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Welcome to our 2011 Christmas Markets brochure. Christmas Markets have been held in many European cities for hundreds of years and today they are more popular than ever. Towering Christmas trees decorated with colourful lanterns transform old market squares into magical settings. Stalls offering deliciously scented stolen cakes with a glass of hot glühwein and wonderful gifts hand-made by local craftsmen evoke the warmth and spirit of a traditional yuletide.

In this brochure you will find some exceptional offers in a range of hotels from characterful 3* to luxurious 5* deluxe.

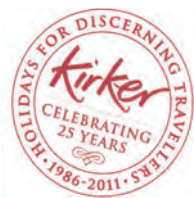
As with all our Kirker holidays you can fly from your local airport or, if you prefer to travel by rail, we can create a tailor-made itinerary (if you book by 20 October you can also take advantage of our exclusive complimentary upgrade to Eurostar's Standard Premier class to Lille and Brussels).

Our Kirker concierge is on hand to book opera, ballet, concert or museum tickets or to reserve a table at one of our recommended restaurants.

We hope these offers entice you to experience a great Christmas Market this winter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Ted Wake

Ted Wake - Director of Sales & Marketing



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Our gift vouchers are the perfect Christmas present for friends and family.

We offer personalised vouchers for any chosen value and they can be redeemed against any Kirker holiday.

Please call 020 7593 2283 for further details.



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VIENNA



The Viennese Christmas Markets date back as far as 1294 and take place throughout the city from 12 November until 24 December. The “Christkindlmarkt” at Rathausplatz with its elaborately decorated trees is the classic, whereas the Schonbrunn Palace featuring festive concerts is the most musical, and the historic Spittelberg quarter where you can buy traditional handicrafts from granite stoned alleyways is perhaps the most authentic.

SACHER *** Deluxe**

This privately owned wonderful hotel is located opposite the State Opera House in the heart of the old city close to the Hofburg. The Sacher is luxuriously decorated with a wealth of antiques and over 1000 original paintings, making it the largest private collection in Austria. It has 152 beautifully furnished rooms, excellent restaurants and a beautiful spa. The world famous Sachertorte, may be enjoyed in the ‘Café Sacher’.

Price from £988 per person 3 for 3 nights

ALTSTADT ** Superior Boutique Hotel**

The Altstadt is located in the Old City, next to the Spittelberg artists’ district and within 10 minutes’ walk of the Volkstheater and the spectacular Museum Quartier. Owned and run by the charming Otto Wiesenthal, the Altstadt has 42 rooms within a classic late 19th Century Viennese building. The rooms are individually decorated in a unique blend of modern and traditional styles with works of art throughout.

Price from £588 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: For stays until 25 November, Kirker clients receive a ‘Masterticket’ which includes entry to the Leopold Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts.

GRAND HOTEL WIEN *** Deluxe**

This fine hotel stands on the Karntner Ring in the centre of Vienna a few yards from the Opera House. There are 205 traditionally furnished rooms and suites, the famous rooftop restaurant Le Ciel, a Japanese restaurant and a café where delicious coffees and pastries are served.

Price from £834 per person for 4 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 4 nights for the price of 3 from 1 - 30 Nov, saving £149.

K+K MARIA THERESIA ** Superior**

The K+K Maria Theresia is located in the fashionable artists’ quarter of the city known as ‘Spittelberg’. This excellent hotel combines contemporary furnishings and the hospitality for which the Austrian K+K group are renowned. There are 123 air-conditioned bedrooms and a wellness centre with gym, sauna and massage area. The Volkstheater and the spectacular Museums Quartier are less than 10 minutes’ walk away.

Price from £596 per person for 4 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 4 nights for the price of 3 from 1 - 30 Nov and 4 for 3 valid for Sunday arrivals 1 - 18 Dec 11, saving £71.

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

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VIENNA OPERA TICKETS

The Vienna State Opera is one of the top four opera houses in the world and presents an unrivalled number of performances of both opera and ballet almost every night of the year. Vienna's second opera house, the Volksoper, is considered to be Europe's leading theatre for operetta. It is the perfect alternative to experience lighter opera in a less formal environment. Visits to the State Opera House and the Volksoper are high on many visitors' list so demand for tickets far outstrips supply and advance booking is essential.

The Magic Flute by Mozart - 17, 20 & 22 December at the State Opera House

La bohème by Puccini - 1, 3, & 7 December at the State Opera House

Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss - 6, 12 & 31 December at the Volksoper

These are just a selection of recommended performances, for further options please call the Kirker Concierge 020 7593 2286 or email concierge@kirkerholidays.com

CHRISTMAS IN VIENNA

A FIVE NIGHT ESCORTED HOLIDAY | 22 - 27 DECEMBER 2011

Including performances of *Le nozze di Figaro* and *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Vienna State Opera

Christmas is a magical time to be in Vienna when the city shows itself at its best. Staying at one of Vienna's best hotels in the heart of the old city, we will enjoy a walking tour of Imperial Vienna, some of its finest art collections and museums, and performances of an opera and a ballet perfect for the Christmas period.



MUSICAL PROGRAMME

Christmas Day at 19.00

The Sleeping Beauty – ballet, music by Tchaikovsky.
Choreography by Peter Wright, after Petipa.

Boxing Day 16.00

Le nozze di Figaro by Mozart. Adam Fischer conducts this perfect opera for the Christmas period. Adam Platchetka sings the title role, Adrian Erod and Christina Carvin are the Almavivas and Anita Hartig is Susanna.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 We fly from London Heathrow to Vienna and transfer to the hotel K+K Palais where we stay for five nights.

