

Join **Michelle Marvig** on board the A-Rosa Aqua on Travelrite International's

# *Christmas Markets*

PATCHWORK CRUISE & TOUR OF

# EUROPE

22 November to 10 December 2026

Visiting Cologne, Rudesheim,  
Mainz, Frankfurt, Koblenz,  
Nuremburg, Salzburg  
and Munich



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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Four-night Christmas Markets River cruise on A-Rosa Aqua
- Walking tour around the beautiful half-timbered houses of Rudesheim
- Visit Cologne's Cathedral Christmas market, Rudesheim's quaint Christmas market, Frankfurt's Christmas market, one of Germany's prettiest, Salzburg's romantic Christmas market and Munich's traditional Christmas market
- Sightseeing tours with a local guides of Cologne, with Roman heritage, historic Nuremburg, picturesque Salzburg and gorgeous Munich
- Visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, the castle that inspired Walt Disney
- Visits to Quilting shops
- Work on a project designed by Michelle Marvig



### Don't Worry About Coming Alone

We have about a third of people on the cruise travelling alone. You won't be left alone. The Travelrite Tour Manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities every day.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Sunday 22 November, 2026

##### Departure

Our holiday begins with a flight to Dusseldorf.

#### DAY 2 Monday 23 November, 2026

##### Cologne

This afternoon we arrive in Dusseldorf and travel through the picturesque countryside to Cologne. During our travel Michelle will explain details of the project we will work on during the tour.

#### DAY 3 Tuesday 24 November, 2026

##### Embarkation

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Cologne. Founded by the Romans in 38 BC, the town has grown on the West Bank of the Rhine River. We will visit the twin spired Cologne Cathedral, known for its medieval reliquary, the old market and a historic town square with a variety of shops and restaurants. Later we are transferred to the port to board the A-Rosa Aqua for our Christmas Markets River cruise. We will enjoy dinner on the boat to formally meet Michelle and other tour members.

#### DAY 4 Wednesday 25 November, 2026

##### Rudesheim/ Mainz

We spend today in the gorgeous town of Rudesheim. We will enjoy a walking tour around the beautiful half-timbered houses and see the



Klunkardshof, a two-storey house dating from the 16th century. We will visit their gorgeous Christmas market. We will travel on the cable car to Niederwald monument, where we get spectacular views of the surrounding vineyards and the river Rhine. Late afternoon we cruise to Mainz which lays on the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers. The gorgeous restored old town has many half-timbered medieval houses and a market.

#### DAY 5 Thursday 26 November, 2026

##### Frankfurt

We dock early morning in Frankfurt, where we first see the town's towering Christmas tree. We will visit one of Germany's prettiest Christmas markets, which takes place every winter between the old Römerberg area and the historical St. Paul's Church. The market and the rest of the city are overflowing with Christmas gift ideas for loved ones, so group members will be in their element. In the afternoon we visit The House for Handicraft in Friedberg

#### DAY 6 Friday 27 November, 2026

##### Koblenz

We depart Frankfurt during the night to cruise along the Rhine. There will be time today to work on our projects as we watch the gorgeous countryside glide past as we sail along the UNESCO Heritage listed middle section of Rhine River. We reach Loreley Rock the most spectacular part of the Rhine Valley, where the river narrows

and the water runs faster during the morning. Legend says that the Loreley rock was a woman bathing herself as she lured sailors to their death. Mid-afternoon we arrive in Koblenz located overlooking the junction of the Mosel and the Rhine rivers. Koblenz was established around the 8th century. We will enjoy a visit to their historic Christmas Market.

