$1,545
Category 2	\$675	See Deck Plan on page 144	

Christmas Market, Frankfurt, Germany

