



With much enthusiasm and excitement, on behalf of Ramsgate Travel Service, we invite you join us in Europe this November, for a very elegant 22-day journey, with indulgence, enjoyment and great company all assured.

This is a luxury focused, leisurely, road-trip designed to cover the most beautiful spots in Central Europe in the gentle, early winter weeks pre-Christmas. The emphasis is on beautiful accommodation throughout, including historic grand hotels and castle-style stays, along with efficient routing, luxury transportation, and beautiful seasonal experiences.

Our hotels have been carefully selected, to not only provide exemplary service and ambiance befitting their status, but also to ensure our guests enjoy the best possible seasonal experience in the places we visit. We will stay in a variety of accommodation, from a restored 17th century baroque palace in Prague, to a row of medieval townhouses in Rothenberg. In between there are beautiful Schlosshotels - each with their own incredible story, and special place in their locale. One of our hotels - The Grand Hotel Pupp in Karlovy Vary - is the centrepiece of one of Europe's premier spa towns, and we have allowed plenty of down time to enjoy a unique blend of history, luxury and indulgence.

Will it snow? We certainly hope so. Regardless, the wonderful European Christmas spirit will be everywhere and to travel at that time is to basically live in a Christmas card. This is not a trip for grinchess!! and we are duty bound to tell you that Christmas at home will never be the same.

Anne & Barry Rogers
Tour Managers



Winter Wonders of Europe

An Elegant Journey

A 22 DAY IMMERSIVE TOUR - EXCLUSIVE TO RAMSGATE TRAVEL SERVICE

22 Nov - 13 Dec 2026

**RAMSGATE
TRAVEL SERVICE**
Travel Agent to the Discerning

Day 1

Sunday 22 November

Welcome to **Prague**, historic capital of Bohemia, and the first of the “storybook” cities on our tour. You will be met upon arrival and transferred to the Grand Mark Hotel. Once a baroque palace, and superbly located just off the Old Town Square, this is our beautiful home for a three night stay. Prague brims with medieval charm, seemingly enhanced in the cooler months when Gothic towers, baroque palaces, and medieval lanes all seem to be at their beautiful best. When added to a rich musical heritage, vibrant café culture and timeless beauty, Prague is a city that feels both romantic and alive, and we will have ample time to leisurely explore.

Meet your fellow travellers for drinks this evening.

Overnight: The Grand Mark Hotel, Prague
<https://www.grandmark.cz/en>

Day 2

Monday 23 November (B,D)

After a leisurely start to the day, we will enjoy a guided walking tour visiting Prague Castle - the largest ancient castle complex in the world, St.Vitus Cathedral, Malá Strana (the Lesser Town), the iconic Charles Bridge, Staré Město (Old Town) with its glorious square and famous Astronomical Clock, and Prague's wonderful Jewish Quarter.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a special venue.

