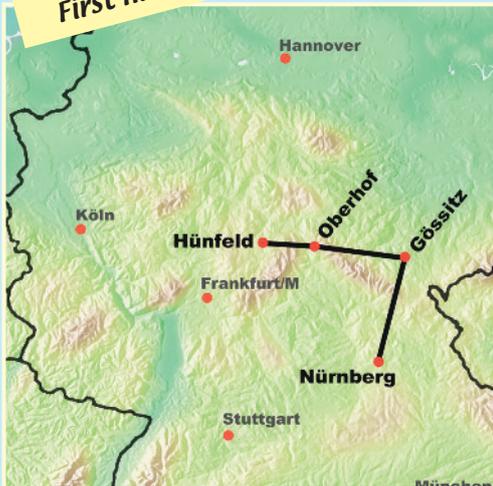


Advent in Germany

Tour Time
First Half of December



In Germany Christmas is traditionally celebrated within the close family. During Advent one prepares for Christmas, gets presents for the loved ones, prepares special food like Christmas cookies, eats dishes like goose, carp and chestnuts and drinks mulled wine.

With this tour we take you to central Germany, to Hesse, Thuringia and Bavaria where you see how the simple people get ready for the "Fest", sing carols, bake cookies and socialize with "Glühwine".

Highlights of this tour are: Weimar, the home of Schiller and Goethe and the town where the first public Christmas tree was displayed. Oberhof, the Wimbledon of Winter sports. Nürnberg, where the first Christmas market took place and gingerbread and mulled wine were first served.

Programm:

Day 1 Hünfeld (Hessen)

Tour start, participants welcome, dinner

Day 2 Hünfeld - Oberhof 100km

En route stopp at Point Alpha (former German-German border), enter Thuringia

Day 3 Oberhof

Bus tour, sightseeing in Erfurt and Weimar with Christmas markets

Day 4 Oberhof

Bus tour, visit of the Oberhof sports facilities
Evening walkabout with torches, mulled wine

Day 5 Oberhof

Leisure day - optional thermal spa or Tobiashammer (hydropower and steam machines)
St. Nicholas evening



Day 6 Oberhof - Gössitz 100km

Drive through the Thuringian Forest, traditional winter dinner with roast goose & Thuringian potato dumplings

Day 7 Gössitz

Bus, Excursion to the Fairy Grotto (a alum mine turned adventure park) & Heidecksburg palace

Day 8 Gössitz

Bus, excursion to see the glass blowing crafts men at Lauscha, and visit a beer brewery

Day 9 Gössitz

Leisure day - optional: learn how to bake German advent cookies

Day 10 Gössitz - Nürnberg 230km

En route use the opportunity to visit either Coburg or Bayreuth

Day 11 Nürnberg

Bus tour, sightseeing Nürnberg with Christmas market, farewell dinner

Day 12 Nürnberg

Tour End - return home individually

Tour Service:

- Organisation and booking
- 11x camping fee
- 5x lunch/dinner (local cuisine)
- 7x sightseeing/programmes
- Admission charge for included programmes
- English speaking tour guide
- Resignation & break-off insurance
- Information material

Not included in the price:

charges for road tolls, fuel, optional programmes

Total: approx. 450 km

From Hünfeld to Nürnberg

Required documents: Passport

Additional Information: page 12 - 13

Participants: Min. 24 pers., max. 48 pers.

In the case that the minimum number of participants is not reached the cancellation of the tour is possible up to 8 weeks prior to tour start.

Please Note:

- ♦ It is a requirement in Germany to run on winter or all season tyres (M+S) when it is icy or snowy. Otherwise you might be subjected to fines. We recommend checking your tyres are suitable.
- ♦ See leaflet for latest tour dates and prices or check online at www.mir-tours.com

