



VISIT **CROATIA**<sup>®</sup>  
*Tasteful Croatian Journeys*

# THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

A fully customizable 15 day/14 night luxury itinerary  
created by the team of destination specialists at  
Tasteful Croatian Journeys

THE TCJ DIFFERENCE

# Custom Luxury Itineraries

Composed of Discovery,  
Culture & Relaxed Elegance

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# The TCJ Team

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For more than 25 years, Tasteful Croatian Journeys has been creating bespoke, luxury journeys to Croatia and the surrounding regions. TCJ itineraries focus on immersive experiences designed to encourage meaningful engagement with local people and culture, while providing the excellence in quality and service that our company has become known for.

Our team of passionate professionals is led by Wanda S. Radetti, who since 2006 has consistently been listed as Condé Nast Traveler's World Top Travel Specialist for Croatia. Wanda's expertise of Croatia is second to none. Her philosophy of borders as opportunities to build bridges of friendship and cultural exchange has served as a guiding principle to the team which she has trained and developed. For the sophisticated, educated traveler, TCJ opens a little-known country to reveal its untainted natural beauties and ancient local traditions.

CELEBRATE THE MOST WONDERFUL  
TIME OF THE YEAR...



# ...TAILORED TO YOU

Every custom holiday Tasteful Croatian Journeys designs is comprised of luxury elements such as upscale lodging, chauffeured transport, and culturally immersive experiences – chosen with intention and thoughtfully arranged to satisfy the individual traveler’s vision. We offer the following sample itinerary to serve as inspiration. Consider it an outline; fully customizable to fit your unique travel style and please even the most discerning of guests.

# Private, Custom Journey

15 days/ 14 Nights



## ZAGREB

3 nights - 5\* accommodation

Explore Croatia's elegant capital, at once a part of Central Europe and the Mediterranean, a former Kingdom in its own right



## SALZBURG

3 nights - 5\* accommodation

Immerse yourself in the yuletide charm of Austria's "City of Music," home to one of Europe's oldest and most beautiful Advent Markets



## LJUBLJANA

2 nights - 4\* accommodation

Experience the enchantment of Ljubljana's Festive Fair, brimming with colorful lights and holiday cheer



## ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

2 nights - 4\* accommodation

Fall in love with the storybook town of Český Krumlov, renowned as one of the most picturesque Renaissance cities in all of Europe



## LAKE BLEED

1 night - 5\* accommodation

Discover the magic of Lake Bled at Christmas, where history intertwines with legend and fairytales come to life



## PRAGUE

3 nights - 5\* accommodation

Embrace the romance of Prague, who invites its visitors to relish its history, celebrate its present, and embrace its future

# ADVENT IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Every year, the historic cities of Central Europe are transformed into winter wonderlands in celebration of Advent, the season spanning the four weeks leading up to December 25. Vibrant open-air Christmas Markets spring up across cities, composed of rows of chalet-like stalls selling holiday gifts, traditional hand-crafted goods, food, and drink. Often, a central market is found basking under a stately church tower or Baroque Palace while many smaller markets, with just a few stalls, can be found throughout the city and in virtually every surrounding town or village.

Christmas Markets are best explored independently during an evening at leisure, when the markets shimmer with the soft white glow of glittering lights and ample time allows for lingering to enjoy the atmosphere. Your team at Tasteful Croatian Journeys is on hand to direct you to our favorite markets in each location you visit, as well as provide practical information such as opening hours and tips to make your holiday truly unforgettable.

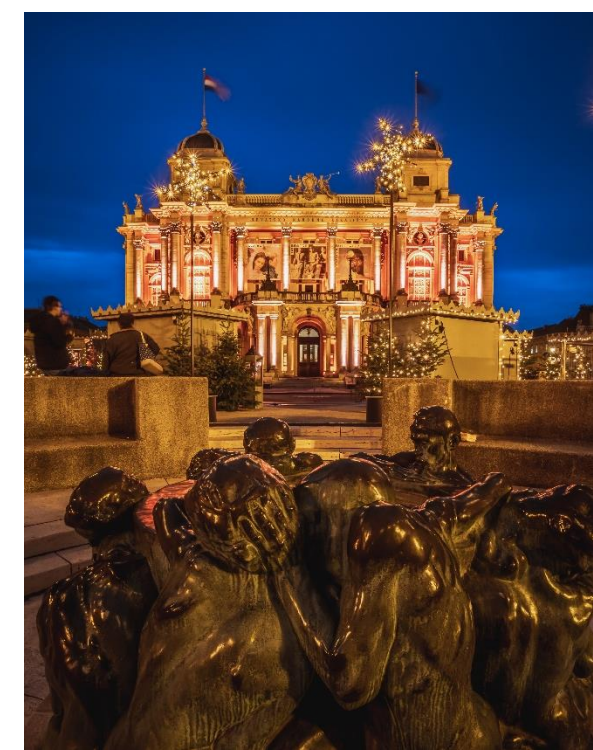
# ZAGREB

- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- AFTERNOON/EVENING AT LEISURE TO RELAX AND ADJUST TO THE TIME DIFFERENCE
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN ZAGREB - 3 NIGHTS

Croatia's vibrant capital is a living city, home to a quarter of the country's population, and serving as the cultural and political heart of the nation.

An amalgamation of cultures, Zagreb perfectly blends the sophistication of Central Europe with the laid-back charm of the Mediterranean. It is home to a thriving creative scene, countless cultural institutions, and some of the country's finest restaurants, as well as one of the best Christmas markets in all of Europe. Advent in Zagreb is a spectacular city-wide experience which transforms the capital into a winter wonderland. More than 25 individual Christmas Markets are spread throughout the city's main squares and promenades, each with its own unique theme and atmosphere, yet blending together to give the feeling of one all-encompassing market.

After your arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.





## AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL - 5\* HOTEL IN THE HEART OF ZAGREB

This heritage hotel is housed in the former Croatian branch of an Austrian bank, with a vault and safe still located in the basement. Built in the early 1920s, both the building's exterior and its rich, decorative interior are almost perfectly preserved, featuring rich Art Deco and Art Nouveau influences. The rooms are well-appointed and elegantly decorated, combining the grandeur of early 20th century architecture with the upmarket elegance of a modern hotel; a perfect example of classic Zagreb character and flair.



# ZAGREB

- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF ZAGREB WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE

Begin your day with a private guided walking tour of the Upper town & Lower town of historic Zagreb.

Your tour begins with a visit Zagreb's main square, Trg Bana Josipa Jelačića, before continuing to the historic settlements on Kaptol and Gradec. You'll have the opportunity to learn about Croatia's largest Cathedral and visit the bustling Dolac farmers' Market, as well as see St. Mark's Church with its colorful roof tiles. After, you'll visit the Christmas Market at Zrinjevac Park, illuminated by hundreds of trees covered in glittering lights lining the main pathway. Charming white wooden huts sell gifts handcrafted by local artisans and serve hearty winter fare. Live musical performances occasionally take place in the central pavilion. Finish your tour at King Tomislav square, home to Croatia's largest ice-skating rink.