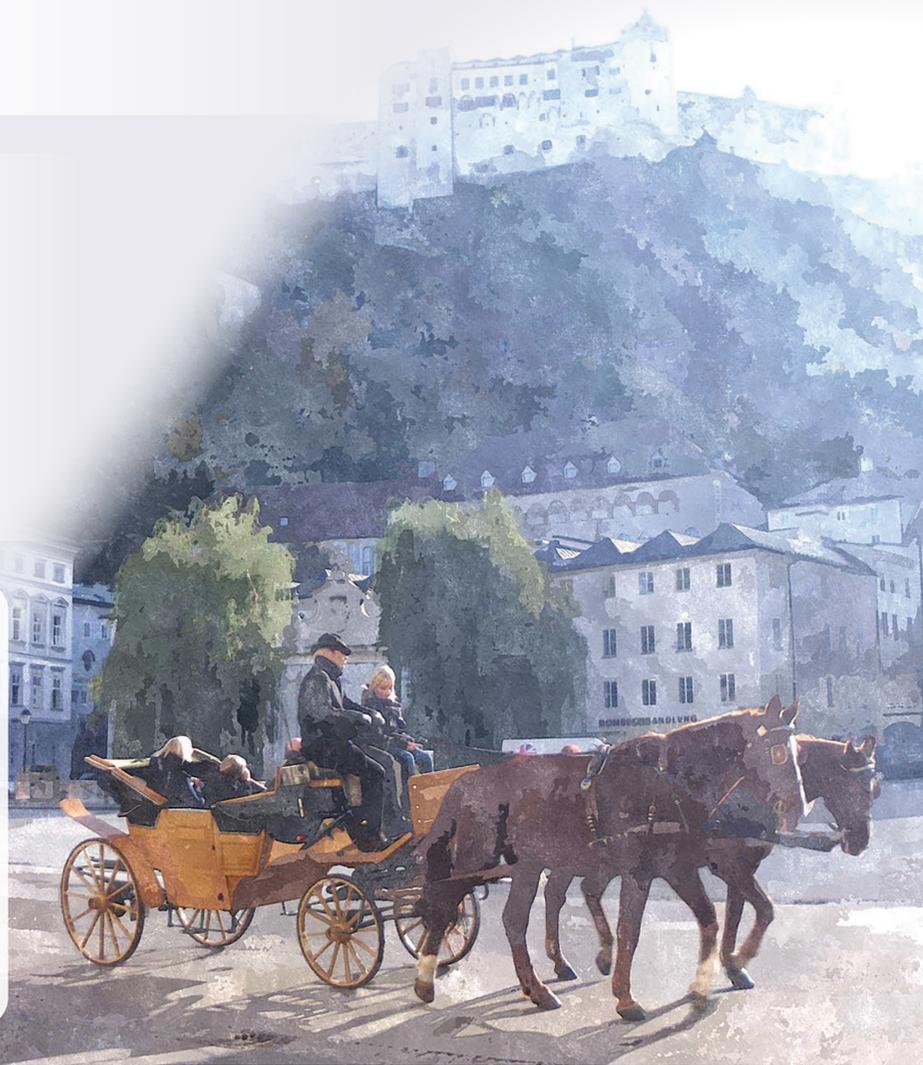
Overnight: The Grand Mark Hotel, Prague
<https://www.grandmark.cz/en>

Day 3

Tuesday 24 November (B)

Today we take a leisurely excursion to **Český Krumlov** - often described as the most beautiful town in Europe; certainly one of the most enchanting, with a beautifully preserved medieval old town dominated by a magnificent castle complex. Cobblestone streets, pastel façades and hidden courtyards create a storybook setting, while galleries, cafés and riverside walks bring the town vividly to life. There will be time for a leisurely lunch and stroll in the town, before we return to Prague.

Overnight: The Grand Mark Hotel, Prague
<https://www.grandmark.cz/en>



Day 4

Wednesday 25 November (B)

This morning our journey continues north-west to **Karlovy Vary**, Bohemia's most elegant spa retreat, also known as Carlsbad - after King Charles IV who founded it in 1350. Nestled in a lush, forested valley, UNESCO listed Karlovy Vary is one of Europe's most beautiful spa towns. Renowned for its healing mineral springs and pastel-coloured colonnades, this refined resort has welcomed emperors, artists and writers for centuries. Stroll along the river, sample the thermal waters, and soak up the calm sophistication of a town devoted to well-being, tradition and grace.

Our home for two nights is the splendid Grand Hotel Pupp - established in 1701, steeped in history and a very popular movie location (including James Bond's Casino Royale).

Overnight: The Grand Hotel Pupp, Karlovy Vary
<https://www.pupp.cz/en>

Day 5

Thursday 26 November (B)

Today is yours to relax and enjoy our hotel, and this beautiful, walkable town where there are many mineral springs and spa centres offering all manner of treatments. We must remember to try the famous local herbal liquor - Becherovka.

