



SPC Austria & Germany High School

Travel Dates: January 1- 9, 2026

Day 1 - Jan.1st

- Fly overnight to Munich.

Day 2 - Jan. 2nd

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Take a walking tour of the Munich Walking Tour, which included Bavarian capital focused on Munich's Old Town.
- With your expert local guide, you will see:
 - Admire architectural wonders like the Old Town Hall with its glockenspiel that re-enacts stories from the 16th century. Learn more about Munich's history, cultural heritage and beer-brewing legacy, while walking through Marienplatz, Munich's central square with St. Mary's Column and Fish Fountain.
 - Take photos of Frauenkirche (free admission / donation included), Munich's iconic, red-roofed cathedral that was bombed during World War II and see St Peter's Church (outside only) the oldest church in Old Town. Stop in front of the Munich Residenz (entrance to the museum included), the former royal palace of Bavarian monarchs.
 - Admire Theresienwiese - the former fairgrounds on which the Oktoberfest festival began after the marriage of Ludwig I and Theresa von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.
 - Then pass through the large square of Odeonsplatz and see the Alter Hof, the former imperial residence of Louis IV, King of Germany and Holy Roman Emperor in the 1300s.
- In the evening, taste the local cuisine with a group Welcome Dinner.

Meals Included

- Welcome Dinner

Day 3 – Jan. 3rd

- We will visit the Nymphenburg Palace, which is considered the most impressive remains of the royal splendour that dominated Munich over centuries. Today, Nymphenburg is open to the public but also continues to be a home and chancery for the head of the House of Wittelsbach, currently Franz, Duke of Bavaria.
- With your expert local guide, you will see:
 - The Marstallmuseum (carriages and sleighs) including the Museum of Nymphenburg Porcelain and the park palaces (Amalienburg, Badenburger, Pagodenburg, Magdalenenklause) (entrance fees included).
- Break for lunch as a group.
- Then we will take a guided stroll through the Viktualienmarkt. This famous food market, where you can find local delicacies and seasonal treats. Look for stalls selling gingerbread and mulled wine.
- Our last tour will be a guided walk through the Tollwood Winterfestival. This is an alternative Christmas market with a mix of international crafts, food, and live performances.

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 4 – Jan. 4th

- Today, we will travel and explore the Neuschwanstein Castle. The fairy tale-like Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria is, with 1.4 million visitors per year, one of the three most visited tourist attractions in Germany. The Disney castle is located in the village of Hohenschwangau in the hills of the green region Allgäu in Bavaria. Walt Disney visited this castle and used it as inspiration for the castle of Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty in Disneyland
- We break for lunch as a group. Then we will travel back to Munich to spend the remainder of the day exploring the local Christmas markets.

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 5 – Jan. 5th

- Travel by train for a guided tour of the Dachau Concentration Camp. Dachau was one of the first concentration camps established by the Nazi regime. It served as a model for other camps and was used to detain political prisoners, Jews, Roma, and other groups targeted by the Nazis. The camp was notorious for its brutal conditions, including forced labor, starvation, and medical experiments.
- We will break for lunch. Then we will travel back to Munich for dinner. afternoon.
- Our last tour will be a guided walk-through Munich's Medieval Christmas Market. This market features medieval crafts, festive music, and a magical ambiance. Enjoy a hot drink while taking in the sights.

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Day 6 – Jan. 6th

- Today, we will leave Munich and travel by train to Salzburg. Salzburg is the birthplace of Mozart is a bit of a divided city – it's situated just on the border of Austria and Germany, while the town itself is split into halves by the Salzach River, with the storybook Altstadt (Old City) on one side and the modern Neustadt (New City) on the other. This famous setting for the Sound of Music reveals more than breathtaking architecture and landscapes; it's also home to an enviable beer and culinary scene, as well as a thought-provoking arts culture. We will head to the hotel to check-in.
- Then we will spend the remainder of the day exploring the local Christmas markets.
- In the evening, we will attend a Mozart Concert & Historical Dinner at a Baroque Hall of the Stiftskulinarium St. Peter.

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Day 7 – Jan. 7th

- We will travel to Hallstatt for a guided tour and lunch afterwards. Hallstatt is located in the Gmunden district of Austria. It is known for the Skywalk Observation Deck, Bonn House, Old Town, and Mühlbach Falls.
- Then we will take a guided tour of the Salt Mines- Salt in the Mountain. This is an underground salt mine located in the Dürrenberg plateau above Hallein, Austria. The mine has been worked for over 2600 years since the time of the Celtic tribes and earlier.
- Spend the remainder of the day free to explore the local Christmas markets. Then we will return to Salzburg and finish the night with dinner.

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 8 – Jan. 8th

- Take a guided tour of Catacombs at St. Peter's Cemetery & Fortress. At the edge of St. Peter's Cemetery are the so-called "catacombs", which were carved into the Mönchsberg. Its origin goes back to late antiquity. They served both as hermitages and as burial grounds.
- We will then take the guided Salzburg Secret Food Tour. You'll get to taste traditional dishes, learn about their cultural significance, and discover hidden gems.

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 9 – Jan. 9th

- Depart for home.