After your guided tour, enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure to explore at your own pace.



# VARAŽDIN & TRAKOŠĆAN CASTLE

- FULL DAY EXCURSION TO EXPLORE THE BAROQUE CITY OF VARAŽDIN & TRAKOŠĆAN CASTLE WITH PRIVATE GUIDE
- PRIVATE ROUND TRIP TRANSFER IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- EVENING AT LEISURE IN ZAGREB

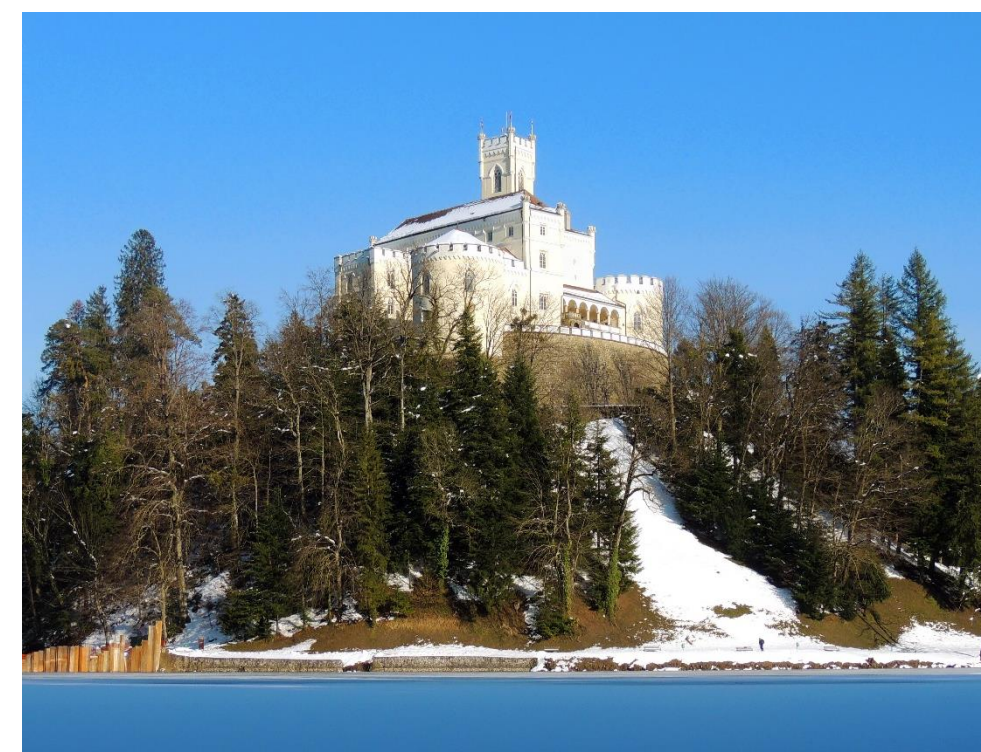
Begin by departing Zagreb in the morning by private car and driver to Varaždin, a city on the Drava River, known as the, "City of the Angels."

A quaint, beautifully preserved city, Varaždin is appreciated for its Baroque and Rococo architecture. Having once briefly served as Croatia's capital, this splendid small city has much to offer curious travelers. Together with your guide, stroll through the charming cobblestoned center learning of the city's past, stopping by the town's delightful museums, churches, and medieval castle before finishing with a steamy cup of mulled wine at the festive Christmas Market.

Continue your journey to explore the Krapina-Zagorije region and stop to visit Trakošćan Castle.

Originally built in the late 13th century, the castle is a cultural treasure, rising above the forest as if in a fairy tale. In 1953, it was opened to the public as a museum, home to examples of baroque furniture and historical weapons. Encircled by romantic gardens, and overlooking a picturesque lake, the castle grounds should not be missed.

Return to Zagreb in the late afternoon to enjoy your evening at leisure.



# LOWER CARNIOLA

- FULL DAY PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM ZAGREB TO LJUBLJANA IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- DISCOVER THE REGION OF LOWER CARNIOLA WITH STOPS AT THE KOSTANJEVICA MONASTERY AND NOVO MESTO CHRISTMAS MARKET
- GUIDED TOUR OF THE BOZIDAR JAKAC ART MUSEUM
- GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF NOVO MESTO
- EVENING AT LEISURE IN LJUBLJANA
- 4 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN LJUBLJANA - 2 NIGHTS

Depart Zagreb in the morning by private car and driver to Ljubljana with stops along the way to discover the region of Lower Carniola.

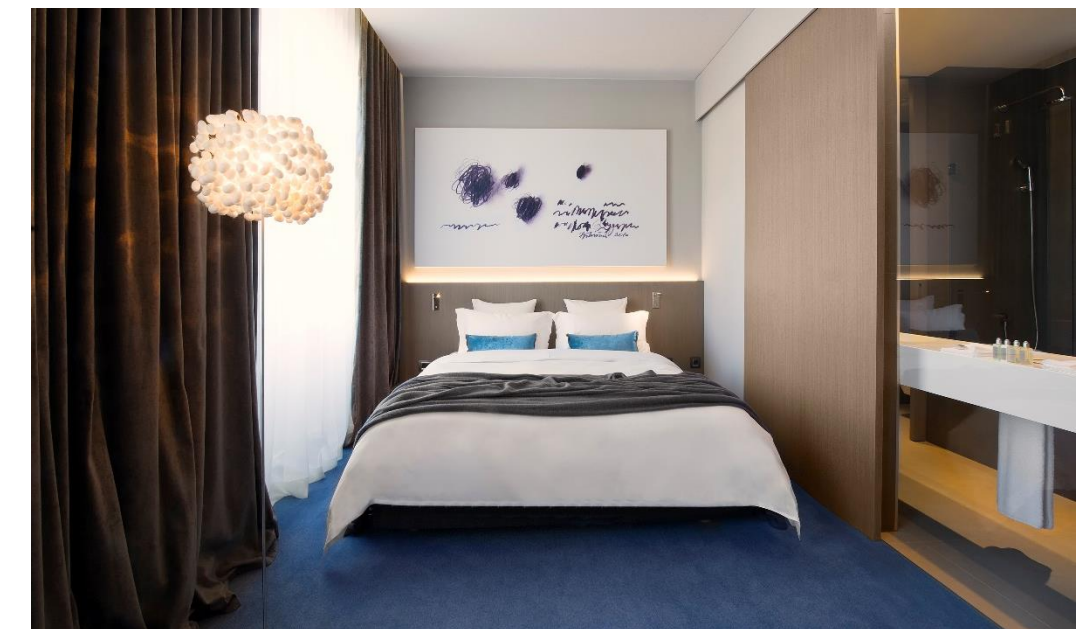
This picturesque area is home to rolling hills, vineyards, historical villages and towns, churches, monasteries and castles. Stop in the Kostanjevica Monastery, now home to the Bozidar Jakac Art Museum, known for its permanent collection of works by Slovenian Expressionist painters. Enjoy a guided tour with one of the museum's experts. Next, we recommend a visit to the medieval Otočec Castle for a gourmet lunch in their elegant restaurant. Finally, explore the Christmas Market of Novo Mesto. Our local guide will introduce you to the secrets of this small historic town and capital of the region.