Overnight: The Grand Hotel Pupp, Karlovy Vary
<https://www.pupp.cz/en>

Day 6

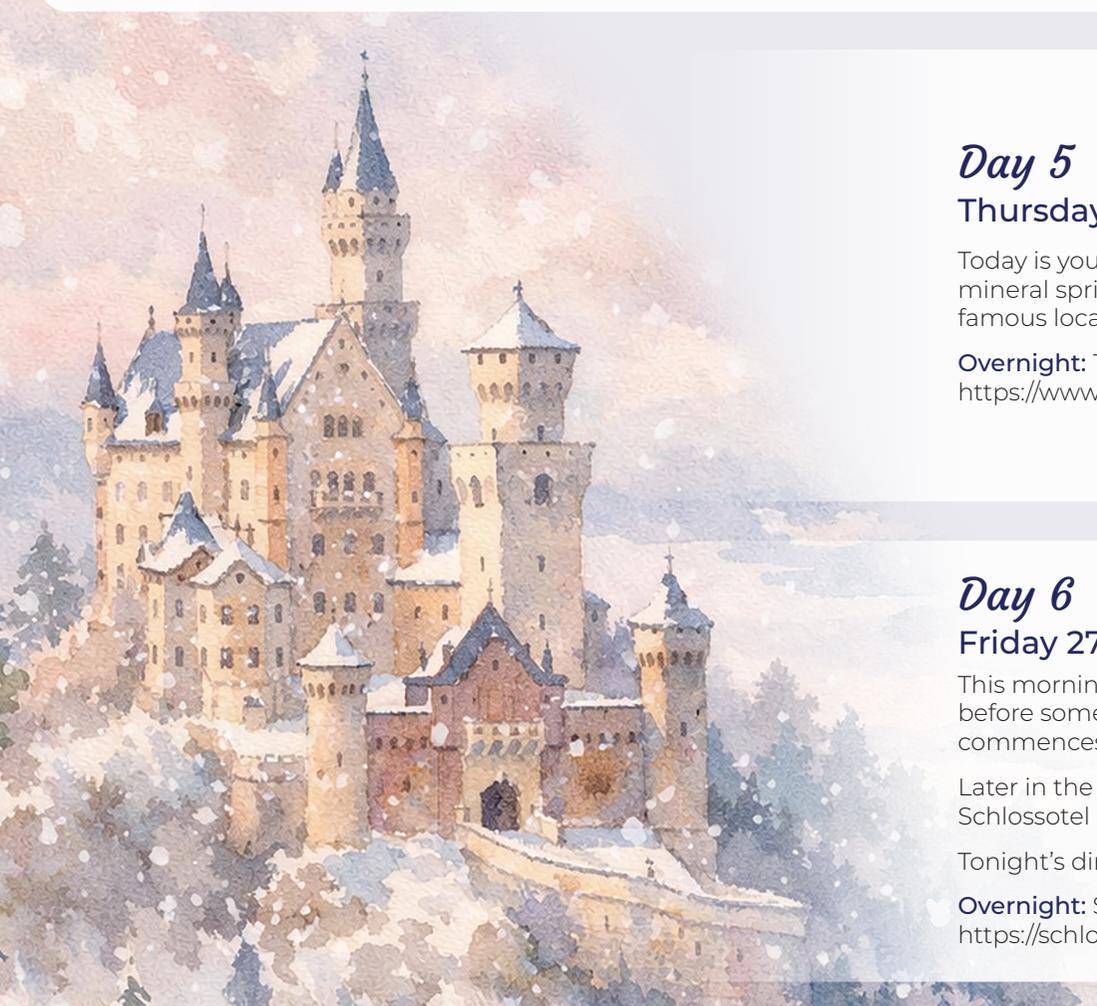
Friday 27 November (B,D)

This morning, our journey continues to **Nuremberg**. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour, before some leisure time to enjoy lunch and the beautiful Nuremberg Christkindelsmarkt - which commences today - in the pretty Hauptmarkt city square.

Later in the afternoon, we will travel to our very special home for the next 3 nights - the beautiful Schlossotel Frankenberg located in Weigenheim - a 1 hour drive from Nuremberg.

Tonight's dinner is at the hotel.

