

# A Heartwarming, Handcrafted Holiday

## A Hosted European Journey

### with Ricky Tims & Hugo Dos Santos



## Traveler Resource & Inspiration Guide

There are trips... and then there are journeys that unfold like a story.

This curated European holiday experience invites you into a world of music, textiles, history, cuisine, and the luminous glow of Old-World Christmas traditions. Hosted personally by Ricky Tims and Hugo Dos Santos, this journey is designed to balance exploration with comfort, cultural depth with festive joy, and shared group moments with space for personal discovery.

Below you will find helpful resources to help you explore each destination before departure and deepen your appreciation of the extraordinary places you will soon experience.

## Prague, Czech Republic

**Stay at: Falkensteiner Hotel Prague**



 <https://www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel-prague>

Nestled in the heart of Prague’s historic center, this stylish boutique hotel provides a welcoming beginning to your European adventure. Elegant design, warm hospitality, and a superb central location make it an ideal home base for discovering one of Europe’s most magical winter cities.

## Discover Prague

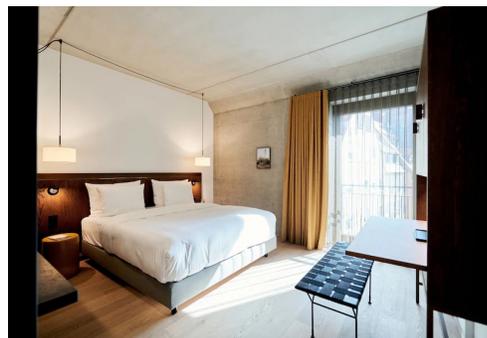
Few cities blend romance, music, architecture, and history as effortlessly as Prague. Cobblestone streets lead to Gothic cathedrals, Baroque concert halls, and twinkling Christmas markets that transform the city into a storybook setting.

Helpful visitor resources:

- Prague Castle  
<https://www.hrad.cz/en>
- Klementinum Mirror Chapel  
<https://www.introducingprague.com/clementinum>
- Rudolfinum  
<https://www.rudolfinum.cz/en/>
- Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague  
<https://www.upm.cz/en/>

## Nuremberg, Germany

Stay at: Hotel Karl August



 <https://karlaugust.de/en/home/>

This elegant boutique hotel sits overlooking Nuremberg’s historic Old Town and offers spectacular access to one of Europe’s most beloved Christmas markets. Guests enjoy modern comfort paired with rich Bavarian charm — including a rooftop spa perfect for relaxing after festive market strolls.

## Explore Nuremberg & Surroundings

Nuremberg is often called the birthplace of traditional German Christmas markets. Its medieval atmosphere, artisan craftsmanship, and culinary traditions create a deeply immersive holiday experience.

Visitor resources:

- Nuremberg Castle  
<https://www.kaiserburg-nuernberg.de/englisch/castle/>
- Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt  
<https://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en/>
- Albrecht Dürer House  
<https://museums.nuernberg.de/albrecht-duerer-house>

## Day Excursion Highlight

### Rothenburg ob der Tauber



<https://www.rothenburg.de/en/>

One of Germany’s most perfectly preserved medieval towns, Rothenburg feels as if time paused centuries ago. Its half-timbered buildings and festive squares create a quintessential Christmas setting.

Optional cultural stop:

- Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Village  
<https://www.kaethe-wohlfahrt.com/en/>

## **Alsace Region, France**

### **Stay at: Domaine du Moulin**



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 <https://www.domainedumoulin.com>

This charming historic mill-turned-boutique hotel offers one of the most intimate and atmospheric stays of the tour. Surrounded by countryside beauty and known for its fine regional cuisine, it provides a tranquil retreat while exploring the magical Alsace Christmas traditions.

### **Discover the Alsace Christmas Route**

#### **Colmar**



 <https://www.visit.alsace/en/colmar/>

Colmar is often considered the crown jewel of Alsace holiday villages. Its canals, colorful timbered homes, and glowing market squares create a fairy-tale winter atmosphere.

## Strasbourg



<https://www.visitstrasbourg.fr/en/>

Often called “The Capital of Christmas,” Strasbourg hosts one of Europe’s oldest and grandest holiday markets.

Must-see landmark: Strasbourg Cathedral <https://cathedrale-strasbourg.fr/en/>

## Eguisheim



<https://www.tourisme-eguisheim-rouffach.com/en/>

Frequently named among the most beautiful villages in France, Eguisheim offers winding circular streets, artisan markets, and postcard-worthy scenery.

### **Textile & Cultural Heritage Parc de Wesserling**



<https://www.parc-wesserling.fr/en/>

This historic textile manufacturing site celebrates fabric, design, and industrial artistry — a meaningful and inspiring visit for textile and quilting enthusiasts.

 **Konstanz, Germany**

**Stay at: HARBR. Hotel Konstanz**



 <https://harbr.de/en/hotel-in-konstanz/>

Set along the scenic shores of Lake Constance, this modern design-forward hotel offers a refreshing pause in the journey — a place to slow down, reflect, and enjoy lakeside beauty.

## Optional Experience

### Mainau Island



<https://www.mainau.de/de>

Known as the “Flower Island,” Mainau transforms into an illuminated Christmas garden filled with artistic lighting displays and enchanting winter landscapes.

## Munich, Germany

Stay at: Living Hotel Das Viktualienmarkt





<https://www.hotel-am-viktualienmarkt.de/en>

Located beside Munich's historic Viktualienmarkt, this upscale residence-style hotel offers a warm and centrally located conclusion to the tour.

## Explore Munich

- Marienplatz  
<https://www.munich.travel/en/pois/urban-districts/marienplatz#/>

- Bavarian National Museum  
<https://www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de/en/>

## **Farewell Celebration Venue**

- Spatenhaus an der Oper  
<https://www.kuffler.de/en/spatenhaus/>

## **Final Touring Highlights**

### **Neuschwanstein Castle**





<https://www.neuschwanstein.de/englisch/tourist/index.htm>

## Wieskirche



<https://www.wieskirche.de/en/home>

## ✨ A Personal Note About This Journey

This hosted experience is designed to be more than sightseeing. It is an invitation to share beauty, tradition, creativity, music, cuisine, and friendship across cultures and landscapes.

Throughout the journey, Ricky and Hugo will provide personal hosting, storytelling, cultural insight, and shared celebratory experiences that transform travel into meaningful connection.