Your day concludes with drop off at your hotel in Ljubljana. After check in, enjoy your evening at leisure.



## HOTEL CUBO - 4\* HOTEL ON THE EDGE OF LJUBLJANA'S OLD TOWN

This stylish boutique property features 26 bright and spacious rooms adorned with contemporary furnishings and decorated in neutral color palettes. The hotel is located within easy walking distance of many of Ljubljana's main attractions, surrounded by charming squares and picturesque architecture. Roughly half of the rooms boast views of the picturesque Ljubljana Castle. In addition, its restaurant has become a popular spot for both locals and guests, well-known for its fine modern cuisine.



# LJUBLJANA

- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF LJUBLJANA WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE

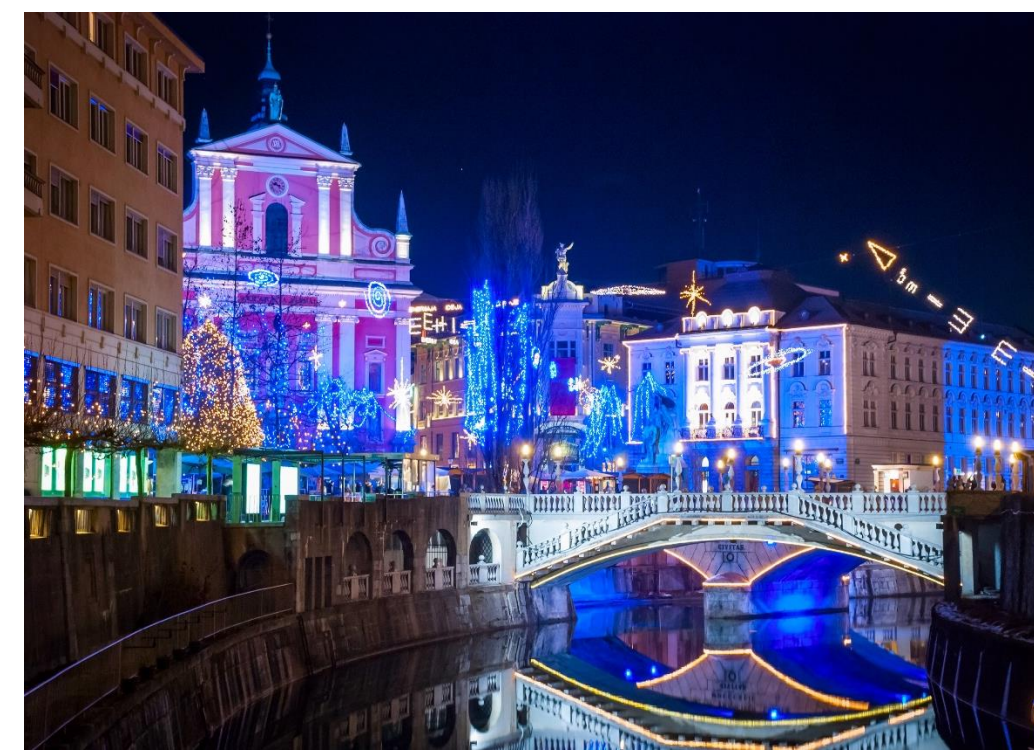
Surrounded by the lofty peaks of the Julian Alps, Ljubljana is a lively, green city which exudes effortless charm.

Begin your day with a private guided walking tour of Ljubljana’s Old Town.

Explore the historic heart of the city and learn about its stunning Art Nouveau buildings, the work of world-famous architect Jože Plečnik. Visit Ljubljana’s most important landmarks, such as Prešeren Square, Triple Bridge, and Ljubljana Castle, which crowns a hill east of the Old Town. The castle’s tower is depicted on the city’s coat of arms, mounted by a dragon, the symbol of the city, representing power, courage, and greatness – an apropos image for the cultural, educational, economic, and political center of Slovenia.

After your guided tour, enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure exploring the city’s vibrant Christmas Market, known as the Festive Fair.

The market comes to life in the evening with its Christmas lighting display. The theme of the lighting display changes every year but is inspired by the infinite expanses of the universe. Past themes have included Cosmic Ljubljana, The Path of Life, Bearers of Light, and A Celebration of Existence, among others. The result is both beautiful and uniquely Ljubljana. Soak up the atmosphere as you enjoy some mulled wine and local street food.



# LAKE BLEED

- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM LJUBLJANA TO LAKE BLEED IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- FULL DAY AT LEISURE TO EXPLORE LAKE BLEED
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN LAKE BLEED - 1 NIGHT

Nestled in the foothills of the Julian Alps, glacial Lake Bled shimmers like a jewel, its mirrored surface reflecting the lush forest and snow-capped peaks that surround it.

Depart Ljubljana in the morning by private car and driver to Lake Bled. Check into your hotel and enjoy the day at leisure.

In the center of the lake sits a small island, home to the picturesque Assumption of Mary Church and object of many fables. To reach the island, ride a traditional Pletna, a wooden, awning-covered boat, rowed by a standing oarsman, and climb the 99 stone steps up to the church, bell tower, curacy and provost's house, and small hermitage. On Bled's shored, its charming lakeside town plays host to the annual Christmas Market, known as the Bled Winter Fairytale. Located on the Lakeside Promenade, wooden stalls adorned with twinkling lights offer a range of festive food, drink, and gifts. Those wishing to explore Slovenia's natural wonders will find Bled an ideal home base, conveniently located within easy reach of Vintgar Gorge, Triglav National Park, and Lake Bohinj. Adventure seekers are sure to enjoy the multitude of winter sport possibilities such as skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, dog sledding, ice-climbing, and more.



## GRAND HOTEL TOPLICE - 5\* HOTEL ON THE WATERFRONT OF LAKE BLEED

An icon of tradition and charm, the Grand Hotel Toplice enjoys an enviable position on the western shore of Lake Bled, boasting stunning views of Bled Island and Bled Castle. Traditionally styled rooms speak of Old World elegance, featuring antique furnishings and stately décor. The property is home to three restaurants, two bars, an indoor thermal pool, saunas, and a spacious lakeside terrace which serves as a beach during summer months. For more than 80 years it has attracted a steady stream of dignitaries and stars.