Overnight: Schlossotel Frankenberg, Weigenheim
<https://schloss-frankenberg.de>



Day 7

Saturday 28 November (B)

Today we will take a leisurely excursion to nearby **Bamberg** often described as a living medieval masterpiece. Built across seven hills and interlaced with canals, Bamberg is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. Its UNESCO-listed old town features half-timbered houses, narrow streets and the striking Bamberg Cathedral overlooking the river. Often called "Little Venice," Bamberg is also famous for its traditional breweries and distinctive smoked beer, offering a unique blend of history, craftsmanship and local flavour.

Overnight: Schlossotel Frankenberg, Weigenheim
<https://schloss-frankenberg.de>

Day 8

Sunday 29 November (B,L)

Today, we will take a leisurely local excursion which will include a nice late lunch.

Overnight: Schlossotel Frankenberg, Weigenheim
<https://schloss-frankenberg.de>

Day 9

Monday 30 November (B,D)

This morning we travel to **Würzburg** - a beautiful baroque city surrounded by Franconian vineyards. Set along the Main River and surrounded by rolling vineyards, Würzburg is renowned for its elegant architecture and rich wine-making heritage. At its heart stands the magnificent Würzburg Residence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's great palaces. Historic bridges, ornate churches and riverside views combine with lively wine taverns to create a city that is both cultured and welcoming. After time for a leisurely stroll and lunch, we will continue to Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Rothenburg is pure fairytale. To visit at any time is wonderful, but to stay over for two nights, and experience this gorgeous town at its Christmas best (and after the day visitors have left!), is wondrous. Timber-framed houses, cobbled streets and picturesque towers, are all perfectly preserved within ancient city walls, and create a storybook setting that feels untouched by time. Rug up and stroll along the medieval ramparts, explore charming market squares and admire the town's beautifully restored architecture. Our home from home is the historic Hotel Eisenhut, set within a collection of elegant medieval townhouses overlooking the Market Square. Rich in character and tradition, the hotel blends centuries-old charm with modern comfort and exceptional hospitality.

Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Eisenhut, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
<https://www.hotel-eisenhut.de/eisenhut-en>



A brief history of Europe's Christmas markets

These much-loved festive markets began as simple winter stalls in German-speaking regions during the Middle Ages, where locals stocked up on food and supplies to endure the cold season. Dresden's market dates back to the 15th century, originally opening for just one day on Christmas Eve, while Nuremberg's renowned Christkindlesmarkt has been celebrated since 1628.

Today, Germany alone hosts thousands of Christmas markets. From late November through December, historic town squares crowned by cathedral spires are transformed into magical scenes reminiscent of a snow globe, with wooden chalets serving festive treats and warming mugs of mulled wine - often kept as cherished souvenirs.

Day 10

Tuesday 1 December (B)

The day is yours to explore and enjoy beautiful Rothenburg.

Overnight: Hotel Eisenhut, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
<https://www.hotel-eisenhut.de/eisenhut-en>

Day 11

Wednesday 2 December (B)

Today we journey south, and cross the nearby Austrian border, to **Salzburg** in its stunning alpine setting, and beautifully dressed for Christmas. The baroque old town is UNESCO listed, and filled with charming streets, church spires and elegant squares. Famous as the birthplace of Mozart and for its musical heritage generally, Salzburg is another of the "storybook" cities on our tour.

Our home from home for 3 nights is the glorious Schlossotel Leopoldskron, located lakeside in parkland just minutes from the old town, and used as part of the von Trapp villa in the Sound of Music.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy.

