

**TOUR CODE : GEDE/8D-CHRISTMAS MARKETS
OF CENTRAL EUROPE**

**Package validity
DECEMBER 2025 – DECEMBER 2026**



Weave through the snow-capped peaks of the Austrian Alps before enjoying the joys of the festive season with this expertly curated itinerary – perfectly designed to indulge the senses at the most wonderful time of the year. Signature Golden Eagle Luxury Trains experiences include a magical concert of Viennese Christmas folk songs, a traditional 'Fiaker' (horse-drawn carriage) through Vienna's grand boulevard and a tasting session of the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of the iconic St Stephen's Cathedral.

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BUDAPEST TO MUNICH

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Tour Accommodation

2 hotel nights in Budapest · 3 nights on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express · 2 hotel nights in Munich (8 days / 7 nights)



DAY 1 BUDAPEST

Arrivals day in **Budapest**, where you will be met and transferred to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for a two-night stay.

Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surroundings of this art nouveau landmark where you can meet your fellow travellers ahead of this highly anticipated journey.

DAY 2 BUDAPEST

Budapest is an alliance of two cities separated by the Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace, dominates the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Our panoramic city tour includes the Castle District, St. Mathias Church and Fishermen's Bastion. We will also see the Parliament, Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral, Heroes Square and the City Park.

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Make sure to take the opportunity to stroll through the many Christmas Markets scattered around the city. You may want to visit the historic Great Market Hall with its endless variety of delicious foods and wines or warm up and head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating Christmas dip.





DAY 3 VIENNA

Late morning, you will be transferred to Nyugati station to enjoy a drinks reception in the impressive Royal Waiting Room before boarding the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Marking the beginning of your voyage of a lifetime, our private brass band will perform as the train departs from the station, and our uniformed train staff will be there to escort you to your private en-suite cabin.

As you settle in and enjoy your first delicious lunch onboard, the train will weave its way out of Budapest's Nyugati station, before winding through Hungary's whimsical wintery landscapes, before arriving at our first stop – **Vienna**.

In the afternoon we will explore this beautiful Austrian city, with a panoramic tour of the breath-taking grand boulevard encircling Vienna's historic quarters. From here we will enjoy a traditional 'Fiaker' (horse-drawn carriage) ride through the charming city streets, before sampling the traditional Pirkler gingerbread in front of magnificent St Stephen's. We will then return to the train to indulge in a decadent dinner – freshly prepared, using the finest local sourced ingredients and local delicacies.

DAY 4 VIENNA

A beautiful city to explore at any time of the year, but wintertime in **Vienna** is an extra special experience. Exquisitely illuminated with hanging lights of the Christmas markets, Vienna's squares are brimming with culinary treats, handmade gifts, and quaint ornaments.

This morning we will visit the Museum of Fine Arts which is the largest art museum in Austria and located right in the heart of the city. Opened to the public in 1891, the main part of the museum's collection is made up of artworks acquired by the Habsburg dynasty. We will also enjoy a trip to the Christmas market situated on Maria-Theresien Platz.

Hofburg Palace has been the heart of power in Vienna since 1279, so naturally it is rich with history that can't be experienced anywhere else. Once the Habsburg's winter residence, this massive palace complex now serves as the workplace and home of the President of Austria. During our visit we'll meet a choir who will provide a short concert of traditional Viennese Christmas folk songs.

After lunch we continue to the Schönbrunn Palace, with a tour included. The palace also provides the perfect backdrop for the Christmas Market and is perhaps the most classically stylish of all the Vienna markets. The exclusive assortment of booths includes traditional handicrafts, pretty Christmas decorations and toys. Sweet, spicy, and hearty temptations are waiting on every corner and enchant the huge square in front of the palace with enticing aromas.





DAY 5 SALZBURG

Like a picture from the pages of a fairy-tale, **Salzburg** perfectly captures the charming cosiness of the festive season. The city sits snugly in the northern foothills of the Alps, set against a backdrop of snow-capped peaks, cut in half by the curves of the Salzach River. The Christmas markets, Advent concerts and local traditions continue to charm visitors in the magical city of Mozart.

This afternoon we explore the heart of the city, starting at Mirabell Palace. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the baroque 17th century palace is easily one of the most stunning landmarks in the city and made famous in more modern times as a location used in *The Sound of Music*.

A short distance from the palace on Market Square (Marktplatz) we will see the former Mozart Residence, now a museum. From here we will cross the Makartsteg bridge into the Old Town and walk along the Getreidegasse, Salzburg's most famous street which is renowned for its wrought-iron trade signs and the birthplace of Mozart.