#### DAY 7 Saturday 28 November, 2026

##### Nuremburg

Early morning we dock in Cologne and disembark the Aqua, for our drive from Cologne to Nuremburg. On the journey we stop to visit the Quilt Shop, located in Estborne, where we will find inspiration for sewing needs in their stock of materials and tools. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

#### DAY 8 Sunday 29 November 2026

##### Nuremburg

In the morning, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of historic Nuremburg. We visit the Old Town, where we see The Frauenkirche ('Church of Our Lady') the Schöner Brunnen Fountain, the Sebalduskirche, Nuremburg Castle and The Pegnitz River. We continue the tour to learn about Nuremburg's connection to WWII history. We will have the rest of the day to browse the magic of Nuremburg's Christmas Market,







Michelle Marvig

Within two years of discovering patchwork, Michelle was working for an Australian distributor of American patchwork cottons, as a sample maker. This allowed her to work from home, around the responsibilities of her two small children. It also meant that she was exposed to many styles of fabrics and stepped up to the challenge of designing quilts in all genres. It was during this time that her work was noticed by magazine editors. She was among the contributors included in the first edition of Australian Patchwork and Quilting magazine. Her quilts have received numerous awards at the NSW Quilters Guild Quilt Shows. Since 2008 Michelle has escorted Australian quilters overseas on patchwork tours to America, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore and Europe for Travelrite International and Quilter's Companion. When not traveling on tours, Michelle teaches workshops around Australia, and New Zealand. She loves teaching others the skills required to make new quilt designs and to understand the best way to use fabrics. She also loves to help others spend their money in the patchwork shops on tour!

the "Christkindlesmarkt". It is the most famous Christmas Market in the world and attracts millions of visitors every year. It was first mentioned in 1628.

#### **DAY 9 Monday 30 November, 2026** **Nuremberg**

This morning, we visit Museum Tucher Castle and Hirsvogel Hall. The world of the Nuremberg merchant families of the 16th century comes to life in the Cloth Palace, built between 1533 and 1544 in the middle of a Renaissance Garden. In addition to arts and crafts, furniture and tapestries, the top-class collection also includes paintings from the 15th to the 19th century. In the afternoon we visit the Albrecht Dürer's House, the home of German Renaissance artist Albrecht Dürer from 1509 to his death in 1528. After the visit we have free time at the Christmas Market.

#### **DAY 10 Tuesday 1 December, 2026** **Nuremberg**

Today we travel to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a gorgeous town known for its half-timbered houses, which line cobblestone lanes. We will visit its popular Christmas market. We visit Der Patchwork Engel a wonderful stop for our quilting needs. The town has great general shopping too. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.



#### **DAY 11 Wednesday 2 December, 2026** **Salzburg**

After breakfast we travel to Forstner to visit Creative Home Design which stocks a vast array of fabrics. Discover their collection of trendy designs, classic patterns and seasonal fabric. We continue to Salzburg, best known as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

#### **DAY 12 Thursday 3 December, 2026** **Salzburg**

Salzburg is a beautiful town with the Salzach River separating Salzburg's old and new towns. It is renowned for its perfectly preserved Baroque inner city and its music festival. Dominated by a fortress on one side and the Kapuzinerberg on the other, this Baroque city is best explored on foot. We have a walking tour of the inner city this morning. We see Mozart's birthplace, the Prince

Archbishop's residence, the cathedral, the fortress of Hohensalzburg and the many attractive squares with fountains in the centre. In the afternoon we enjoy a visit to the Salzburg Christmas Market, which dates back to the 15th century. Located at the foot of the Hohensalzburg Fortress near Salzburg's Cathedral and Residence Squares. What a location!

#### **DAY 13 Friday 4 December, 2026** **Salzburg**

This morning, we visit Hellbrunn Palace, a Baroque masterpiece nestled in Salzburg's serene landscape. Discover its playful trick fountains, lush gardens, and rich history. In the afternoon, we visit Wenatex a general sewing store, with thousands of fabrics on show, a large button collection and wonderful customer service.



#### **DAY 14 Saturday 5 December, 2026** **Munich**

Today we travel to Munich. On arrival we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this historic city with a local guide. We will see sights such as the Nymphenburg Palace, the summer residence of the royal family, the Old Town with Marienplatz and its famous Glockenspiel carillon, the farmers market, City Palace and Opera as well as the cathedral. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

#### **DAY 15 Sunday 6 December, 2026** **Munich**

Today Michelle will take us to experience fairytale magic at Neuschwanstein Castle! Built by mad King Ludwig in the 1870s and 1880s it was opened up to visitors after his death in 1886. Famous as the castle that inspired Walt Disney, it is one of the highlights of the tour. During our guided tour, you can marvel at Ludwig II's masterpiece and discover the legends behind Germany's most iconic castle. There is then free time in town, wander down the main street and enjoy views of Hohenschwangau Castle and Lake Alpsee. We return to Munich via Oberammergau. As it is Sunday the shops will



be shut. We will visit its small Christmas market, and the village is famous for its painted houses. Michelle says that it is very pretty and different to other places she has visited.