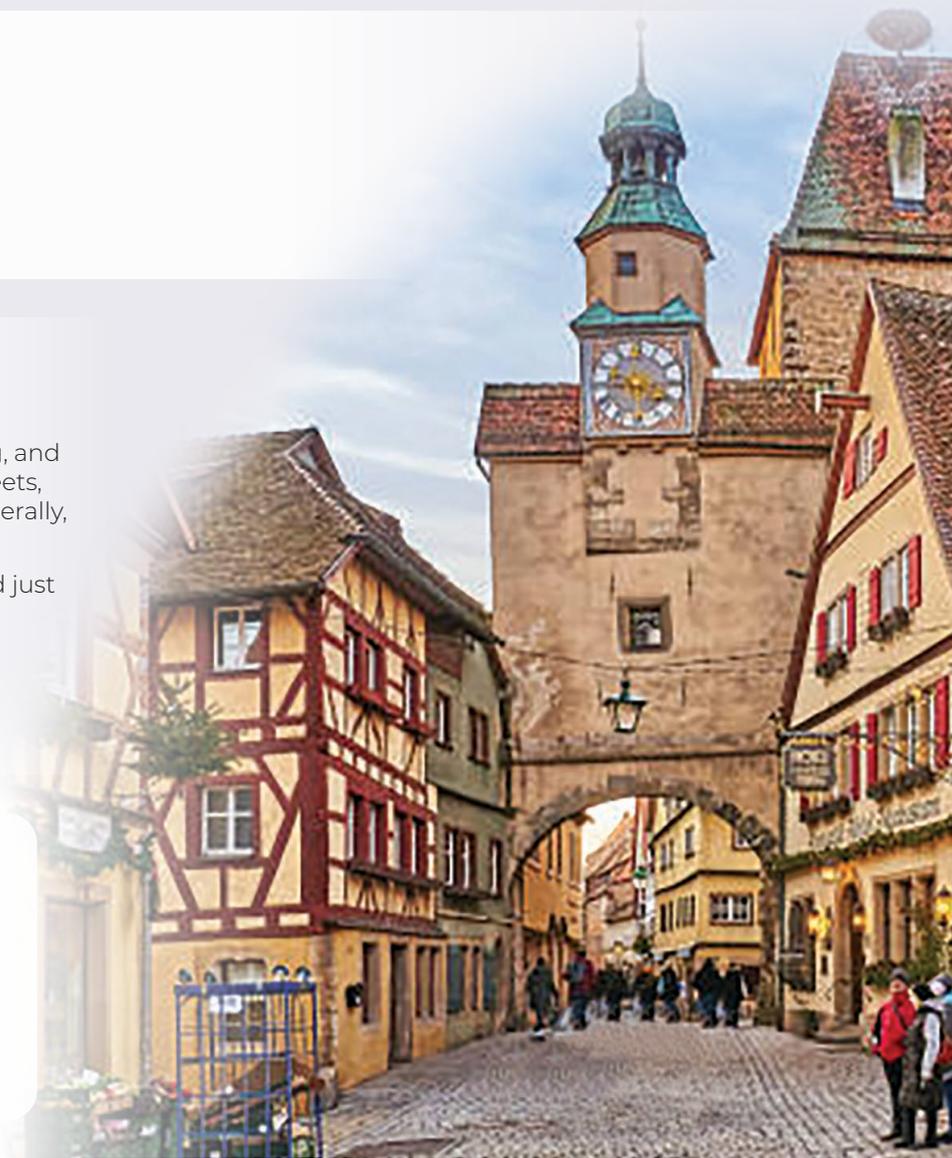
Overnight: Schlosshotel Leopoldskron, Salzburg
<https://www.schloss-leopoldskron.com/en>

Day 12

Thursday 3 December (B)

This morning we will enjoy a leisurely walking tour in the Salzburg old town, and a special activity, before some time to enjoy lunch and time to enjoy all the festive, pre-Christmas beauty in the streets, shops and markets.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Leopoldskron, Salzburg
<https://www.schloss-leopoldskron.com/en>



Day 13

Friday 4 December (B)

Today we will travel to **Hallstatt**, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage-listed village rich in history, with roots stretching back over 7,000 years to the world's earliest salt mining. In the run-up to Christmas, Hallstatt feels like a winter fairytale. Snow-kissed rooftops, festive lights and the glassy lake beneath the Alps create a scene of pure alpine magic - peaceful, picturesque and unforgettable. This is a place you will recognise immediately from countless calendars, screen-savers, and chocolate boxes.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Leopoldskron, Salzburg
<https://www.schloss-leopoldskron.com/en>

Day 14

Saturday 5 December (B)

Today is a special day in this part of Europe - St. Nicholas Eve, or Krampus Night. So, this morning we travel to **Munich** where we will spend two nights at the Louis Hotel - chosen for its location close to the Marienplatz, the vibrant heart of the city. As Christmas approaches, Marienplatz comes alive with festive lights, decorated stalls and the scent of mulled wine. It is also the epicentre of Krampus mayhem. We can expect lots of spooky fun and folkloric activities as energetic youths dress as scary looking Krampus and roam the streets looking for naughty people!!