DAY 2 This morning there will be a walking tour through the centre of Vienna from the hotel to the cathedral and along the Graben, one of the city's most attractive and historic streets, to the Hofburg where we will see the State Treasury with the Imperial Crown Jewels.

DAY 3 (Christmas Eve) This morning we will go to the Kunsthistorisches Museum where we will see one of the world's great art collections.

DAY 4 (Christmas Day) The day will be free until we leave for the performance of *The Sleeping Beauty*.

DAY 5 (Boxing Day) We will drive to the palace of Schonbrunn this morning. This was the Summer Palace of the Imperial family and we will visit the apartments. Later we will attend the performance of *Le nozze di Figaro*.

DAY 6 We drive to the airport for the flight back to London.

WHAT WE INCLUDE

- Return scheduled BA flights from London to Vienna
- Five nights' accommodation with breakfast at the 4* K+K Palais Hotel
- Christmas Day lunch and dinner on both 24 and 26 December
- Tickets for two performances at the Vienna State Opera as described
- All sightseeing as described and entrances and gratuities
- The services of the Kirker Tour Lecturer

Price £1,837 per person based on sharing a double room, single room supplement £198.

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SALZBURG



This baroque city, dominated by its historic castle, is set against a magical backdrop of spectacular mountains. Not surprisingly as the home of Mozart, Salzburg's Christmas Markets, held in many locations throughout the city, are full of music. From 17 November until 26 December there is choral singing from the cathedral steps, 'Turmblasen' wind instrument bands in Residenz Square and nativity exhibits in the Residenz courtyard.

SACHER SALZBURG *** Deluxe**

This grand, stylish hotel stands on the banks of the Salzach river facing the old city of Salzburg. Under the same family ownership as the Sacher Hotel in Vienna, the Sacher Salzburg offers turn of the century elegance: spacious public areas and 120 individually furnished bedrooms – all recently renovated yet retaining the style of a bygone era.

Price from £679 per person for 4 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 4 nights for the price of 3 from 1 Nov – 22 December excluding December weekends, saving £120

GOLDENER HIRSCH *****

Located in a delightful 15th Century building on the famous Getreidgasse, this luxurious hotel is just steps away from Mozart's birthplace and five minutes' walk from the river. Richly decorated throughout with wonderful antiques from the collection of Countess Walderdorff, the hotel has the feel of an elegant private house. There are 69 traditionally furnished bedrooms, an excellent restaurant and the historic Herzl tavern which serves informal meals in a rustic setting.

Price from £749 per person for 3 nights

AUERSPERG ** Superior**

The Hotel Auersperg is a delightful townhouse that has been owned by the same family for three generations. It is located in a quiet part of Salzburg yet it is just five minutes' walk from the pedestrianised Linzergasse and 15 minutes from the River Salzach and the old town. The impressive marble floored reception is decorated with period furniture, whilst its 51 bedrooms are in a more contemporary style.

Price from £558 per person for 3 nights

RADISSON BLU ALTSTADT *****

Housed in a building that dates back to 1377 when it was one of Salzburg's ancient inns, the beautiful Altstadt hotel is located close to the Cathedral. Each of its 62 individually furnished bedrooms overlooks either the Salzach river or the historic streets of the old town. Elegant furniture, enclosed inner courtyards and a glass roofed atrium all help to create a wonderful, intimate atmosphere.

Price from £673 per person for 3 nights

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

SALZBURG ADVENT CONCERTS

Advent is undoubtedly one of the loveliest seasons to be in Salzburg thanks to the wonderful selection of advent music performed throughout the city. The tradition began in 1946 when concerts were first given in small venues and churches and in 1960 they reached the great Festspielhaus, home of the Salzburg Festival. Concerts are performed throughout the day; our concierge will be able to discuss the programmes with you.

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PRAGUE



With its mediaeval gothic city centre and stylish Opera houses, Prague is one of our most popular destinations, not least at Christmas time. From 26 November until 8 January it hosts two great markets in Wenceslas Square and the Old Town Square that feature daily carol concerts performed by children's choirs. Czech Christmas markets also traditionally feature hot wine, waffles, marionettes, straw decorations, cut glass and the best wooden toys in Europe.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL *** Deluxe**

Located in a quiet part of the historic Mala Strana district and converted from a 14th Century monastery, the Mandarin Oriental offers sumptuous accommodation and superb service just a stone's throw from Charles Bridge. The 99 bedrooms are wonderfully decadent, some have views of the city's rooftops and some overlook the hotel's courtyard garden.

Price from £719 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 from 1 Nov – 27 Dec, saving £158.

K+K HOTEL CENTRAL ** Superior**

Located just steps from the Powder Tower and the Municipal Hall, this hotel is not far from the Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square. One of Prague's most attractive Art Nouveau buildings, the hotel has 130 bedrooms which are all very comfortably furnished and all the bathrooms have underfloor heating.

Price from £559 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 from 1 Nov – 28 Dec, saving £77.

PARIS *** Superior**

Built in the heart of the historic Old Town, the Paris is one of Prague's best known traditional hotels and one of the few where all the public rooms are still in the original Art Nouveau style. These include a magnificent restaurant, a grand staircase, lounge and the famous Café de Paris. All 86 bedrooms have recently been renovated.

Price from £599 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 from 1 Nov – 29 Dec, saving £90.

CASA MARCELLO ****

The Casa Marcello is located in the historical city centre of Prague in the delightful Josefov district (the original Jewish Quarter). Although renovated and restored, the hotel retains an air of monastic tranquillity and has a terrace and peaceful garden. There is a restaurant serving Czech and international dishes and the 31 bedrooms are simply furnished, but comfortable.

