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## These Holiday Cruises Will Take You to Christmas Markets Around Europe



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*Plus a bonus: A Christmas market cruise in the southern U.S.*

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A Christmas market cruises can get you into the winter spirit, provide a relaxing getaway, and offer opportunities for getting one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and family.

These cruise itineraries give you the chance to explore holiday markets dating back to the Middle Ages, and to discover the villages with local treasures like traditional winemaking and artisan crafts.

From festive onboard activities — like tree trimmings and dessert making — to the mulled wine and fresh gingerbread that will welcome you at each stop, these Christmas market cruises give travelers plenty to be merry about.



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### Christmas Markets in Alsace (CroisiEurope Cruises)

The Christmas market in Strasbourg, France, is the oldest one in Europe, dating back to 1570, and this four-day cruise from CroisiEurope takes you into the heart of it. Stops along the way include tasting the bredeles — biscuits that are traditionally baked during the holidays — at the Maison du Pain d'Alsace.

In Strasbourg, guests will also be able to explore wine cellars that date back to 1472 and visit the Christmas market of Eguisheim.

**Dates:** Dec. 3-17, 2017

**Rate:** Starting at \$942 per person