Overnight: Louis Hotel, Munich
<https://www.louis-hotel.com/en/>

Day 15

Sunday 6 December (B)

Munich blends Bavarian tradition with sophisticated city living. Grand squares, elegant boulevards and world-class museums sit alongside lively beer halls and beautiful parks - the latter hopefully covered in snow for our visit.

Today is yours to enjoy and there is much to delight those with special interests in soccer, BMW perhaps, and of course beer!

Overnight: Louis Hotel, Munich
<https://www.louis-hotel.com/en/>



Day 16

Monday 7 December (B,D)

Time for a change of pace today as we relax on our coach and journey westward, and cross the French border to beautiful **Strasbourg** - a delightful fusion of French elegance and Germanic character. The historic heart, with its half-timbered houses and canals, features the magnificent Gothic cathedral and a fabulous city square which will of course be home to for a wonderful Christmas market. Our beautiful hotel - The Regent Petite France, is located in the picturesque district of La Petite France. Strasbourg is in a unique position at the crossroads of Europe. It is truly wonderful to visit at any time of year, but never more so than in the weeks before Christmas.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy.

Overnight: Hotel Regent Petite France, Strasbourg
<https://regent-petite-france.com>

Day 17

Tuesday 8 December (B)

This morning we will enjoy a guided walking tour with plenty of time afterwards to enjoy lunch, and explore this beautiful city.

Overnight: Hotel Regent Petite France, Strasbourg
<https://regent-petite-france.com>

Day 18

Wednesday 9 December (B)

Close to Strasbourg are several gorgeous Alsatian villages. Today we will visit some of them including **Colmar, Riquewihr, and Kayserberg**. All three are living storybooks, each with its own charm, and especially pretty just before Christmas - Colmar with its canals and ancient covered market, Riquewihr with its vineyard setting and medieval streets, and Kayserberg with its half-timbered houses, cobbled lanes, and beautiful hilltop castle.

Overnight: Hotel Regent Petite France, Strasbourg
<https://regent-petite-france.com>



Day 19

Thursday 10 December (B)

This morning we will return to nearby Germany and **Kronberg**, our final stop on tour. Nestled in the Taunus hills less than 30 minutes from Frankfurt Airport, Kronberg is a charming medieval town with a refined, village-like atmosphere. Timber-framed houses, cobbled lanes and our superb hotel for 3 nights - the utterly splendid Schlosshotel Kronberg - create yet another storybook setting. Known for its peaceful surroundings and traditional character, Kronberg offers a gentle contrast to larger cities and a glimpse of authentic German heritage.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Kronberg, Kronberg
<https://schlosshotel-kronberg.com/en>

Day 20

Friday 11 December (B)

Today we will enjoy an excursion to the nearby Rhine Valley, and the beautiful village of Rudesheim, situated on the east bank of the river. We will enjoy strolling the famous Drosselgasse, a narrow lane lined with wine taverns, where wine-making traditions stretch back over 1,000 years. Of course, no visit to Rudesheim is complete without enjoying a Rudesheimer Kaffee - a wickedly alcoholic brew.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Kronberg, Kronberg
<https://schlosshotel-kronberg.com/en>

Day 21

Saturday 12 December (B)

Today is yours to enjoy for last minute shopping and packing. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Kronberg, Kronberg
<https://schlosshotel-kronberg.com/en>

Day 22

Sunday 13 December (B)

Our tour ends following breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Schlosshotel Kronberg, Kronberg
<https://schlosshotel-kronberg.com/en>



Package Details 22 Days/21 Nights

Priced From \$17,249* per person. *Cost for sole use upon application.*

IMPORTANT COSTING INFORMATION:

The tour cost has been calculated at the prevailing mid bank rate (€0.60 Euro to AUD) on 4/3/26. Rather than add a buffer to allow for currency fluctuation, we will base your final payment on the prevailing rate of the day and, adjust the tour cost (up or down) accordingly.