Price from £495 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2, saving £45.

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

PRAGUE OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

Prague boasts no less than three first-rate Opera Houses: the ornate and stately National Theatre which places emphasis on works by native Czech composers, the more intimate State Opera House, and the historic Estates Theatre where the premiere of Mozart's Don Giovanni was held.

La Traviata by Verdi - 9 December at the State Opera House

Swan Lake (ballet), music by Tchaikovsky - 15 December at the State Opera House

Madama Butterfly by Puccini - 20 December at the State Opera House

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BRUSSELS



Just 1 hour 50 minutes by Eurostar from London St. Pancras or 1 hour 40 minutes from Ebbsfleet to Brussels' Christmas Market filled with tantalising aromas, decorated with festive lights and a vast number of stalls selling an array of traditional and seasonal products. From 25 November until 1 January Brussels makes a cheerful and convenient destination to enjoy the holiday atmosphere.

AMIGO ***** Deluxe

A member of Sir Rocco Forte's group of luxury properties, this famous hotel is in one of the city's best locations, just behind the Grand'Place and City Hall. The hotel has 174 beautifully designed modern bedrooms decorated in cool creams and expensive soft furnishings. There is a bar, a wonderful Italian restaurant Bocconi, and a comfortable lobby lounge. Midweek supplement (Mon - Thurs only): £50 per person, per night.

Price from £469 per person for 2 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: *Kirker clients staying a minimum of 2 nights over the weekend receive a complimentary upgrade to a deluxe room subject to availability.*

LE DIXSEPTIEME **** Superior Boutique

Formerly the residence of the Spanish Ambassador in the 17th Century, this charming boutique hotel is well positioned close to the Grand'Place and its interesting shops, galleries and museums. The elegantly decorated rooms are named after famous Belgian painters and each have their own sitting area, whilst many have the original fire places. Our prices are based on junior suites.

Price from £459 per person for 2 nights

METROPOLE **** Superior

Situated on one of the main shopping streets, just 600 yards north of the Grand'Place, the Metropole is a large, grand hotel built and furnished in the Belle Epoque style. The magnificent public rooms include the hotel's famous café and terrace, the 19th Century bar and restaurant and the magnificent lounge complete with Corinthian pillars, deep leather sofas and palm trees. It has 405 well furnished bedrooms with 24 hour room service. Fitness centre. Hotel supplement (Mon - Thurs only): £41 per person per night.

Price from £335 per person for 2 nights

BRUSSELS OPERA TICKETS

The Theatre de la Monnaie is a beautiful 19th Century opera house and is regarded as one of the most exciting companies in Europe, although throughout December tradition prevails. Ask the Kirker Concierge for details of this year's performances. Telephone 020 7593 2286 or email concierge@kirkerholidays.com

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BRUGES

Known as the 'Venice of the North', Bruges is one of Europe's loveliest and best preserved mediaeval towns and it offers the perfect surroundings for a traditional Christmas Market. From 25 November until 3 January there are daily markets in Simon Stevinplein Square as well as Market Square, which also features a specially built ice-skating rink.



DE TUILERIEEN ** Deluxe**

This family-run property stands on the edge of the Dyver canal and is one of the top hotels in Bruges. Formerly a noble's residence dating back to the 15th Century, the building has been beautifully restored and is now a cosy and luxurious hotel with a delightful courtyard. The 45 rooms are individually decorated using a subtle mix of contemporary and traditional styles. There is a cosy bar and a comfortable lounge. Buffet breakfast is included with fresh eggs and bacon cooked to order. The hotel has a **small indoor swimming pool**, with jacuzzi, sauna and steam bath.

Price from £379 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for Sunday - Tuesday arrivals, saving £115.

THE PAND ** Deluxe**

A member of the prestigious 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World', this is a beautifully restored 18th Century mansion located in a tree-lined street just two minutes' walk from the Market Square. Run by two generations of the Vanhaecke family, the hotel has 24 delightful and individually furnished rooms, a cosy bar, a stylish lounge and an attractive breakfast room where a Champagne breakfast is served. The hotel has a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. An award-winning boutique hotel. Prices below are based on the excellent **Junior Suites**, each individually decorated with Ralph Lauren fabrics.

Price from £609 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for Sunday - Wednesday arrivals, saving £226.

Bruges holiday prices include Eurostar, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

GRAND HOTEL CASSELBERGH ** Deluxe**

On entering this luxurious hotel you are immediately instilled with a feeling of calm – its large elegant lounges are decorated in a classic style with ornate furniture and grand chandeliers. Located just off the Dyver canal in the centre of Bruges, the Casselbergh is made up of three historical residences and an additional new wing which has been carefully designed to integrate with the surrounding buildings. There are 118 rooms which combine modern luxury with the charm of 18th Century Bruges; some of them retain original beamed ceilings. A wellness centre has been added in the vaulted 16th Century cellars.

Price from £349 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 (excluding 25-26 Nov, 2-3, 9-10 and 31 Dec).

RELAIS & CHATEAUX HOTEL HERITAGE

****** Superior**

The Heritage is located just 100 metres from the Market Square and is housed in an attractive classical building dating from 1869. It is privately owned and is decorated throughout in a traditional style with original antiques and paintings. There are just 20 bedrooms, a cosy lounge where pre-dinner drinks and afternoon tea are served and an elegant breakfast room. The cellar dates back to the 14th Century and is home to a fitness centre, there is also a health club with sauna and steam bath. Restaurant Le Mystique offers fine French and Flemish cuisine, serving seasonal dishes made with local ingredients.

