

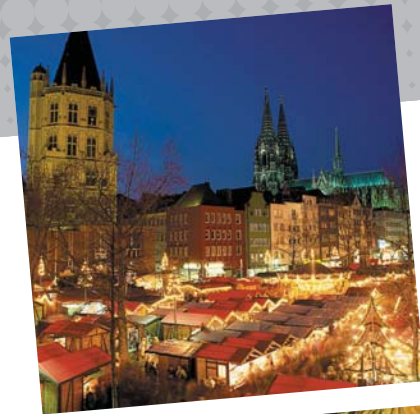
Christmas Markets

Galloway has been operating tours and day trips to Europe's Christmas Markets for many years. During the festive season, for some weeks prior to Christmas, many cities and towns across Northern

Europe are transformed into a festive paradise.

"I just wanted to write and say thank you for organising such a wonderful trip. This year's tour went without a hiccup and that is testament to the organisation of yourselves at the office."

These markets provide an opportunity to experience the sounds, smells and delights and to shop for Christmas, as well as a great chance for students to practice their language skills and get a glimpse of the local culture and customs.



Arras

With more than 60 exhibitors, Arras Christmas market, set against the arcades of the prestigious Grand Place, has become one of the most important Christmas markets North of Paris.

Amiens

The biggest Christmas Market in the northern part of France sees Amiens' town centre transformed with an Alpine feel.

Lille

The month-long Christmas Market in Lille is held in the Place Rihour in the town centre. It is the largest in Northern France and has been a tradition for centuries.



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Itinerary

Depart school very early for a breakfast-time ferry crossing or Eurotunnel to Calais. Arrive in your chosen destination early afternoon for sightseeing. Depart early evening, returning by ferry / Eurotunnel. Arrive back at school in the late evening.

The amount of time available in your chosen destination is limited to approximately 6 hours, but could be less dependent upon the location of your school.

Price available on request.

Brussels

'Europe's most original Christmas market' is made up of 240 wooden stalls, dotted around the Bourse (Stock Exchange), Place Sainte Catherine and the Marché aux Poissons (fish market).

Bruges

The Christmas market on the main square forms a ring around an open-air ice rink, in the middle of medieval Bruges, with its cobbled streets and historic buildings.

Further tours

There are other lesser Christmas Markets, which can be combined with visits to Ostend or Ypres, and there are many other very good Christmas markets further afield which can be accessed over a two-day coach tour or by air: Valkenburg, Maastricht, Aachen, Cologne, Dusseldorf, Koblenz, Berlin & Krakow. The German markets are particularly good and highly recommended.



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