INCLUSIONS:

Tour Management Services of Anne & Barry Rogers throughout

- Individual arrival transfers in Prague, if required
- 21 nights accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Welcome drinks in Prague
- Private luxury coach transportation with English speaking driver throughout
- Local guides for private sightseeing as per itinerary
- Baggage handling
- Admission fees for visited sites and attractions as per itinerary
- Driver and guide gratuities
- Individual departure transfers to Frankfurt Airport as required

EXCLUSIONS:

- International airfares
- Travel Insurance - a comprehensive policy is mandatory and should be purchased at the time of deposit payment
- Items of a personal nature

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR PASSPORT

If you, or your parents, were born outside of Australia, you may be affected by some potential regulatory changes.

EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A non-refundable deposit of **\$3000 per person** is required at time of booking. For sole occupancy and availability contact Ramsgate Travel. This tour is restricted to a maximum of 20 passengers and requires a minimum number of participants to operate. Itinerary and price changes may occur due to local legislation, currency changes and availability of services.



Booking Form - EUROPE, November/December 2026

PERSONAL DETAILS

FIRST PASSENGER

SECOND PASSENGER

Title e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr.

Given names (as shown on passport)

Surname (as shown on passport)

Preferred name (for guest list)

Date of birth

ADDRESS

Number & name of street

Suburb

State & postcode

Home telephone contact

Business telephone contact

Mobile contact

Email address

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name

Telephone contact

PASSPORT DETAILS

A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS BOOKING FORM.

Passport number

Country of issue

Expiry date

OTHER INFORMATION

Medical requirements

Dietary requirements

Other special requirements

Frequent Flyer membership

ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCE:

Twin share

Double bed

Sole use

Twin bed

WILL YOU REQUIRE US TO BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS?

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY

Do you have on-going cover?
Can we quote you on a suitable policy?

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read, understood, initialed and returned the booking terms and conditions attached to this form.

Signed: _____
(on behalf of persons listed)

Date: _____

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENTS

1. A deposit is usually required at the time of booking, but on occasion full payment will be required. You will be notified of the payment schedule for Travel Arrangements at the time of booking.
2. We are under no obligation to remind you of a payment becoming due. It is your responsibility to ensure that we receive payments in cleared funds by the due date for payment. We accept no responsibility if Travel Arrangements are canceled by Travel Providers due to you failing to make a payment to us by the due date.
3. Payment can be made to use in the following ways:
 - (a) by credit or debit card, subject to the following processing fees which reflect costs incurred by us: 1.2 - 2% card dependent on card type;
 - (b) by direct deposit into our bank account.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR BOOKING

When we receive your booking form and deposit we will immediately dispatch confirmation of your place on the tour. From this time a firm contract exists between you and Ramsgate Travel on the basis of our tour flyer and any amendments communicated to you.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

Your tour price includes all arrangements as outlined in the daily itinerary inclusive of accommodation, transportation, admission fees, hotel portage of one suitcase per person and services of a Ramsgate Travel Tour Manager throughout. Meals are included according to the legend as shown beside each day's activities; any additional meals are at your own expense and payable direct at that time. If you are traveling alone, an accommodation single surcharge will apply.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

Air fares (unless indicated) passport and visa fees, excess baggage, insurances of all kinds, laundry, phone calls, additional accommodation made necessary by flight schedules, additional meals and beverages not already stated as included, optional excursions and sightseeing not included in the itinerary, and items of a personal nature.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY

Ramsgate Travel requires that all guests are fully insured. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance before paying your deposit or shortly after. We will happily advise you in this regard and provide you with competitive quotations. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not waive any cancellation fees or deposits already paid in the event you need to cancel your trip for any reason.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

Passport and visa requirements are your responsibility. It is a requirement that you hold a valid passport to depart Australia, and most countries require passports to have at least 6 months validity. This means your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from

your scheduled return to Australia. It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of your travel.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the necessary documentation to comply with the laws and regulations of the destinations to be visited. You should consult your GP or a specialist travel medical practitioner at least 8 weeks prior to travel.

