

CHRISTKINDL MARKETS

AUSTRIA, ITALY and GERMANY

including visits to Salzburg ... Oberndorf (Silent Night)

Mondsee (Sound of Music) ... St. Wolfgang

Swarovski Crystal Worlds Innsbruck ... Linderhof Palace (Ettal) ... Bolzano!

9 Days ~ December 1 ~ 9, 2019



Bolzano



Salzburg



St. Wolfgang



Sleigh Ride

Hosted by:

Fr. Elliott Dees

Saint Pascal Catholic Parish

Chicago, IL

Christkindl Markets

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Program Cost †

\$2859.00 per person - double occupancy

† A limited number of single rooms may be available at a supplemental cost of \$399.

† Price is based on a minimum of 26 group members.
Space is limited.

Deposit Schedule

- \$400 per person due with reservation
- An additional \$1000 per person due by May 1, 2019
- Final payment is due by September 1, 2019

Program Highlights

- Round trip air transportation from Chicago, including taxes and fees in effect as of January 18, 2019
- 7 nights accommodations in first class (3 & 4 star) hotels
- Breakfast daily and 5 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
- Porterage of one suitcase per person at European hotels



Your Tour Route

Dear Friends,

Since the Middle Ages, December in the Alps means Advent Markets, where for centuries local craftsmen have expressed the message of Christmas in traditional handcrafts and decorations. From major cities to small villages, the markets attract locals and visitors alike, coming together to share in the anticipation of Advent.

Salzburg needs no introduction as the city of Mozart and the Sound of Music, but the surrounding villages make a unique contribution to the celebration of Christmas - Oberndorf is where Silent Night was sung for the first time 200 years ago and St. Wolfgang with its Christmas Market bathed only in candlelight. Innsbruck is the heart of the Alps and from here we will explore into Germany and Italy for further flavors of Advent.

Each Christmas Market offers not only the sights, sounds and flavors of Christmas, with roasting chestnuts, Bratwurst and mulled wine, but also the history and culture of more than 1000 years of Christianity in its churches, cathedrals, traditions and music. There will be many unique experiences and visits - sleigh ride, bell foundry and the Man in the Ice to name just a few.

So please join me in a trip, which explores the customs and traditions of this most important Christian celebration, where the magic of Christmas comes alive once more against the backdrop of the Alps.

*Fr. Elliott Dees
St. Pascal Catholic Parish
Chicago, Illinois*

Sunday, December 01, 2019 - Chicago Departure: Today we begin our journey to Europe.

Monday, December 02 – Munich / Salzburg: On arrival in Munich Airport we will be met by our tour manager and escorted to our waiting motor coach. As we drive into the Austrian Alps en route to Salzburg we will be oriented to our tour. On arrival in Salzburg we will check into our hotel and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (D)

Tuesday, December 03 - Salzburg: Dominated by its 900 year old fortress, Salzburg has a truly spectacular setting which fully lives up to its reputation as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. This morning's walking tour of the city of Mozart and the Sound of Music will reveal the charm and atmosphere of this unique city - its Cathedral, Festival Hall, St. Peter's Monastery and Cemetery, Mozart's Birthplace and the main shopping street of Getreidegasse. The remainder of the day will be free to enjoy the Christmas Markets. (BB)

Wednesday, December 04 – Salzburg (Oberndorf + Silent Night, Mondsee + Sound of Music, St. Wolfgang): Today's excursion is full of the sights, sounds and tastes of Advent. We will drive first to Oberndorf, to see the chapel built on the site of the church where Silent Night was first sung in 1818. Then we will continue to the charming market town of Mondsee, to visit the church used in the wedding scene of the Sound of Music movie. There will be free time for lunch, before we continue through the Austrian lake district to St. Wolfgang, which has the most authentic of all the Christmas Markets. We will see the beautiful Gothic winged altar of the local parish church, the massive Lantern of Peace floating on the lake, the local craftsmen at work on traditional handcrafts. On Wednesday evenings, no electric lights are used in the village, so the Christmas Market is bathed only in candle-light. We will enjoy early dinner in one of the local restaurants, before we return to Salzburg for our overnight. (BB, D)