Price from £346 per person for 2 nights

Price from £442 per person for 4 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 4 nights for the price of 3 valid for Sunday and Monday arrivals 1 November - 31 December.

Prices are based on Eurostar departures from London St. Pancras or Ebbsfleet to Brussels. Return rail tickets from Brussels to Bruges included. Transfers not included. Bookings made after 20 October based on Standard class travel - supplements for Standard Premier class on request.

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LILLE



Now just 1 hour 20 minutes from London St. Pancras on Eurostar, Lille is a great destination at any time of the year. Between 19 November - 30 December the Place Rihour hosts the largest Christmas Market in Northern France with a giant illuminated Ferris wheel, funfair, concerts, exhibitions and more than 50 stalls.

CARLTON ** Superior**

An excellent hotel located opposite the Opera House on the Rue de Paris, right in the heart of the old part of the city centre and about a 10 minute walk from the Eurostar rail station (Lille Europe). The Carlton is a beautiful 19th Century building, fully modernised yet traditionally decorated throughout in the style of Louis XV. It has a wood panelled bar, and the 60 air-conditioned rooms all have marble bathrooms, minibar and 24 hour room service. Hotel supplement (Mon – Thurs only): £18 per person, per night.

Price from £378 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for weekend stays in Nov & Dec, saving £89.

HERMITAGE GANTOIS ** Superior**

Located in a quiet, residential area of the city, just ten minutes' walk from the Opera House, the Hermitage Gantois was an ancient hospice dating back to the 15th Century. It has an elegant fine dining restaurant, a more informal brasserie (closed on Sundays) and a stylish bar. The rooms are all individually furnished and are located either around the courtyard and the flower-filled patio or overlooking the streets of Lille. The interior decoration of the hotel and its 67 rooms and junior suites (supplements available on request) cleverly combines the rich history of the building with contemporary design.

Price from £424 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: For all stays of 3 nights or more, the third night will have a special 50% reduction (valid for selected periods).

Prices include Eurostar, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

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STRASBOURG



Due to the high speed rail service this lovely city is becoming ever more popular. The city offers wonderful cuisine, a beautiful ochre Cathedral and interesting architecture and museums. The colourful Christmas Market is the oldest in France (some 431 years old!). From 26 November through to 31 December you can visit the fairytale 'Petite France' with its enchanting timber clad Christmas shops and gingerbread bakeries.

LE REGENT PETITE FRANCE ** Superior**

Metal, glass, designer and hi-tec furnishings make up the very contemporary interior decoration of this former ice factory on the banks of the river Ill. The historic building's peaceful location in the heart of the city makes it an ideal base from which to explore Strasbourg. The 60 rooms and suites are spacious and stylish. There is a good restaurant serving French cuisine with an Alsatian touch and the hotel's terrace with its atmospheric views of the river and the popular champagne bar are two of the city's most popular meeting places. Hotel supplement (Mon – Thurs only): £32 per person, per night.

Price from £735 per person for 3 nights

LE REGENT CONTADES ****

The Contades is housed in a 19th Century five-storey manor with pretty dormer windows and splendid wood panelling. Located approximately ten minutes from the Cathedral, it is a good quality and friendly property. There are 47 attractive bedrooms, a belle époque style breakfast room and a fitness centre with sauna and whirlpool. Rooms are located either in the original manor, or in a connecting, newer wing. Hotel supplement (Mon – Thurs only): £32 per person, per night.

Price from £735 per person for 3 nights

Prices include Standard class Eurostar, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

LYON

**** NEW FOR 2011 ****



Lyon's Christmas Market is held at the Place Carnot from the 29 November to 24 December. With over 100 exhibitors in colourful wooden chalets the market features fine French gastronomy together with arts and crafts from the Rhône-Alpes region perfect for Christmas gifts.

VILLA FLORENTINE ** Deluxe**

Once a 16th Century convent, the Villa Florentine has been superbly restored and is the most elegant hotel in the city. It is a member of Relais & Châteaux and sits on the hillside of Fourvière and has wonderful views of the old town. The original chapel with its beautiful frescoes is now the reception and bar and leads to the sensational Michelin-starred restaurant 'Les Terrasses de Lyon'. The 28 bedrooms are furnished in an intimate Italian Renaissance style and all have a terrace or balcony. There is a fitness centre with sauna, steam room and treatment rooms. The old town is a five minute walk away down some steep steps.

Price from £899 per person for 3 nights

GRAND HOTEL DES TERREAUX * Superior**

A former 19th Century coaching inn, the Grand des Terreaux is a charming and friendly hotel on a quiet street in the historic Presqu'île area of the city, a pleasant 15 minute walk from the old town centre. Behind a stylish façade, the hotel has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. There is an intimate bar and an **indoor swimming pool** surrounded by historic stone walls. The 54 bedrooms have recently been renovated and our prices are based on spacious superior rooms

Price from £629 per person for 3 nights

Prices include flights to Lyon, private transfers and accommodation with breakfast

Strasbourg prices are based on Standard class Eurostar departures from London St. Pancras or Ebbsfleet. Onward return first class rail tickets from Lille are included. Transfers not included.

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HAMBURG



Dating back 1200 years Hamburg is now a stylish and dynamic city, with a superb mix of traditional and contemporary architecture and the country's largest selection of Michelin-starred restaurants. There are many Christmas Markets throughout the city which run principally from 21 November until 31 December.