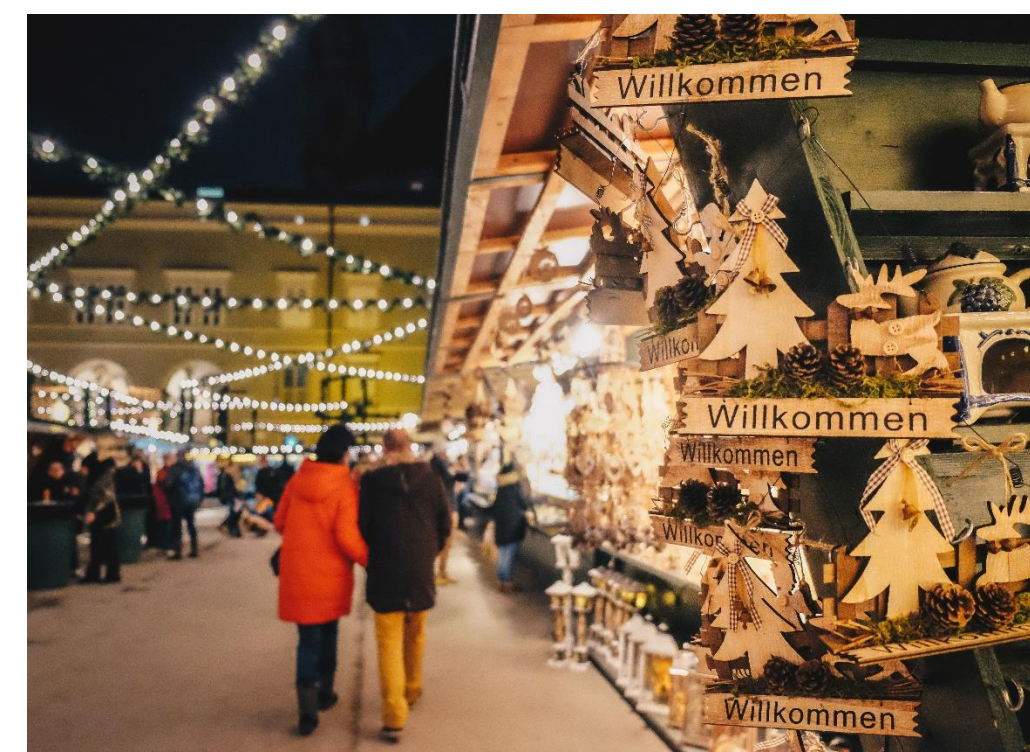
# SALZBURG

- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM LAKE BLEED TO SALZBURG IN LUXURY VEHICLE WITH COMFORT STOP IN THE CHARMING VILLAGE OF GMÜND
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN SALZBURG
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN SALZBURG - 3 NIGHTS

A small city offering a great wealth of culture, Salzburg is home to a blossoming arts scene, delicious cuisine, manicured parks, ornate architecture, and a rich musical tradition.

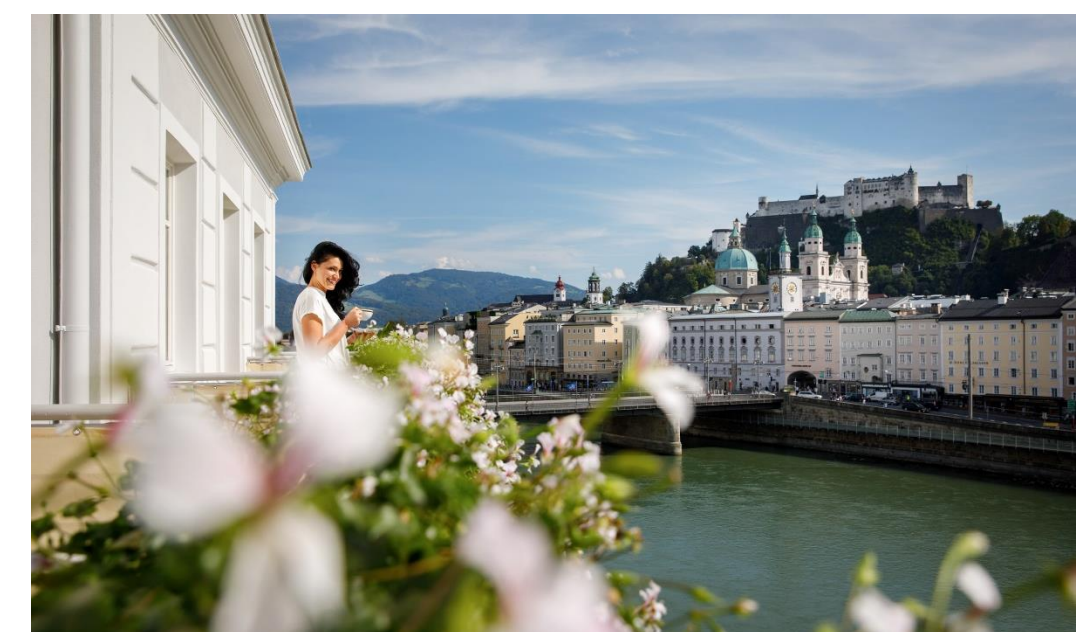
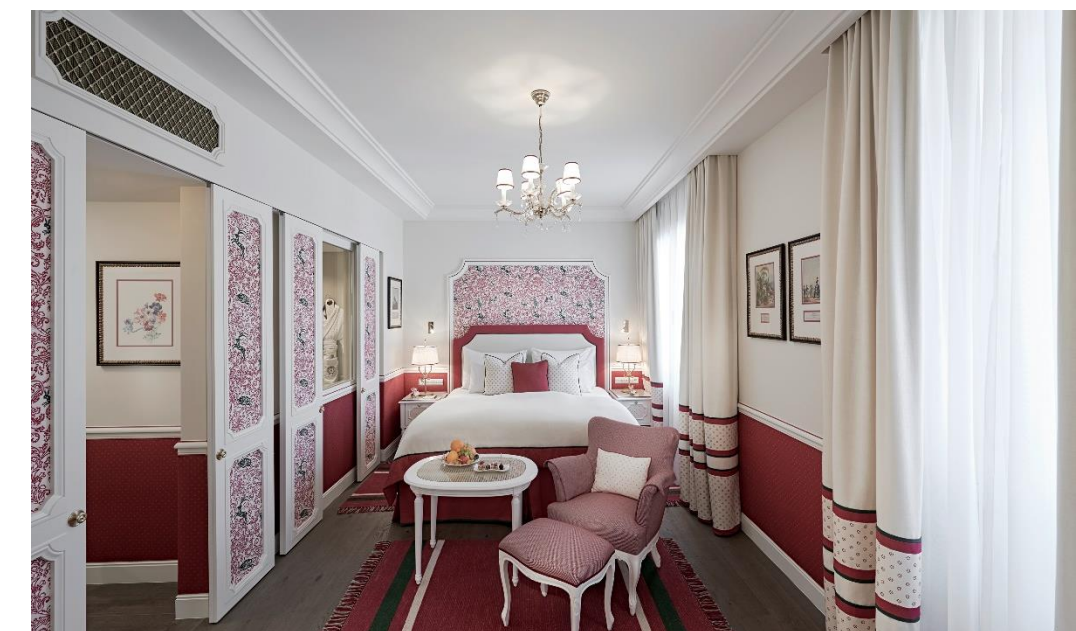
Depart Lake Bled in the morning by private car and driver to Salzburg. Check into your hotel and enjoy the day at leisure.

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. Although a worthwhile destination all year round, Salzburg is most magical during the holidays, when the wonderfully preserved Altstadt serves as a picture-perfect backdrop for perusing the city's lively Christmas Market. One of the oldest Advent Markets in Europe, the Salzburg 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. With close to 100 stalls, the Salzburg Christkindlmarkt offers plenty to see and do while still retaining an intimacy uncharacteristic of most markets this size.