The rest of our time in Salzburg will be spent at the Salzburger Christkindlmarkt, one of the most beautiful and oldest Christmas markets in the world, which is held on Domplatz and Residenzplatz. Its unique location in the middle of the World Heritage Old Town of Salzburg, the traditional stalls and its long history make the Salzburg Christmas market something very special. The Christkindlmarkt offers incomparable holiday ambiance – bells ring out from onion-domed churches, the scent of fresh pine mingles with the aroma of cinnamon-sprinkled mulled wine in the crisp winter air, and cheerful groups huddle around festive market stalls.

DAY 6 SALZBURG & MUNICH

After a leisurely breakfast onboard our private train, we embark on a visit to the illustrious Fortress Hohensalzburg, one of the most iconic landmarks in Austria and a symbol of Salzburg's rich medieval history. Perched majestically atop the Festungsberg hill, this formidable fortress has stood for over 900 years, a testament to the city's power and prestige. We travel in style aboard the funicular, bypassing the traditional stairs, to reach this architectural marvel. During our guided tour, we'll delve into the fortress's fascinating past, from its role as a royal residence to its transformation into a military stronghold. You will also have time to explore at your own pace, taking in panoramic views of **Salzburg** and its surrounding alpine beauty. Afterward, enjoy a leisurely afternoon of free time in the centre of Salzburg, where you can stroll through its baroque streets, indulge in fine shopping, or simply relax in one of the city's elegant cafés, soaking in the timeless charm of this UNESCO World Heritage destination.

We return to the train for lunch and from the Restaurant Cars enjoy the spectacular Bavarian scenery as we head across the border into Germany for our final stop in **Munich** where we disembark from the Danube Express. We transfer to the Charles Hotel, a Rocco Forte Hotel, for a two night stay in Munich. A Leading Hotel of the World, the Charles is centrally, yet quietly, located between the Karlsplatz and Königsplatz at the Old Botanical Garden within easy walking distance to many of the city's key attractions.





DAY 7 MUNICH

Electrified by the indescribable buzz of yuletide cheer, Christmas in Munich is truly magic. One of the most famous of all the city's Christmas markets is located on Marienplatz in the heart of the city. This centuries-old market, which had its beginnings in the 1600s, is a fresh mix of old and new – keeping to older Bavarian traditions, with mouth-watering Brätwurst and freshly roasted chestnuts, presented alongside decadent sweet treats and intriguing electric creations. Watching over, a majestically illuminated Christmas tree casts a charismatic glow over the bustling square – perfectly adding to the festive feel.

We begin with a guided walking tour of this celebrated market before guests may choose to explore Motorworld Munich, a haven for automotive enthusiasts featuring luxury and classic car showrooms, expert workshops, and immersive exhibition spaces dedicated to the world of motoring. Afterwards, guests may opt to visit Paulaner am Nockherberg, a legendary Bavarian beer hall and brewery renowned for its authentic hospitality. Here, a selection of Paulaner's finest brews is complemented by traditional Bavarian delicacies, from freshly baked pretzels to hearty bratwurst. For those who prefer to soak in the festive ambiance at their own pace, there will also be an opportunity for leisurely shopping in Munich's elegant boutiques.

This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner and reflect on the memories made from this wonderful winter escapade across Central Europe.

DAY 8 MUNICH

Following breakfast in the hotel you will be transferred to the airport for onward departures.





TOUR INCLUSIONS

Accommodation

- ✓ Five-star pre and post tour accommodation
- ✓ Private en-suite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train

Service

- ✓ Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- ✓ Experienced Tour Management team
- ✓ Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✓ All gratuities - on and off the train
- ✓ Luggage portage throughout the journey

Dining

- ✓ Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients
- ✓ Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- ✓ Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

Excursions

- ✓ Expertly guided off-train excursions as detailed in the itinerary



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Champagne reception on departure
- ❖ Extended visits to the Christmas Markets of Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich
- ❖ See Vienna stunning Old Town by horse-drawn carriage
- ❖ Tasting experience of the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of the iconic St Stephen’s Cathedral, Vienna

DATES & PRICES
All prices are per person

USD (\$)	Deluxe Class		Superior Deluxe Class	
2025	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)
Dec 03 – Dec 10	10,495	15,695	13,395	22,095
Deposit	\$2,200		\$2,700	

USD (\$)	Deluxe Class		Superior Deluxe Class	
2026	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)
Dec 03 – Dec 10	10,700	16,100	13,800	22,600
Deposit	\$2,200		\$2,700	

Remarks:

1. Prices quoted are based on **US Dollar (USD)**; payment in Ringgit Malaysia subject to prevailing currency exchange rate upon booking.
2. Prices quoted are based on minimum of 01 adult travelling
3. Peak season or special event surcharge & block out date are subject to change without prior notice.
4. A non-refundable deposit is required upon booking request. Full payment once booking confirmed.
5. Cancellation : Non-Refundable
6. Prices are subject to change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of reservation.
7. We reserved the right to alter, amend, delete or to add to the conditions or withdraw the package at any time without prior notice.
8. Other terms and conditions apply.