FAIRMONT VIER JAHRESZEITEN

******* Deluxe**

An institution in Hamburg, the Fairmont is in an idyllic location on the shores of the Inner Alster Lake; Hamburg's fashionable shopping arcades and the Opera House are within easy walking distance. The 156 bedrooms are sumptuously furnished and many have fine views over the lake. The hotel has three restaurants including the Michelin-starred 'Restaurant Haerlin'.

Price from £798 per person for 3 nights

PARK HYATT HAMBURG *** Deluxe**

Behind the historic walls of a 1912 trading house lies one of Germany's finest contemporary hotels. The Park Hyatt is located directly above the exclusive Levantehaus shopping arcade in the heart of the city, within easy walking distance of the main railway station, tourist sites and shopping districts. All 252 bedrooms are extremely inviting and are designed to make the most of light and space. There is a lounge, restaurant & bar and a spa with an **indoor swimming pool**. Hotel supplement (Mon -Thurs only): £36 per person, per night.

Price from £735 per person for 3 nights

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

COLOGNE



Located on the banks of the Rhine, with the striking gothic Cathedral 'The Dom' as its dominant landmark, Cologne offers a diverse range of museums, theatre and opera and has plenty of charm with its cobbled streets dating back to Roman times. There are six Christmas Markets, which run from 25 November until 23 December, including four located at the Cathedral. Prices are based on flights with Easyjet. Alternatively, with the high speed rail service from London St. Pancras station, you can reach Cologne in just five hours via Brussels.

EXCELSIOR HOTEL ERNST *****

Perfectly situated in the heart of Cologne, in the tall shadow of the iconic Cathedral, the Excelsior Ernst has been welcoming guests for 140 years. Privately owned, it is the city's 'grande dame' and exudes an air of tradition and elegance. All 142 bedrooms are individually decorated using antiques, original paintings and a harmonious blend of distinctive colour schemes and some overlook the Cathedral. Guests can choose between two restaurants within the hotel: 'Hanse Stube', one of Cologne's finest, serves innovative French Cuisine and 'Taku' offers outstanding Asian fusion cooking. There is also an intimate piano bar with live music most evenings. Other facilities include a health spa, beauty salon, fitness room, sauna and steam bath.

Price from £659 per person for 3 nights from 19 - 31 December. Price from £750 from 1 - 15 Nov.

HAMBURG OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

First-class artistic performances make a visit to the Hamburg State Opera an unsurpassable cultural experience. The heart of this opera company is the Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra – established around 175 years ago.

The Magic Flute by Mozart - 1, 13, 27 & 30 December

La Cenerentola by Rossini - 9, 16, 25 & 31 December

The Nutcracker (ballet) music by Tchaikovsky - 14, 15, 23, 28 & 29 December

These are just a selection of recommended performances, for further options please call the Kirker Concierge 020 7593 2286 or email concierge@kirkerholidays.com

BERLIN



From 22 November until 31 December Berlin is home to a plethora of Christmas Markets, from the romantic setting of Charlottenburg Castle in the West of the city to the famous Gendarmenmarkt in the East. A multitude of stands sell everything from stollen and gingerbread to regional gifts crafted by glass blowers, wood carvers and doll makers. Additional markets include those at Potsdamer Platz, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Spandau Old Town and the Unter den Linden.

ADLON KEMPINSKI ***** Deluxe

Standing majestically by the Brandenburg Gate by Unter den Linden, the Adlon is one of the great hotels of Europe and was once second home to Einstein, Chaplin and Roosevelt. Founded by Lorenzo Adlon in 1907 and totally rebuilt in 1997, it has 334 guest rooms and 78 suites, four top quality restaurants, an **indoor heated swimming pool** and a spa.

Price from £675 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid 1 Nov - 29 Dec, saving £150.

DE ROME ***** Deluxe

A member of Rocco Forte Hotels, the De Rome is located in the heart of Berlin, close to the Museum Island. It has 146 bedrooms, a restaurant serving Italian cuisine, and the 'Bebel' bar with its excellent views over the famous Bebelplatz. The historic building dates back to 1889 and was the headquarters of Dresdener Bank until 1945. It has been completely refurbished and opened its doors to guests in October 2006. Located in the vault of the bank is the stunning and extensive 'Spa de Rome' with a 20-metre **indoor swimming pool**.

Price from £678 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for stays including a Sunday night, saving £156.

BRANDENBURGER HOF ***** Superior

Occupying a palatial and secluded city centre location, the Brandenburger Hof is a very attractive, privately owned hotel. Opened in 1991 this turn of the century Wilhelminian residence has 82 luxurious rooms that have been decorated in the Bauhaus style.

Price from £768 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2, saving £150.

Includes a 3-course meal in the hotel's Michelin starred restaurant Die Quadriga (excl. drinks) and entrance to the Pergamon Museum

ART'OTEL BERLIN MITTE **** Superior

The Art'otel has tremendous character and style and is located on the River Spree, on the site of the Berlin Wall in what was East Berlin. Art lovers will enjoy the works by George Baselitz, whilst architects and designers will be impressed by what Johanne Nalbach has made of the interior. The 109 rooms, apartments and suites are very well furnished in an ultra modern style and each has an original work of art. The bar and restaurant are open Monday to Friday.

Price from £539 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for Sunday arrivals, saving £79.

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

BERLIN OPERA TICKETS

Berlin has not one but two internationally distinguished opera companies – the Staatsoper under the direction of one of the world's most versatile musicians, Daniel Barenboim, and the Deutsche Opera. N.B. The Staatsoper Theatre is currently undergoing renovations so performances will take place at the Schiller Theatre.