## HOTEL SACHER - 5\* HOTEL IN THE HEART OF SALZBURG

Extending along the River Salzach, offering stunning views of the Old Town, Fortress of Hohensalzburg, and mountains beyond, the newly renovated Hotel Sacher seamlessly fuses trend and tradition, creating an ambiance of luxury and contemporary comfort. The privately-owned property features 109 individually designed rooms and suites inspired by local aristocratic residences, as well as two restaurants helmed by Award-winning chef Manfred Stüfler. No stay is complete without sampling the world famous Sacher-Torte.



# CHRISTMAS BAKING CLASS

- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF SALZBURG WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- APPLE STRUDEL & CHRISTMAS COOKIES BAKING EXPERIENCE INCLUDING LUNCH
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN SALZBURG

Begin your day with a private guided walking tour of Salzburg's Altstadt (Old Town).

Salzburg's historic center radiates Old World charm - a UNESCO World Heritage site home to Renaissance and Baroque buildings, palaces, concert halls, and monasteries. Together with your guide, explore the city's most notable monuments such as the Salzburg Dom, Residenz Palace, birthplace of Mozart on charming Getreidegasse, fortress of Hohensalzburg, and Mirabell Palace while learning about the city's rich Christmas traditions.

After your tour, your guide will drop you off at the location of your private Apple Strudel & Christmas Cookies Baking Experience .

Prepare an original Austrian apple strudel from scratch as well as Vanilla Kipferl, traditional Austrian Christmas cookies, under the guidance and instruction of your chef. While they bake, enjoy some hot glühwein (mulled wine) and a bowl of goulash.

Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.



# SEE TRADITION COME ALIVE

In Europe, St Nicholas Day is celebrated on December 6th, recognizing the third-century saint who served as inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus. Children look forward to a visit from the generous saint and in the days leading up to the celebration, put their shoes in front of the fireplace or the front door at night to find them filled with small presents the next morning. However, in Alpine countries, St. Nicholas is traditionally accompanied by an evil, or at least mischievous, partner – the half-goat, half-demon creature called Krampus. While St. Nicholas bestows gifts to well behaved children, Krampus doles out punishment to those that were naughty. Krampus finds his roots in Alpine folklore, and today the best way to experience this centuries-old custom is by attending a Krampuslauf, literally, a Krampus Run. Krampus runs are normally held from mid-November to mid-December in the Alpine region that includes southern Bavaria, southern Austria, and Slovenia. In bigger cities, such as Salzburg, these Krampus Runs take the form of parades which march through the central Christmas Market. The processions feature performers in elaborately designed costumes, many with hand-carved wooden masks, shaggy pelts, and jangling bells, who run down the street half dancing, half stomping. Tasteful Croatian Journeys can advise travelers of the best dates to visit if interested in experiencing this tradition firsthand.

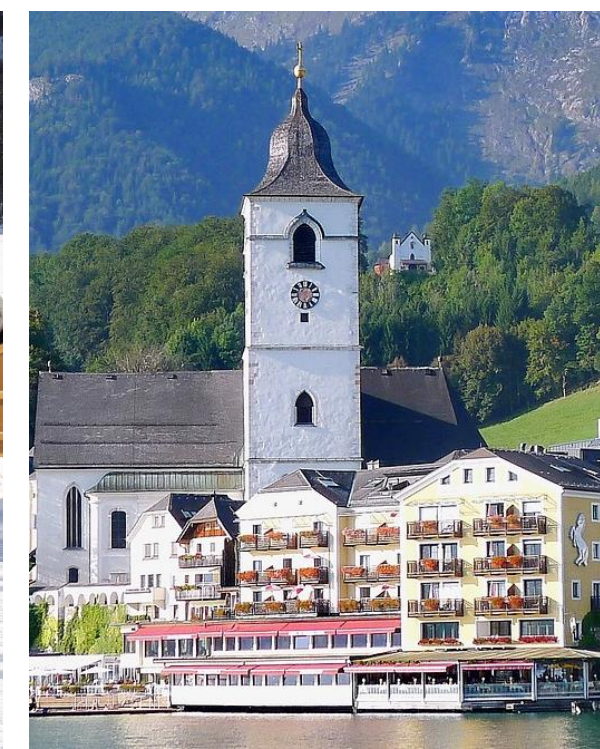
# LAKE TOWNS OF SALZKAMMERGUT

- FULL DAY GUIDED EXCURSION TO EXPLORE THE PICTURESQUE LAKESIDE TOWNS OF THE SALZKAMMERGUT
- PRIVATE ROUND TRIP TRANSFER IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- EVENING AT LEISURE IN SALZBURG

Together with your guide, begin by departing Salzburg in the morning by private car and driver to the Salzkammergut, or “Domaine of Salt.”

This picturesque region of lakes and Alpine ranges garnered its name from the rock salt found deep below its idyllic mountains. Begin your excursion with a stop in Gosau to enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride through snow-covered meadows and woods while bundled under warm blankets. Your next stop will be the Alpine village of Hallstatt, a tiny village tucked between mountains famous for its charm and beauty. Enjoy a stroll around the town and lunch in one of the lakeside restaurants. After, continue to St. Wolfgang, being sure to see its 14th-century church and stroll its rustic Christmas market stalls. If time permits, on your way back to Salzburg, make a short stop in Mondsee to see the Basilica Minor St Michael, which was the filming location of the iconic wedding scene in "The Sound of Music."

Enjoy your evening at leisure in Salzburg.



# THE SILENT NIGHT CHAPEL

DAY 10 – SALZBURG TO ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

- PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM SALZBURG TO ČESKÝ KRUMLOV IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- COMFORT STOP IN THE TOWN OF OBERNDORF TO LEARN THE HISTORY OF WORLD-FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CAROL "SILENT NIGHT"
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV
- 4 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV - 2 NIGHTS

Depart Salzburg in the morning by private car and driver to Český Krumlov with a stop along the way to discover Oberndorf, the Austrian village where the classic song “Silent Night” was first composed and performed.

