SERA (State Employees Recreation Association) presents...

Magical Christmas Markets

December 2 – 9, 2026



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8 Days • 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Innsbruck, Seefeld, Carriage Ride, Salzburg, St. Peter Stiftskulinarium, Linderhof Palace, Oberammergau, Munich, Christmas Markets

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 6 AC Hotel by Marriott Innsbruck, Innsbruck
Day 7 Movenpick Hotel Munchen Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Wednesday, December 2, 2026 Overnight Flight You're on your way to uncover the unique charms of Austria and Germany and the incredible *Christkindlesmarkt* (Christmas market)!

Day 2: Thursday, December 3, 2026 Innsbruck, Austria
Welcome to the town of Innsbruck, the capital of the Alps. Spend
the next five nights nestled in the heart of the mountains. As
arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today.
Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.
Tonight, accompany your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner to
celebrate your arrival in Austria. (D)

Day 3: Friday, December 4, 2026 Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck This morning, it's your choice! Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. Next, journey by train 3,600 feet above sea level to the idyllic village of Seefeld, one of the world's great ski resorts thanks to miles of lakes and trails. Step off the train into the pure Alpine air to find an authentic horse-drawn carriage – and a traditional gift of schnapps – waiting for you. Belt out a carol or two as you are whisked into town and participate in an interactive demonstration of how to make (and eat!) traditional strudel. Return by train to Innsbruck. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, December 5, 2026 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside resides the storybook Old Town of Salzburg. Journey through the baroque heart of the city and the famous thoroughfare of Mozart's birthplace and continue towards Mirabell Gardens* and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from *The Sound of Music.* Head out to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately known as "Salzburgers." Do some treasure hunting at any of the six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter Stiftskulinarium, the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in Europe. Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in traditional food. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, December 6, 2026 Innsbruck Enjoy a full day at leisure in Innsbruck. Enjoy the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas, and even Krampus, as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the towers and indulge in some *gluhwein* and *stollen*, while chestnuts roast on open fires. Perhaps you'll enjoy an optional Tyrolean dinner and folklore show this evening. (B)

Day 6: Monday, December 7, 2026 Innsbruck - Oberammergau, Germany - Innsbruck, Austria Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. Your journey continues to Oberammergau. Enjoy a lunch featuring regional cuisine before spending some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuesday, December 8, 2026 Innsbruck - Munich, Germany Wilkommen to Munich! Venture to Marienplatz and see the iconic Glockenspiel,** where life-size figurines spin and dance. Enjoy free time to explore, perhaps grabbing a bier at the renowned Hofbrauhaus or doing some final holiday shopping at one of Europe's largest Christmas markets. Join a local guide on a tour of Munich, passing by famous sights such as the Royal Square and Parliament Building. Close your day, toasting to the end of your seasonal sojourn at an early farewell dinner before you depart to your hotel near the Munich airport. (B, D)

Day 8: Wednesday, December 9, 2026 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)







Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person:

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For bookings made after Jun 03, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Please call for rates from other gateways

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

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- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Jun 03, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Linderhof Palace does not have an elevator in the palace, however, a mobile stair climbing aid is available.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

While on tour, even if there is little or no snow, frost and ice are to be expected. Please make sure you wear suitable footwear.

Linderhof Palace is located at an altitude of approximately 3,280 feet/1,000 meters above sea level.

Traveling from Innsbruck to Salzburg by coach takes up to 2 hours. Salzburg Old Town does not allow coaches to access the center of town, so travelers should anticipate walking at least 0.5 miles in order to reach Old Town for the city tour and lunch.

While traveling to Linderhof Palace and Oberammergau, you may expect to spend up to 2 hours on the coach.

Due to annual fluctuations on the opening dates of some Christmas Markets and tour scheduling, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas Markets may be substituted.

Experience It! Seefeld

Perched on a plateau high in the Alps is the charming Tyrolean town of Seefeld. Reminiscent of a fairy-tale Christmas village, this magical place offers a quintessential Austrian wintertime experience in one of the world's greatest ski resorts. The perfect location for snow sports, it has proudly hosted several Olympic and World Ski Championship competitions. Seefeld is particularly festive during the holiday season, an ideal time to take in crisp mountain air, epic views of villages covered in a white blanket of snow, and the spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in this Alpine setting with miles of walking trails, lakes, fine shopping, dining and pure, fresh Alpine air.

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1265806

*Due to weather conditions, Mirabell Gardens may be closed to the public. **Due to unforeseen schedule changes, witnessing the performance of the Glockenspiel might not be possible. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple rooms are not available. To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties. Our air travelers will arrive into and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to this airport. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck, Austria and Munich is 2 hours. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 3:30 p.m. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. **Travel Requirements: IDENTIFICATION** Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact. ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of May 27, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 03, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until June 03, 2026. CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279 NOTES:

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1265806.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1265806 TOUR: Magical Christmas Markets of Austria and

Germany

DEPARTURE DATE: December 2, 2026 GROUP NAME: SERA (State Employees Recreation

Association)

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Innsbruck

Tyrolean Dinner & Folklore Show

\$79 USD

Experience the Tyrolean culture of Austria during a traditional dinner and show in Innsbruck. In Tyrol, a region of Austria that dates back millennia, cultural heritage is held strong and passed from generation to generation. During a three-course dinner, taste culinary specialties of the region. Then, witness the rich musical traditional of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family. The lively show will take you back in time through music, dance, and excitement. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 12/02/2026 TERRITORY: EB RES#: 1265806

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Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the <u>legal</u> name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lowee's Group Tours



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DEPARTURE DATE: Dec 02, 2026 **BOOKING NUMBER:** 1265806

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Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

Reservation #	
Name:	Male or Female (circle one

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"	
 Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No 	
 Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it' 	? Yes No
Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No	, 100 110
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Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing	or carrving
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Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations?	Yes No
If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in t	he washroom.
Walk-in shower Yes No	
Grab bars Yes No	
Raised toilet seat Yes No	
Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.	
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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

I have read and understand the above:

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.