La Traviata by Verdi - 3, 10 & 17 December at Staatsoper at the Schiller Theatre

Don Giovanni by Mozart - 3 & 8 December at the Deutsche Opera

La bohème by Puccini - 15, 20, 26 & 30 December at the Deutsche Opera

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DRESDEN



Founded in 1434, the Dresden Striezelmarkt is the oldest Christmas market in Germany and from 24 November until 24 December it features the region's traditional crafts such as wood-carving and pottery. In addition, it hosts the world's biggest wooden Christmas pyramid and during 'Stollenfest' a 3,500 kg fruit bread loaf is baked.

KEMPINSKI TASCHENBERGPALAIS ****^{Deluxe}

Located next to the Semper Opera House, this magnificent hotel suffered extensive war damage and lay in ruins until lovingly restored in 1993. Beautifully decorated throughout and with 213 impeccably furnished bedrooms and a **stunning indoor swimming pool**, the Kempinski is Dresden's finest hotel.

Price from £598 per person for 3 nights

BÜLOW RESIDENZ ****^{Deluxe}

One of the oldest and most beautiful baroque buildings in Dresden, it was built in 1730 and refurbished in 1993. Close to the Semper Opera its location could not be better. All 30 rooms are furnished in a contemporary style with traditional touches.

Price from £529 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid Sun - Thurs, saving £98.

OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

Poised in the heart of historic Dresden is the Semper Opera House, the home of the Saxon State Opera and the internationally renowned Staatskapelle Orchestra. Major debut performances of operas by Wagner and Strauss were once held here.

Tosca by Puccini - 10, 14, 17 & 28 Dec

The Nutcracker (ballet) music by

Tchaikovsky - 3, 5, 9, 13, 23, 25 & 27 Dec

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Semper Opera House

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NUREMBERG

****NEW FOR 2011****

The popular Nuremberg Christmas market is set in the heart of the old town in the main square from the 25 November to 24 December. This atmospheric market dates back to the 17th century and has over 200 stalls selling a variety of authentic gifts and traditional delicacies.

LE MERIDIEN GRAND ****

Le Meridien Grand Hotel has an ideal location opposite the entrance to the historic Old Town, perfect for visitors to the Christmas market. This stylish hotel has 172 rooms which are well furnished and decorated in a contemporary style. The restaurant serves international cuisine and there is an Art Deco bar.

Price from £749 per person for 3 nights



Prices include flights, private transfers & accommodation with breakfast

MUNICH

Germany's most beautiful city is a thriving centre for art and culture and home to a wonderful opera house (we would be delighted to book tickets for you). The Christmas Market takes place in the Marienplatz, in front of the gothic town hall, from 25 November until 24 December. Many Bavarian delights are on sale from pewter tankards to straw stars and festive angels.



MANDARIN ORIENTAL ***** Deluxe

Located in a quiet side street adjoining the famous Hofbrauhaus, the Mandarin Oriental is the most prestigious address in town. The 73 bedrooms are the best in the city and all have marble bathrooms. The elegant 'Mark's' restaurant (closed for dinner on Sunday and Monday) has a Michelin star and 'Mark's Corner' in the hotel lobby offers more informal lunches (dinner on Sunday and Monday), whilst the lobby bar serves afternoon tea and cocktails with live piano music in the evening. There is a new cigar lounge on the ground floor and a rooftop terrace with breathtaking views across the city skyline.

Price from £998 per person for 3 nights

TORBRAU *****

A hotel since 1450, the privately-owned Torbrau is the oldest in Munich, has a great location just two minutes' walk from Marienplatz and has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. There are 89 comfortable bedrooms, many furnished in contemporary Bavarian style; we recommend the spacious deluxe rooms with complimentary minibar and tea and coffee making facilities, supplement £37 per person, per night. Breakfast is served in the first floor café which also offers light lunches and afternoon teas and there is an Italian restaurant.

Price from £779 per person for 3 nights

THE CHARLES ***** Deluxe

Custom built, with a modern and striking design, The Charles is a Rocco Forte Hotel located in the heart of the city overlooking the Old Botanical Gardens. The 160 bedrooms are decorated in a fresh contemporary style in keeping with the architecture of the building and have views over the gardens and the city's historical monuments. Olga Polizzi's interior design skills are complemented by the numerous works of Munich's celebrated 19th Century artist Franz von Lenbach. There is an Italian restaurant and lobby bar as well as a spa with an **indoor swimming pool**, treatment rooms, sauna, steam bath and fitness centre.

Price from £867 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: Kirker clients will receive a room upgrade (subject to availability) and Bavarian welcome.

KEMPINSKI VIER JAHRESZEITEN ***** Superior

This hotel has been welcoming guests since its opening in 1858 and is regarded as the Grand Dame of Munich. Located on Maximilianstrasse, its 303 classical bedrooms are all beautifully decorated. The restaurant serves international and traditional Bavarian cuisine in a bistro-style atmosphere. Evening drinks and afternoon tea are served in the stylish piano bar. There is a rooftop **indoor swimming pool**, sauna and fitness room.

Price from £867 per person for 3 nights Mon - Thurs (weekend rates available on request)

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

MUNICH OPERA TICKETS

The Bavarian State Opera, or Bayerische Staatsoper, is the oldest opera company north of the Alps. It traces its history back to 1653, when earlier generations of musicians and singers performed in the courts of Bavaria's Electors. Today's Bavarian State Opera is one of the most important opera houses in Europe.