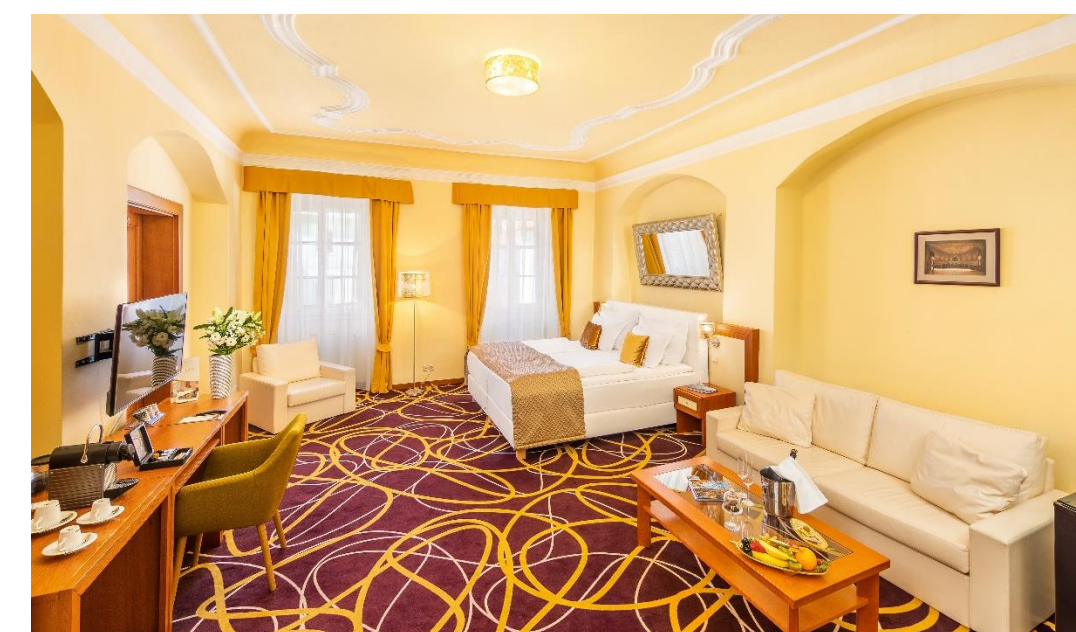
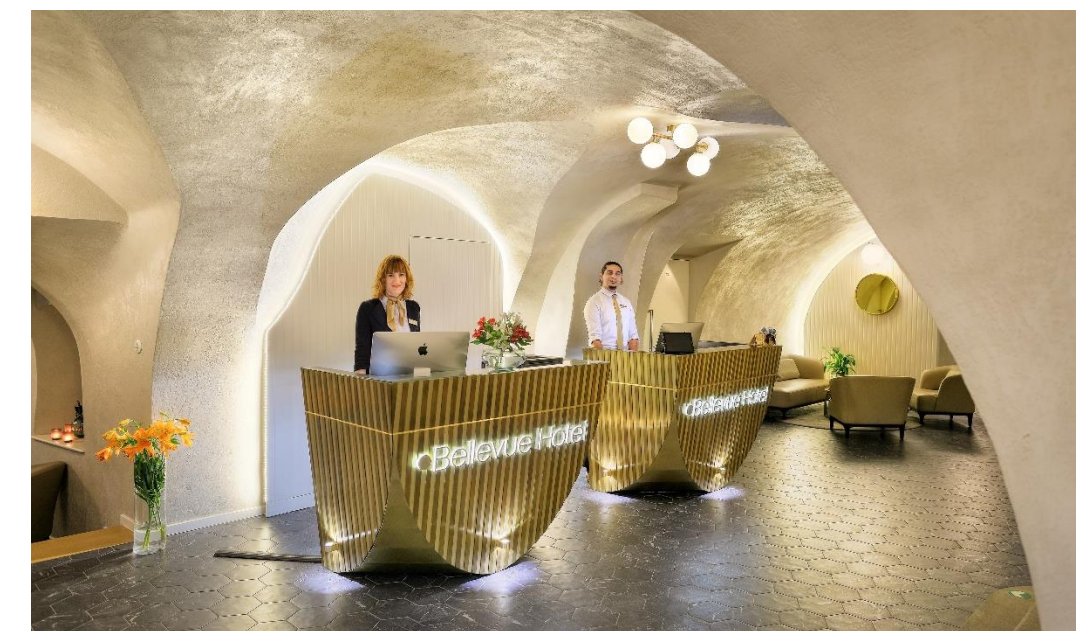
Beloved holiday classic “Silent Night” was performed for the first time by Franz Xaver Gruber and Joseph Mohr in the St. Nikolaus Church during Christmas mass in 1818. Since then, it has been translated into roughly 300 languages and dialects around the world, making it one of the most famous holiday songs ever written. Start with a visit to the Silent Night Museum, where displays of unique memorabilia and interactive stations teach of the Christmas carol’s origin. Next, visit the Silent Night Memorial Chapel, which was erected in 1937 on the site where the St. Nikolaus Church once stood. Finally, take a stroll around the village’s charming Christmas market before continuing on toward Český Krumlov.

Your day concludes with drop off at your hotel in Český Krumlov. After check in, enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.



## BELLEVUE - 4\* HOTEL IN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV'S HISTORIC CENTER

With a history dating back to the 16th century, this charming hotel was once a bakery before being converted to an inn and carriage house in the 1870s, and eventually a boutique hotel. Renovated in accordance with the original design, the registered historic building features 65 modern and comfortable rooms and suites, each with its own particular style and charm. The hotel's gourmet restaurant, Le Jardin, serves French-inspired dishes and a selection of Czech specialties.



# ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

DAY 11 – ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF ČESKÝ KRUMLOV WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE

This fairy tale town and UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the most picturesque in Europe. Marvel at the town's magnificent architecture, from the iconic 14th century castle perched atop a rocky promontory, to the splendid townhouses which occupy the Old Town below.

A popular tourist destination, Advent presents a quieter side not seen in spring or summer. A charming market fills the main square, and festive atmosphere permeates the entire city.

Begin your day with a private guided walking tour exploring the towns main attractions.

After your tour, visit the newly restored Minorite and Poor Clares Monasteries. Spend some time exploring the craft workshops which aim to introduce visitors to the traditional crafts which were done in medieval monasteries and cities. Visit the tailor to see traditional medieval attire and try on the costumes. Similar interactive experiences can be had visiting the blacksmith, the potter, the bookbinder, shoemaker, and more.

Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.





# PRAGUE

- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM ČESKÝ KRUMLOV TO PRAGUE IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN PRAGUE
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN PRAGUE - 3 NIGHTS

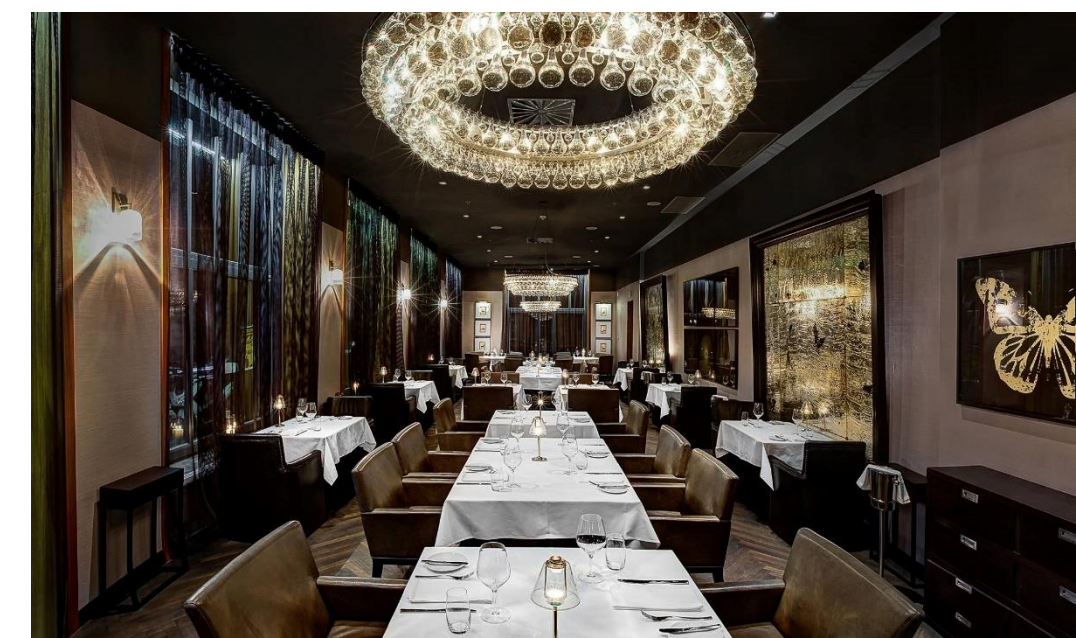
For over a thousand years, the fairytale city of Prague has stood straddling the banks of the Vltava River; a microcosm of Central Europe; a cobbled maze of stunning architecture, hidden gardens, and cozy sidewalk cafes.

