

## 3-Days Christmas in Saxony



### Day 1 – Dresden: Baroque Splendor & Christmas Magic

- **Morning**
  - Arrive in Dresden and settle in.
  - Explore the Zwinger Palace courtyard.
  - Visit the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) for a stunning panoramic view of the festive city and the enchanting Christmas Market just outside the church.
- **Afternoon**
  - Wander through the Striezelmarkt (Germany’s oldest Christmas market, dating back to 1434).
  - Don’t miss:
    - Dresdner Stollen (Christmas fruit bread, specialty of the region)- the annual Stollen Festival will take place on Dec 6th, 2025
    - Traditional wooden pyramids and nutcrackers from the Erzgebirge.
    - Hot Glühwein (mulled wine) to warm up.

- **Evening**

- Dinner at Sophienkeller or Pulverturm, cozy restaurants with Saxon specialties.
- End the day at the Medieval Christmas Market at Dresden Stallhof, an atmospheric market with torchlight, medieval crafts, and hot honey mead and mulled wine.

## Day 2 – Erzgebirge Mountains: Christmas Traditions & Mining Heritage

- **Morning**

- Drive to Grünhainichen to visit “Wendt & Kühn” world- the home of the famous “Elf-Punkte-Engel” (angel figurines with 11 dots on their wings)- a collector’s item.

- **Afternoon**

- Drive to Seiffen (approx. 45 min) the centre of traditional wood art in the Ore Mountains.
- Visit the Toy Museum which exhibits a range of historical toys and Christmas decorations from the Ore Mountains.
- Visit the workshops at the Seiffener Volkskunst e.G. and assemble your own nutcracker (book in advance).
- You can also simply stroll through Seiffen and its Christmas market and enjoy the atmosphere with all the Christmas decorations on display.

- **Evening**

- Stay overnight at the nearby hotel “Kreuztanne” and enjoy a lovely meal and a relaxing evening at the hotel’s Spa.

## Day 3 – Erzgebirge Mountains: Christmas Traditions & Mining Heritage

- **Morning**

- Drive to Annaberg-Buchholz (approx. 1 hour).
- Visit “Manufaktur der Träume” (factory of dreams), a unique collection of 1,000 objects of folk art and craftsmanship of historical value that originated in the Saxon and Bohemian Ore Mountains or in the Vogtland.

- Take a tour of the mountain church St. Marien and St. Annenkirche church with its many colourful paintings of biblical scenes and the famous Annaberg mountain altarpiece.
- Visit the Adam Ries Museum, and visit the Christmas Market, framed by a gothic church and filled with regional crafts.
- Enjoy a traditional Ore Mountains Christmas Dinner called “Neunerlei”, which contains 9 ingredients with special meaning.
- **Evening**
  - Stay another night at the Hotel Kreuztanne in the Ore Mountains or drive back to Dresden.

### Extra Tips for Christmas Travel in Saxony

- **Weather:** Expect cold temps (0–5°C), often snow in the Ore Mountains and Saxon Switzerland. Pack warm layers, boots, hat & gloves.
- **Food to Try:** Dresdner Stollen, Pulsnitzer Pfefferkuchen (gingerbread), Quarkkälchen (fried potato-quark cakes), mulled white wine.
- **Markets:** Most run from late November until 23rd/24th December. Some smaller ones close earlier in the season.
- **Transport:** Trains/S-Bahn cover Dresden and the surrounding area easily. For the Ore Mountains consider car hire for flexibility in winter