Turandot by Puccini - 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 & 20 December

La bohème by Puccini - 18, 21 & 26 December

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BUDAPEST

The twin cities of Buda and Pest are worth a visit at any time of the year, but from 18 November until 30 December they feature great Christmas Markets too. Centred on the shopping street Vaci Utca and Heroes Square, they feature traditional Hungarian dancing and folk music, carol singing and stalls selling local specialities such as hot sausages and warm glühwein.



FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE

***** Deluxe

After years of painstaking renovation, this landmark building has now been restored to its former glory and opened its doors in June 2004. It is located in Pest on Roosevelt Square and has wonderful views of the Chain Bridge, the Danube and the Royal Castle. The 179 bedrooms (some overlook the Danube, supplements available on request) are all beautifully decorated in an Art Nouveau style. The top floor spa offers a full range of treatments, a sauna, steam room, whirlpool, and a fitness room as well as an infinity indoor swimming pool. This is Budapest's most luxurious hotel.

Price from £898 per person for 3 nights

LE MERIDIEN ***** Deluxe

This former palace has been beautifully restored to create a truly luxurious hotel based in the heart of the shopping district close to the Danube. Le Meridien has a glass roof under which is an indoor swimming pool and its 218 air-conditioned bedrooms are well decorated in traditional style with elegant furnishings.

Price from £549 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for Friday arrivals, saving £85.

K+K OPERA **** Superior

A first class hotel in a quiet street located in the centre of Pest just 50 yards from the Opera House. Stylish, chic, fashionable and comfortable and decorated in the Austrian-owned K+K Hotels' warm signature colours. The 215 bedrooms are furnished in a modern style with much use of cherry wood. There is a bar and café/restaurant.

Price from £538 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid 18 November until 28 December, saving £31.

ART'OTEL **** Superior

This boutique hotel is a virtual art gallery dedicated to artist D. Sultan, whose paintings are shown throughout. The Art'otel's 165 designer bedrooms and suites combine modern architecture and facilities with Hungarian baroque traditions. It has an excellent location in Buda on the banks of the Danube opposite the spectacular Houses of Parliament.

Price from £498 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2, saving £55.

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

BUDAPEST OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

Budapest is proud of possessing one of the most beautiful opera houses in the world - The State Opera House. Puccini directed the premiere of two of his operas here and it is renowned for its marvellous acoustics.

The Nutcracker (ballet) music by Tchaikovsky - 4, 7, 10, 15, 17, 23, 26, 28 & 29 December
Aida by Verdi - 11, 13, 18 & 20 December

La bohème by Puccini - 22, 25, 27 & 30 December

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TALLINN



Full of history and crammed with restaurants, bars and cafés, the Estonian capital is a truly fascinating destination. From 26 November until 6 January Tallinn hosts a daily Christmas Market in the mediaeval Town Hall Square that evokes a special atmosphere with its delicious local foods and wide range of local crafts.

TELEGRAAF *** Deluxe**

After three years of meticulous restoration, this 19th Century former post office opened its doors in 2007 as the Telegraaf, the finest hotel in Tallinn. Located in the heart of the old town close to Town Hall Square, it is perfect for exploring the cobbled streets of ancient Tallinn. The 86 bedrooms are decorated in a classical style with a hint of the contemporary. Supplement for a superior room in the historic part of hotel: £14 per person, per night. The Tchaikovsky restaurant serves fine Russian cuisine and there is a summer terrace for drinks and light lunches. The Elemis spa offers a range of treatments and has an **indoor swimming pool**, Jacuzzi, steam bath and sauna.

Price from £449 per person for 3 nights

ST. PETERSBOURG ** Superior**

Located on a bustling street in the heart of the Old Town, the St. Petersburg first opened in 1850 and has recently been imaginatively restored, retaining many original features of the building's classic style. The excellent 'Nevskij' restaurant is elegantly decorated with antiques (look out for the charming parrot Misha sitting on top of his cage in the window) and serves Russian specialities including caviar and vodka. The hotel also has an informal Estonian country restaurant, with a lively atmosphere that is a popular meeting place for locals. The 27 bedrooms are tastefully decorated.

Price from £368 per person for 3 nights

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

SCHLÖSSE ** Deluxe**

In a quiet location in the heart of the Old Town, just two minutes' walk along the cobbled streets to Town Hall Square, this characterful boutique hotel has just 23 rooms. Although fully equipped with up to date facilities, it retains all the charm of the original 16th Century buildings, with an open fireplace in the main hall – perfect for a warming fireside drink in winter – and wooden beamed ceilings. The hotel is beautifully furnished with antiques and the friendly local staff offer guests outstanding service. The award winning 'Stenus' restaurant in the atmospheric vaulted cellars has an excellent reputation and a comprehensive wine list. During the summer months, lunch and dinner are served in the hotel's tranquil courtyard.

Price from £449 per person for 3 nights

OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

The Estonian National Opera's repertoire consists of classical and contemporary operas, operettas and ballets performed at the art nouveau/neo-classical 'Estonia Theatre' in the very heart of Tallinn.

**The Nutcracker Suite (ballet) music by
Tchaikovsky - 15, 16, 18, 21, 22,
28 & 29 December**

**La Traviata by Verdi
- December 11 & 17**

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HELSINKI



Held in the city centre Esplanaadi Park, the St. Thomas Market is the largest of a number of Christmas Markets running over the festive period. From 2 December until 22 December traditional delicacies such as salted raw salmon are in abundance. Home-made food, gifts and decorations are available on the stalls and there is even an indoor market in the Old Student Hall.