At once both imperial and cosmopolitan, Prague is a lively, dynamic, and constantly developing city, where past and present intertwine to create an atmosphere of romance and wonder. Prague rewards its visitors with endless potential for exploration and unexpected discoveries. At no time is this more evident than during Christmas, when the Czech capital's many charming squares play host to vibrant Vánoční Trhy (Christmas Markets). The sound of children's choirs and carol singers echo off the ornate facades of historic buildings, bouncing among the richly decorated wooden stalls, and mingling with the laughter and chatter of jolly patrons. Live potted trees create the feeling of an enchanted forest, though they are dwarfed by the towering spruce which shimmers as the magnificent centerpiece of the Old Town Square market.



## THE EMBLEM HOTEL- 5\* HOTEL JUST STEPS FROM PRAGUE'S OLD TOWN SQUARE

This elegant lifestyle hotel packs a lot of punch into a relatively small space. The property features sleek, modern design in each of its 59 rooms and suites, as well as comfortable and inviting common spaces. Feel at home in the stylish, multi-roomed complex known as the M Lounge in the hotel's lower level, or in the tranquil spa upstairs. Original artworks and temporary exhibitions find their home throughout the property making it a truly unique creative environment. The on-site restaurant is one of the city's best steakhouses.



# PRAGUE

- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF PRAGUE'S OLD TOWN WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN PRAGUE

Begin your day with a private guided walking tour of Prague's Old Town (Staré Mesto), the throbbing heart of the city.

You'll have the opportunity to see the Old Town Hall, Astrological Clock and the Church of Our Lady before Týn, whose twin Gothic spires make it an unmistakable landmark. In fact, Prague is often referred to as the "City of a hundred Spires," as the city's skyline is punctuated by dozens of steeples and towers stretching toward the heavens. You'll also visit the Charles Bridge. Built in the 14th century, it stood as the only means of crossing the Vltava until 1841, securing Prague's position as an important trade route between Eastern and Western Europe. It was named for Charles IV, the first king of Bohemia to also bear the title of Holy Roman Emperor. Known as the father of the Czech Republic, Charles IV ruled during Prague's golden age and oversaw the founding of Central Europe's first university. A short walk away, the New Town (Nové Město) is home to many of Prague's most important museums as well as Wenceslas Square, the site of demonstrations during the Velvet Revolution in 1989.

After your guided tour, enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure to explore at your own pace.



# PRAGUE

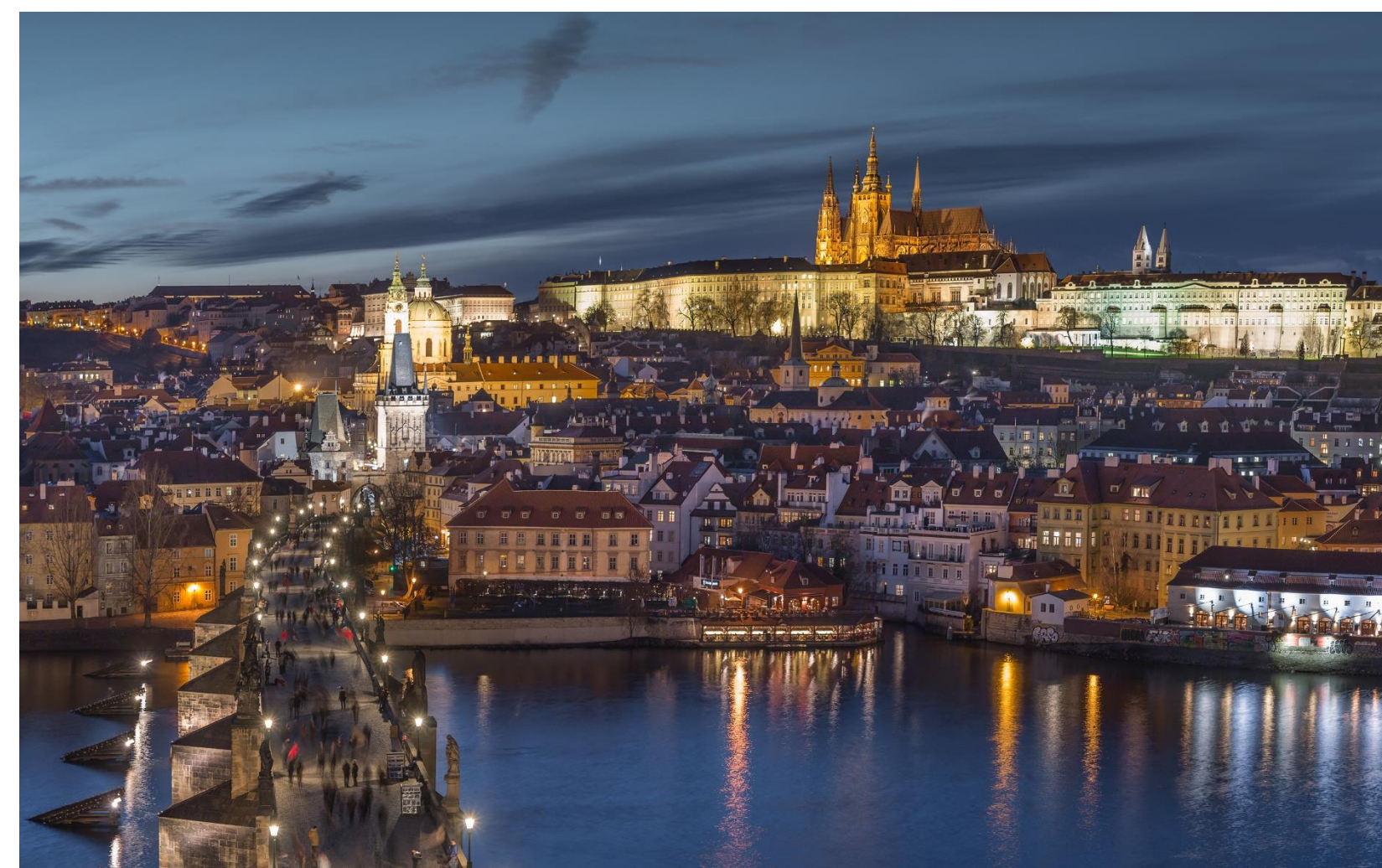
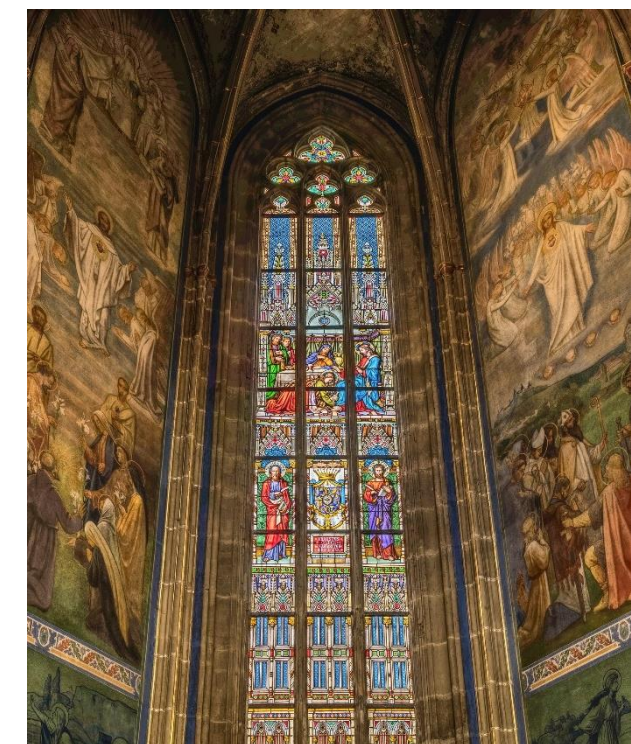
- MORNING PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF PRAGUE CASTLE WITH LOCAL GUIDE
- AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE IN PRAGUE