#### **DAY 16 Monday 7 December 2026** **Munich**

Munich has one of the oldest and most traditional of Christmas markets. Roots of the market go back into the 14th century, the Christkindlmarkt is held in front of Munich Town Hall in a prime location for the three million visitors, who visit in the pedestrian heart of the city. We will enjoy our visit today. In the afternoon we visit Il Cocolino, which stocks yarn, haberdashery and sewing packages.

#### **DAY 17 Tuesday 8 December, 2026** **Munich**

In the morning, we visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria. The Residenz is the largest city palace in Germany. We will enjoy its architecture, room decorations, and displays from the former royal collections. This afternoon will be free for last-minute shopping. Perhaps re-visit the Christmas market. In the evening, we will enjoy a Farewell Dinner to say farewell to Michelle and other tour members.

#### **DAY 18 Wednesday 9 December, 2026** **Departure**

We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Australia.

#### **DAY 19 Thursday 10 December, 2026** **Australia**

The group arrives in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



## **A-Rosa Aqua**



The German-owned A-Rosa Aqua is part of an 11-strong fleet that was founded in 2000. The line is solely owned by Deutsche Seereederei (DSR). It has 202 passengers, a crew of 54. The passenger to Crew ratio is 3.74:1. It was launched in 2009. It offers a four-star standard. A-Rosa Aqua carries the fleet's distinctive hallmarks (a large pair of lips on the bow carrying a red rose and rose-themed interior). It also boasts several unique features for river cruising, including a branded spa and a stage for entertainment. Aqua is a German vessel which makes announcements in German. However all crew members are bilingual and onboard information and literature is also in English. It has German-style twin beds, which are on the same base and separated by different bedding for each person. The ship has a relaxed atmosphere and there is no set dress code. Comfortable, casual clothing is suitable onboard and during excursions. Bring warmer clothing for evenings on deck.



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### Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin grade / Description	Deck	Twin Share	Single	Twin Ship/Single Land
A Outside Porthole	1	\$ 11,590	\$ 13,790	\$ 13,390
C Outside Juliette Balcony	2	\$ 11,990	\$ 14,390	\$ 13,790
D Outside Juliette Balcony	3	\$ 12,290	\$ 14,690	\$ 14,090
Included air taxes as at 1 Sep 25		\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290

Please note that port and handling charges and shipboard gratuities have been included in your fare.

### Included in the tour price:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney Brisbane and Perth to Dusseldorf and return to Australia from Munich.
- Travel in first-class chartered coaches.
- Accommodation and breakfast in four and three-star hotels, including taxes and service charges as listed.
- All meals and entertainment, whilst on the A-Rosa Aqua river cruise boat
- Sightseeing tours and entrance to sights as listed in the itinerary
- A project designed by Michelle Marvig to work on during the tour
- A farewell dinner
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager meeting the group in Dusseldorf.

**Availability:** All cabins are subject to cabin availability. A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

### Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals or drinks unless specified in the itinerary, Wi Fi on the boat
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Gratuities on A-Rosa Aqua

**Extending:** You can stay longer in Europe for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite International on 1800 630 343 for more information.

## General information and booking conditions

International Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 26/8/25. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per passenger is required at the time of booking. As soon as the booking is confirmed, a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The passenger must also complete and return a reservation form to Travelrite International. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the Quilting Tour. Payment may be made by bank transfer, cheque or cash – a 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit cards.

**AIR TAXES:** from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for air taxes from different cities. Air taxes are as at 26/8/25. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee:
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS:** The tour has been priced based on a minimum number of passengers having booked 90 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost.

**TOUR ORGANISATION:** Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will require a valid passport. At this date visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders, there is mention that they may be introduced. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for the 23kg free baggage allowance. Due to coach restrictions, tour members are limited to 1 large suitcase.

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 to:

**Travelrite International Pty Ltd**  
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Balwyn, Victoria 3103

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