

Trier Christmas Market

7 – 10 December



Rich in Roman history with its scenic beauty and historical monuments, Trier is the main centre of the River Moselle wine trade. Here, in the medieval market square is a German Christmas Market complete with hand-made toys and decorations, the aroma of roast chestnuts and toasted almonds; various types of Lebkuchen - the real German style gingerbread in a variety of shapes and sizes. To all this add a warming 'Glühwein' and you have the makings of a truly magical Christmas.

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER Depart early morning for the drive to Folkestone and the Eurotunnel to Calais, then on through France, Belgium and across the German border to our hotel, quietly located in the heart of Trier, the oldest city in Germany. Home to six Roman emperors, Trier has many ruins, including the impressive Porta Nigra (the Black Gate), a four storey structure that was once part of the city's walls. "Roma Secunda", the second Rome, was another name for Trier, and nowhere else in Germany are Roman times so vividly recalled as here, with the Amphitheatre, built around AD 100, the ruins of the Imperial Roman

Baths, the Roman Bridge and the Roman Basilica which is now used as a church.

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER A day at leisure to enjoy the Christmas Market held in the medieval market square, one of the loveliest in Germany with its Petrus fountain, and traffic free areas. On the festively decorated stands, you will find wooden toys, Christmas decorations, ceramic and other gift articles. In the Christmas Market pavilion a brass band and puppet theatre help to create a warming atmosphere. Good food awaits you as well: bratwurst sausages, potato pancakes, sweets, hot tea and mulled wine.



SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER A further day at leisure or, if you prefer, join us as we make our way into Luxembourg where the Christmas market is in full swing in the Place d'Armes in the city centre. The city of Luxembourg annually hosts the Winter Lights festival during advent, Christmas and New Year: the capital is adorned with more than 1,600m of lights creating beautifully fairy lit scenery of tree-lined streets and squares. Luxembourg's location and mixture of languages add to the Christmas market's European flavour - you can find items from Saxony, France and more. The market has various gifts such as handcrafted items, heart-shaped gingerbread, toys and much, much more. Carol singers entertain and soothe visitors singing in Luxembourgish, French and English. Soak in the atmosphere whilst drinking Glühwein (mulled wine) or Drëpp (Schnapps). Be sure to try some local cuisine too! - Such as Mettwurscht (sausage), some pancakes, Thüringer (sausage) and the tongue twister, Gromperkichelcher (potato fritters).

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER After breakfast we commence our homeward journey, making a stop at a hypermarket en route and arriving home mid-evening.



What's included

MERCURE HOTEL

Trier Porta Nigra

Situated next to the world famous Porta-Nigra and just a few minutes from the historic town centre.

All bedrooms have private facilities, TV, telephone & radio.

3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
Time to explore Trier & Luxembourg
Visit to Hypermarket

£375.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £42.50