Today you'll begin by exploring the Castle District (Hradčany), atop a hill on the western bank of the Vltava.

Together with your private guide, you will explore the massive complex which serves as the political and cultural center of the country. Prague castle, which dates back to the ninth century, is the largest castle complex in the world, spanning roughly 18 acres and housing cathedrals, chapels, royal palaces, and gardens. Even today it remains as the seat of the Czech government with the president still working within its gates.

After your guided tour, enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.

You may wish to explore Lesser Town (Malá Strana), which is just down the hill from Prague Castle. Once the home of Prague's nobles, today this charming district houses a number of foreign embassies and beckons visitors to wander its quiet streets and linger in its walled gardens. Climb the bell tower of St Nicholas Church which was used to spy on the nearby American embassy during the communist era or stop by the John Lennon Wall to see a symbol of political protest for young Czechs in the 80s. Finish off with coffee and cake from the grand Café Savoy.



# PRAGUE

- PRIVATE TRANSFER TO AIRPORT IN LUXURY VEHICLE

On your final morning, enjoy a hearty breakfast or relax in your hotel’s spa while you await your transfer to the airport.

Those leaving later in the day may also enjoy a final stroll through Prague’s Old Town, meandering along the narrow, twisting streets which wind through the picturesque interior, or a morning spent exploring one of Prague’s less traditional Christmas Markets such as the Manifesto Winter Market, a new concept offering gourmet street food and design focused retail in converted shipping containers. Book one of the heated igloos which come complete with cozy blankets and a chilled bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne for a truly special experience.

As you depart for your home, we hope you will look back on your Christmas holiday with great joy, fondly remembering the journey as “A Trip of a Lifetime!”



# Every Tasteful Croatian Journeys Trip Includes

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Meticulous, personal attention from our team of Croatia experts

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Private, chauffeur-driven transfers and excursions in luxury vehicles with professional, English-speaking drivers

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Private guided tours with passionate professional guides who are friendly, knowledgeable, and fluent in English

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Luxury lodging in our carefully curated collection of 4/5 star luxury hotels and elegant boutique properties

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Real time, personalized concierge support guaranteeing stress free travel while in journey

# TCJ EXCLUSIVES

## — Travel Notes

Every customized itinerary includes Tasteful Croatian Journey's personally vetted, detailed suggestions for sightseeing, dining, shopping, and other leisure activities; our “Travel Notes”. In this digital document, you will also have access to details about the history and culture of each destination. Our team is constantly updating our selections to bring the latest and finest of Croatia to our guests.

## — In-Country Concierge

Upon arrival in Croatia, our travelers gain exclusive access to our local Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge who works to ensure all services are executed to perfection. Our Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge is at your service to provide assistance and to support with booking of additional experiences such as VIP dining reservations and horse-drawn sleigh rides, as well as to provide care and support that might be required due to unforeseen circumstances.

# THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Starting at  
\$8,595.53  
per person

(based on double occupancy)

## Included

- 3 NIGHTS 5\* AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL, ZAGREB – HERITAGE ROOM
- 2 NIGHTS 4\* HOTEL CUBO, LJUBLJANA - DOUBLE ROOM
- 1 NIGHT 5\* GRAND HOTEL TOPLICE, LAKE BLEĐ – LAKE VIEW DOUBLE ROOM
- 3 NIGHTS 5\* HOTEL SACHER, SALZBURG - DELUXE ROOM
- 2 NIGHTS 4\* BELLEVUE HOTEL, ČESKÝ KRUMLOV - DELUXE ROOM
- 3 NIGHTS 5\* EMBLEM HOTEL, PRAGUE – JUNIOR SUITE
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURED TRANSFERS IN LUXURY VEHICLES
- PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ZAGREB WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- PRIVATE, FULL DAY GUIDED EXCURSION TO EXPLORE VARAŽDIN & TRAKOŠĆAN CASTLE WITH LUXURY VEHICLE AND CHAUFFEUR
- FULL DAY PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM ZAGREB TO LJUBLJANA VIA LOWER CARNIOLA IN LUXURY VEHICLE WITH CHAUFFEUR
- GUIDED TOUR OF THE BOZIDAR JAKAC ART MUSEUM
- GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF NOVO MESTO
- PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF LJUBLJANA WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM LAKE BLEĐ TO SALZBURG WITH COMFORT STOP IN GMÜND , WITH LUXURY VEHICLE AND CHAUFFEUR
- PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF SALZBURG WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- APPLE STRUDEL & CHRISTMAS COOKIES BAKING EXPERIENCE INCLUDING LUNCH
- FULL DAY PRIVATE GUIDED EXCURSION TO EXPLORE THE LAKESIDE TOWNS OF THE SALZKAMMERGUT WITH LUXURY VEHICLE AND CHAUFFEUR
- PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM SALZBURG TO ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, STOPPING IN OBERNDORF, WITH LUXURY VEHICLE AND CHAUFFEUR
- PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ČESKÝ KRUMLOV WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF PRAGUE'S OLD TOWN WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF PRAGUE CASTLE WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE
- TASTEFUL CROATIAN JOURNEYS CONCIERGE SERVICE AND TRAVEL NOTES
- BREAKFASTS DAILY, ALL TAXES AND VAT



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TASTEFUL CROATIAN JOURNEYS,

*Thank you*

FOR TRAVELING WITH US