We will not be responsible for any loss you incur if you are denied boarding or entry to a destination because you do not have necessary documentation or records of vaccinations.

FITNESS

This tour requires a degree of fitness and stamina.

IF YOU CANCEL OR ALTER YOUR BOOKING

Our tour operator will levy a charge if you cancel once the confirmation has been issued, to offset costs incurred in preparation of the tour.

Charges vary according to the period of notice given - (fees are per person).

Up to 91 days before departure - loss of deposit.

Between 90 and 62 days before departure - 50% of tour cost.

Less than 61 days before departure - 100% of total tour cost.

HOST

Should your Ramsgate Travel Host, due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, be unable to attend on your tour, then they will be replaced with another tour manager/host as chosen by Ramsgate Travel.

The tour will proceed and full cancellation fees will apply, as set above, if you decide to cancel your booking.

IF WE CANCEL OR ALTER YOUR BOOKING

We do our utmost to provide arrangements as confirmed, but we reserve the right to modify or cancel any tour and any of its inclusions if unforeseen circumstances arise. We also reserve the right to cancel a tour on which there are insufficient bookings up to eight weeks before departure. If we cancel or significantly alter an important element of a tour, we will offer the choice of alternative tour arrangements. In cases of hostilities, political unrest or circumstances amounting to force majeure, our decision whether to proceed or not will be in accordance with advice issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

OUR LIABILITIES TO YOU

We accept responsibility for ensuring that all parts of the tour are supplied as described and that all services reach a reasonable standard.

However, we shall not be liable for the failure or improper performance attributed to the fault of the client, or the unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of an unconnected third party or to unusual and

unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, including force majeure, and the consequence of which could not have been avoided however careful we or our suppliers might have been. We would, however, strive to give prompt assistance and to find appropriate solutions.

UNAVOIDABLE & EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of Extraordinary and Unavoidable Circumstances the Travel Provider may cancel or modify your Travel Arrangements in accordance with the Travel Provider Booking Conditions.

If your Travel Arrangements are canceled due to Extraordinary and Unavoidable Circumstances, then we will use reasonable endeavors to obtain either a credit or refund from the Travel Provider ("Extraordinary Circumstances Services"). Your rights to a credit or refund may be limited under the Travel Provider Booking Conditions. We make no guarantee and expressly disclaim any warranty that we will be able to obtain a refund or credit from a Travel Provider.

Please note that any credit or refund issued by the Travel Provider may be partial only and may be subject to specific conditions. We have no control over these conditions.

You agree that we may charge you fees for providing Extraordinary Circumstances Services as specified in the Service Fee Schedule ("Extraordinary Circumstances Service Fees"). This is an addition to the fees we are entitled to for having provided Advisory and Booking Services. We may request that you pay Extraordinary Circumstances Service Fees to us before we endeavor to obtain a credit or refund from Travel Providers.

You agree that we are entitled to be paid (and you agree to pay us) for the Booking and Advisory Services we have provided for any Travel Arrangements that are canceled or modified due to Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances.

TRAVEL ADVICE

We strongly suggest that you contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("DFAT") or visit the Smart Traveller website for the most up to date travel advisories for the destinations that you wish to travel to. You can register your travel plans with DFAT so that you can be easily contact in an emergency.

If you request us to book Travel Arrangements in or to a destination that is subject to a DFAT travel advisory we accept no liability for your choice and the risks associated with traveling to that destination.

UNUSED SERVICES

No reduction/refund will be made for any unused services, either for individual passengers or the group as a whole.

I hereby understand and abide by these Terms & Conditions and confirm that I have advised all travelling parties accordingly.



Thankyou for travelling with us

Justine Sealey - Managing Director

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