

Piedmont Technical College Continuing Education
presents...

Enchanting Christmas Markets

November 27 – December 5, 2026



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9 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Christmas Markets of Six European Cities and Towns, Regensburg (UNESCO), Rothenburg ob der Tauber & German Christmas Museum, Freiburg, "Petite France" of Strasbourg, Colmar, Lake Lucerne Scenic Cruise

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
 Days 2, 3 Hampton by Hilton Regensburg, Regensburg
 Days 4 – 6 Hotel Libertas Elements Pure*, Freiburg
 Days 7, 8 Hotel Astoria Lucerne, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, November 27, 2026 Overnight Flight

You're on your way to step into a wonderful world of holiday cheer and experience the incredible Christmas markets of Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Day 2: Saturday, November 28, 2026 Regensburg, Germany

Welcome to the city of Regensburg in the heart of Bavaria, buzzing with yuletide celebration. This charming old city transforms into a festive wonderland during Christmastime. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and enjoy the holiday spirit all around. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, November 29, 2026 Regensburg With a local guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. See the Old Stone Bridge, the first stone bridge built over the Danube, and the Porta Praetoria, a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through the Old Town amid the bustling holiday scene and stop for a tasting of Bavarian staples! The afternoon is yours to explore the Old Town's Christmas markets* and let the friendly feeling of *gemütlichkeit* surround you. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and experience the beauty and magic of the Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Palace. (B)

Day 4: Monday, November 30, 2026 Regensburg -

Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Freiburg This morning, come along on a journey into the past in the heart of Franconia, in the picturesque town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Step by step, let the magic of Christmases past enchant you while visiting the German Christmas Museum.** It's a feast for the eyes and ears among the exhibitions dedicated to Christmas traditions with glittering glass balls, Santas, nutcrackers, and Christmas pyramids. Later this afternoon, settle into your hotel in Freiburg, a town situated on the western foothills of the Black Forest and your home for the next three nights. Enjoy a cozy dinner at the hotel restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 Freiburg This morning, hop on a streetcar*** to Freiburg's Old Town, where **it's your choice** of locally guided tours! Delve into stories of Freiburg's past on a historic city tour through medieval streets, from iconic sites to hidden corners **-OR-** discover Freiburg's heritage of Christmas celebrations on a tour through the historic center. Spend the rest of the day as you please, experiencing the city's Christmas markets and getting to know the unique blend of culture influenced by neighboring France and Switzerland. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, December 2, 2026 Freiburg -

Strasbourg, France - Freiburg This morning, travel to Strasbourg where centuries of Roman, French and German influences blend. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The remainder of the day is yours to soak in the magical atmosphere of the "Capital of Christmas." And later, indulge in famous Alsace cuisine during an early dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



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Double ~~\$4,898~~; **Double \$4,548***
Single ~~\$5,598~~; **Single \$5,248;**
Triple ~~\$4,848~~ **Triple \$4,498**

For bookings made after May 28, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person, Round Trip Air from Greenville Spartanburg Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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

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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.)**

Day 7: Thursday, December 3, 2026 Freiburg - Colmar

- Lucerne, Switzerland Today, experience the festive fairytale atmosphere of Colmar with dazzling lights, decorations, and jolly markets. With its half-timbered houses, cobblestone streets, charming cafés and shops, Colmar is one of those places you'll remember and long to return, so make the most of this chance! This afternoon, the "City of Lights" waits for you. Nestled among breathtaking mountains and a picturesque lake, Lucerne is yours to explore. (B)

Day 8: Friday, December 4, 2026 Lucerne

Winter's chill mixes with the aroma of cinnamon and mulled wine as you walk and discover the stories of Lucerne's Old Town with a local guide. This afternoon, enjoy time on your own to discover the Christmas glow in this romantic city, considered a top destination in Switzerland. Later, take a cruise on Lake Lucerne surrounded by the winter landscape. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner featuring Swiss cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, December 5, 2026 Lucerne - Tour

Ends Your festive journey ends today. (B)

Experience It! Colmar at Christmas

Visit Colmar during this most wonderful time of the year. The picturesque town in the Alsace region of northeastern France, known for its well-preserved medieval and Renaissance architecture, exudes a fairy-tale charm, especially during the holiday season. Transformed into a winter wonderland by its Christmas markets, festive lights, and decorations, the town buzzes with seasonal activities. Indulge in the local delicacies, as the Christmas markets are a great place to sample seasonal Alsace specialties like pain d'épices (spiced bread) or bredele (Christmas cookies). An opportunity to visit Colmar at Christmastime is not to be missed!

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1292690>

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until May 28, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

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

*Regensburg Old Town will typically have several Christmas markets within a 30-minute walking distance radius.

**German Christmas Museum is in a historic building, and the rooms and corridors are small and narrow. There are 50 steps to enter the museum with no handrails available. The museum is not suitable for mobility assistance device use.

***The Freiburg streetcar stop is approximately 4 minutes walking distance from your hotel.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially when visiting Strasbourg. Your coach will be parked in a designated area requiring a walk on cobblestones while exploring Strasbourg Old Town.

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.

The journey from Regensburg to Freiburg covers 200 miles/322 kilometers and takes approximately 6.5 hours via coach. This travel time includes a couple of hours spent in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

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.

During the festive season, Colmar town center is closed to cars and coaches so that you can stroll around the town in complete peace and safety. Colmar transport authorities provide shuttle buses to facilitate access to shops and Christmas markets.

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.

Our transfers will depart from Munich airport for Regensburg; approximate travel time is 1.5 hours (64 miles/103 kilometers) depending on traffic. Our transfers will depart Lucerne for Zürich airport; approximate travel time is 1 hour (36 miles/58 kilometers) depending on traffic.

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 Munich, Germany airport and depart from Zürich, Switzerland airport.

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 \$1,247 per person (which includes the cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of May 21, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 29, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until May 28, 2026.

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For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1292690>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1292690

TOUR: Enchanting Christmas Markets of Germany,
Switzerland and France

DEPARTURE DATE: November 27, 2026

GROUP NAME: Piedmont Technical College
Continuing Education

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.

Freiburg

Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Palace

\$49 USD

Experience the beauty and magic of the Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Castle in Regensburg. Begin with the guided tour of St. Emmeram Palace for insight into 500 years in the history of the House of Thurn and Taxis, taking in the medieval atmosphere in the cloister and the Rococo splendor of the palace. Then, take in the festive atmosphere of the enchanting Christmas market in the palace courtyard, gently lit by torches, lanterns and candles. Feel as though you've stepped back in time as you make your way through the stalls of festive wooden huts and explore artisan crafts and traditional Bavarian specialties. Experience one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Bavaria. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 6 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 11/27/2026 TERRITORY: S7
RES#: 1292690

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YOUR INFORMATION:

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 legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$1,690 ☐ Business Class \$4,490

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

WAIVER: Travel Protection (Already included in price shown on flyer) () Yes, I wish to keep the Travel Protection () No, decline



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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Romantic Christmas Market at Thurn and Taxis Palace	49.00



Special Needs Form

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

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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

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the 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.

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”

- 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.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____