KAMP *** Superior**

Finland's most opulent hotel and perfectly located on the Esplanade just five minutes' walk from the harbour. There are 179 classically furnished bedrooms all with marble bathrooms. Its restaurant was established in 1887 and has a beautifully restored interior with a more informal bistro style atmosphere.

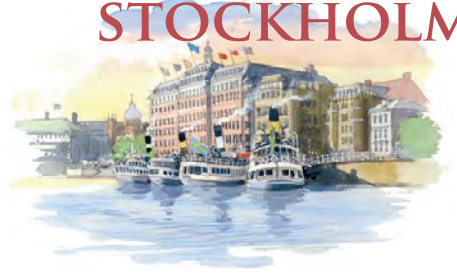
Price from £869 per person for 3 nights

RADISSON SAS PLAZA ****

Built in 1917 and now, after a recent renovation, features a blend of modern and early 20th Century architecture. It is centrally located near the main shopping street, with a brasserie style restaurant and the atmospheric Lasibaari Bar. There are 301 bedrooms and a fitness centre with sauna and massage.

Price from £649 per person for 3 nights

STOCKHOLM



From 19 November until 23 December there are Christmas Markets throughout Stockholm. The main market in the colourful mediaeval maze of the old town or Gamla Stan is held daily. There is a weekend market at Skansen on Djurgården island: the world's oldest open air museum, running since 1903.

VICTORY ** Deluxe**

This beautiful 17th Century residence is located in the heart of the Gamla Stan. The owners have a real passion for nautical history and there is a terrific collection on display. The excellent Michelin starred restaurant 'Leijontornet' serves delicious shellfish and game and there is an intimate bar. There are only 48 bedrooms, and each one has a portrait of a naval captain, one of his wife and a painting of his ship.

Price from £869 per person for 3 nights

RICA GAMLA STAN * Deluxe**

This delightfully charming hotel is an ideal base from which to explore the narrow lanes, cobbled streets, cafés and taverns of the Gamla Stan. Housed within an elegant 17th Century building, the hotel is entirely furnished in a classical 18th Century style, providing a very cosy ambience. The 51 rooms have personal touches and parquet flooring and are furnished with antiques. Hotel supplement (Mon – Fri only): £24 per person, per night.

Price from £729 per person for 3 nights

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

STOCKHOLM OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

A staggering number of the world's great voices have come from Sweden and today its singers, especially sopranos, dominate the world stages. Invariably all of their careers began on the stage of the beautiful Royal Opera House in Stockholm. Generous state support keeps ticket prices amongst the lowest in the world.

La Traviata by Verdi – 9, 12 & 19 December

The Nutcracker (ballet) music by Tchaikovsky – 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18 & 30 December

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COPENHAGEN



From 11 November until 30 December you can delight in a traditional Danish yuletide at the Christmas Markets held in the famous Tivoli Gardens (entrance is £12) and at Nyhavn.

Thousands of lights decorate the ice-rinks, stalls laden with Christmas gifts and restaurants offering traditional fayre.

NIMB *****

Located within the Tivoli Gardens and housed in a striking Moorish styled building, the Nimb is an exceptional boutique property. The 'Nimb Brasserie' has a menu dictated by the seasons and 'Restaurant Herman' offers fine Michelin-starred cuisine. There is a grand, spacious and elegant bar and the Vinoteque contains a varied selection of wines. Its 13 rooms are individually decorated with antique furniture and each has its own fireplace and four-poster bed.

Price from £1,280 per person for 3 nights

STRAND * Superior**

Located in the fashionable Nyhavn district this is the best three star hotel in Copenhagen. The Strand is an old warehouse building dating back to 1869. The exposed original brickwork, the rich wooden panelling and the open fireplace of the hotel's reception, breakfast room and lobby bar all help maintain the original feel and character of this waterfront warehouse.

Price from £569 per person for 3 nights

SPECIAL OFFER: 3 nights for the price of 2 valid for stays including a Sunday night, saving £57.

Prices include flights, private transfers, accommodation with breakfast and Kirker Guide Notes

COPENHAGEN OPERA & BALLET TICKETS

The Royal Theatre's Old Stage at Kongens Nytorv in the heart of Copenhagen dates from the late 1800's. Here, you can enjoy virtually all forms of Danish and international theatre, ballet, opera and concerts. Built in 2005 the new state-of-the-art opera house, Operaen, is dramatically situated on the Copenhagen waterfront.

The Nutcracker (ballet) music by Tchaikovsky -14, 16, 18, 20, 21 & 22 December

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KRAKOW



With its many museums, galleries, concert halls, restaurants and jazz clubs, Krakow offers an impressive backdrop for a Christmas Market. Based at Rynek Główny, one of the largest mediaeval town squares in Europe, (1 - 26 December) the market has many colourful stalls selling traditional food such as its famous honey cake, as well as local handicrafts including sculptures and embroidery.

COPERNICUS ** Deluxe**

When visiting Krakow the astronomer Copernicus used to stay in this very building. It has now been restored to its original Renaissance and Gothic splendour. Situated in the city's oldest street, this luxury hotel features 29 beautifully furnished bedrooms and an **indoor swimming pool**. There is also a piano bar and a fine restaurant with an extensive wine list.

Price from £539 per person for 3 nights

AMADEUS ** Superior**

Situated just a short walk from the Market Square, the Amadeus offers classical comfort and style in a great location. Dating back to the 14th Century, this historic townhouse is one of the finest buildings in Old Krakow. The hotel has just 22 well furnished, air-conditioned rooms with marble bathrooms and a small fitness room with sauna.

Price from £446 per person for 3 nights

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