Thursday, December 05 – Salzburg / Schlitters World of Candles / Swarovski Crystal Worlds / Innsbruck: Following breakfast this morning, we will drive through the heart of the Austrian Alps and into the Inn Valley. In Brixlegg, we will stop at the Schlitters World of Candles to experience the artistic skill of the wax sculptors in the infinite variety of the hand-made candles for all occasions – Christmas, baptism, marriage and Easter, there is a candle for every Christian celebration. Later we will continue to Wattens to visit the Swarovski Crystal Worlds, which in Advent has its own magical atmosphere. In the late afternoon, we will arrive in Innsbruck for dinner and overnight. This evening on the streets of Innsbruck we will witness the exuberance of the festivities associated with St. Nikolaus

and the Krampus. (BB, D)

Friday, December 06 – Innsbruck (City Tour + Grassmayr Bell Foundry): This morning we will enjoy a walking tour of Innsbruck, which explores the old town with its Golden Roof, Imperial Palace and Court Church. We will visit the Museum of Tirolean Regional Heritage, with its unique collection of centuries old farm-house interiors, Tirolean costumes and nativity scenes. There will be free time over lunch to enjoy the authentic Christmas Market, and in the afternoon we will visit the local bell foundry, which has been in existence for more than 500 years. It is a unique experience, which explores the creation of a musical instrument, from the metal to the bell. In the museum we will learn about the entire evolution of bells and their place in Western culture and Christianity. (BB)

Saturday, December 07 – Innsbruck (Linderhof Palace, Ettal + Seefeld Sleigh Ride): This morning we drive north to the German border and cross into Bavaria close to the violin-making town of Mittenwald. First we will visit Linderhof Castle, the rococo hunting palace of 'mad' King Ludwig II of Bavaria. It is here that the influence of Louis XIV, the 'Sun King' of France, on the 'Fairytale King' of Bavaria is most evident, as we walk through the extravagantly decorated rooms. There will be free time for lunch, before we visit the Baroque Church of the Benedictine Monastery at Ettal. On the return journey to Innsbruck we make a special visit in the late afternoon to the ski resort of Seefeld, where snow conditions permitting, we will enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the pine forests for dinner at a local restaurant. (BB, D)

Sunday, December 08 – Innsbruck (Bolzano + Iceman Museum): Today's excursion takes us south over the Brenner Pass into Italy and through the Dolomite mountains to Bolzano. Here we will explore the South Tirol Archaeological Museum, which houses one of the most fascinating discoveries ever to be found in Europe - the Man in the Ice, one of the oldest and most complete human finds in the world, was discovered on a glacier in the Ötz Valley and is estimated to be 5300 years old. Our visit of the museum provides a fascinating insight into the life of our prehistoric ancestors. Bolzano itself has a beautiful mediaeval old town and its Christmas Market is one of the most authentic and atmospheric – there will be time to explore both, before we return to Innsbruck for our farewell dinner. (BB, SD)

Monday, December 09 – Innsbruck / Munich / Chicago: This morning we will transfer to Munich Airport to begin the journey home.

(BB) Buffet Breakfast (D) Dinner (SD) Farewell Dinner

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER:

All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$100 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all costs in cancelling a passenger and all other penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. PLUS the following:

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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 will also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

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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.

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TOUR RESERVATION FORM

Please return with your deposit check to:

Fr. Elliott Dees 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.

Please make your check payable to Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to the above address.

Enclosed is my (our) completed reservation form for Fr. Elliott Dees' Advent Markets tour to Austria departing on December 1, 2019 and a deposit check in the amount of \$400 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 form and in the accompanying tour brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carrier for fuel and/or government related taxes. The first deposit must be made by check. Subsequent deposits can be made using Visa or Mastercard. There is a 4% surcharge for credit card payments. 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: _____

E-mail address: _____

Roommate: _____

_____ 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.

Bedding preference (not guaranteed): _____ one bed _____ two beds

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

Signature(s): _____

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

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