

Tour "German Christmas Markets" – Travel Date: December 07–16, 2012
Terms and Conditions – The German American Connection (TGAC)

Price of the ground tour is \$2,623 USD per person including: 8 nights double occupancy in selected hotels / inns with breakfast; Private van or bus and experienced driver throughout; Bilingual native German guide; Admission fees for some museums, castles or similar; 5 group meals (dinner or lunch) at selected restaurants incl. beverages (limited consumption). Itinerary, price and accommodation are subject to change. A minimum participation of 4 travelers is required for a group of 4–6 persons and a minimum participation of 10 travelers is required for a group of 10–18 people. The current USD price is based on a exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.35 USD and subject to change due to currency fluctuation. **The final USD price will be calculated based on the currency exchange rate of the fund transferring bank on August 24, 2012** = date when TGAC sends out the invoices for final payments.

The ground tour price does not include: airfare; single room supplements; food/drinks not listed on the itinerary; creditcard fees, phone calls; baggage charges; travel insurance; individual activities and individual meals, shipping costs for purchased items, passport/visa fees, items and expenses of personal nature. Add \$460 single supplement. Add 5% creditcard payment fee.

Deposit: A refundable **deposit of \$800 USD** per person is required to secure a booking and due by **August 01, 2012**. Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of registration form and full deposit (mail check or request creditcard payment authorization form, add 5% creditcard payment fee). We work on a "First come, first served." basis for tour registrations. If the initial reservations are made within 15 weeks of the date of travel, full payment is due.

Final Payment: Final and full payment is due on **September 05, 2012** (mail check or request creditcard payment authorization form, add 5% creditcard payment fee). If payment is not received by due date, the reservation is subject to cancellation and forfeiture of deposit. Bookings are confirmed upon a receipt of full payment. All traveler's names and information are due at this time.

Pricing and Final Payments: TGAC reserves the right to re-calculate pricing and/or final payments due to exchange rates and fluctuations in the market between time of initial inquiry/deposit and time of final payment due date. In that case, we will inform you about the specific reasons of changes.

Returned Checks: A \$50 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

Insurance: The German American Connection (TGAC) recommends trip cancellation, emergency medical and personal theft insurance. While we make every effort to ensure proper baggage handling, The German American Connection cannot be held responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage or personal belongings. On request, TGAC assists you to purchase travel insurance.

Refunds: There will be no refunds for any unused portion of the tour.

Cancellations by travelers must be received in writing. Cancellation fees will be assessed by The German American Connection (TGAC), depending on the date of cancellation.

Cancellation by tour operator: TGAC reserves the right to cancel the ground tour before August 24, 2012 if there is not a sufficient number of registered travelers. In case of a cancellation by TGAC as the tour operator, the deposit payment for the ground tour will be refunded in full.

Cancellation dates for ground tour “German Christmas Markets” (travel date: December 07–16, 2012):

Cancellation before August 24, 2012: A \$100 cancellation fee per person will be retained.

Cancellation before September 14, 2012 (12 weeks): 50 % of full tour price will be retained per person.

Cancellation before October 12, 2012 (8 weeks): 80 % of full tour price will be retained per person.

Cancellation before November 09, 2012 (4 weeks): 100 % of full tour price will be retained per person.

Cancellations can be covered by travel insurance: General Trip Cancellation Policy (medical reasons, emergencies according the insurer’s terms & conditions) or For Any Reason Trip Cancellation Policy (covers any reason and is recommended to cover individual flight and other bookings in case the ground tour is cancelled by TGAC due to an insufficient number of registered travelers). It is the traveler’s responsibility to indicate travel insurance requests at the provided registration form. TGAC only provides information about plans and suggests certain travel insurance companies and plans. It’s the traveler’s responsibility to purchase an appropriate travel insurance in time.

Travel documents: It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain and carry a valid passport and visa (if necessary). Passports must be valid for six (6) months beyond your return travel date.

Photographs: TGAC reserves all rights to publish in printed media and web (cultourinaria.com, thegermanamericanconnection.com) photographs and video taken during the tour. Participants in the tour agree to grant permission to TGAC to use photographs in which they may appear.

The German American Connection acts only as agent for the suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodation, or other service, and has no responsibility in whole or in part for any delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property, accident, mechanical defect, and failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodation, transportation, or other services. The German American Connection cannot be held responsible for events beyond its control, such as (without limitation) acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, strikes or government restrictions. We reserve the right to cancel the tour at any time until before the set travel date. In this event, a full refund will be made. We cannot however be held responsible for additional expenses incurred by participants in preparing for the trip. The German American Connection reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary, substituting similar or equivalent services, when necessary. The German American Connection reserves the right to decline or accept any person as a member of the tour without notice, and to cancel the participation of any client whose behavior is in the opinion of a representative of the company causing excessive distress, damage or annoyance to anyone or to anyone’s property. The German American Connection’s responsibility for the client will cease immediately and no compensation will be paid for any loss. In the unlikely event of any legal dispute, the courts of the State of Texas will have exclusive jurisdiction, the laws of the State of Texas will govern any dispute.

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