

# CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT LAKE CONSTANCE



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## Itinerary

Advent in the region of Lake Constance, incorporating four countries, is indisputably an experience for all senses. On this tour, you combine spectacular Christmas markets with cultural activities. Start your tour with the island Mainau. Continue with the fascinating lakeside Christmas market in Constance and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee on a round trip by ship with the Bodensee Boat Operators (BSB) in a Christmas atmosphere. In Stein am Rhein is the fairytale trail which awaits you with a unique winter wonderland experience with beautiful decoration. Saunter through the atmospheric Swiss city of stars in St.Gallen before visiting Vaduz with its Christmas market surrounded by a great mountain view. In the Vorarlberg region you have to choose from three different Christmas markets. From the Christmas market in Bregenz you can get to Lindau by taking the Christmas Ship MS "Austria". At the magical Harbour Christmas in Lindau beautifully decorated wooden stalls, Christmas music and night-time tours are just a few things to expect before you continue your tour to Friedrichshafen. A collection of cosy cottages directly on the lakefront of Lake Constance, right next to the Zeppelin Museum, awaits you to round off your tour.

## Stations



### 1 Winter Dream on Mainau Island | Germany

Enjoy the winter landscape of the flower island framed by Lake Constance and the Alps. Our expert guides lead your group around the quiet island park, historic walls and into the tropical warmth of the butterfly house, one of Germany's largest. Explore the new boutique winter market in the Baroque castle courtyard.

**Experience time: 2 hours**  
[www.mainau.de](http://www.mainau.de)



### 2 Christmas market on Lake Constance | Germany

The largest Christmas market on Lake Constance stretches from the historic old town to the harbour. One particularity is the "Christmas ship". Once aboard, the trip through the city of stalls couldn't be more atmospheric.

**Experience time: 2-4 hours**  
[www.constance-lake-constance.com/christmas-market](http://www.constance-lake-constance.com/christmas-market)



### 3 Advent Cruises with the Bodensee Schiffsbetriebe | Germany

Starting from Constance or Lindau enjoy a festive, two-hour cruise accompanied by holiday music, Santa Claus, and a cup of coffee and cake.

**Experience time: 2 hours**  
[www.bsb.de/en](http://www.bsb.de/en)



### 4 Märlistadt | Switzerland

Follow the fairytale trail with lovingly decorated shop windows that lead through Stein am Rhein. Diverse food and drink stalls invite you to linger in the medieval town. The unique ambience on the town hall square and the cobbled alleyways is a scene out of a winter fairytale.

**Experience time: 2-3 hours**  
[www.maerlistadt.ch](http://www.maerlistadt.ch)



### 5 The City of Stars St.Gallen | Switzerland

The St.Gallen Stellar City is unique in Switzerland. With 700 stars which illuminate the city center and immerse the old town in a mystical ambience, it is a very special experience.

**Experience time: 2-3 hours**  
[www.sternenstadt.ch](http://www.sternenstadt.ch)



### 6 The Princely Christmas Market | Principality of Liechtenstein

Enchanting Christmas amidst a wintry mountainous wonderland with almost 80 Christmas stands. Enjoy unique views of the Liechtenstein Princely Castle from the heart of Vaduz old town.

**Experience time: 2-4 hours**  
[www.erlebevaduz.li](http://www.erlebevaduz.li)



### 7 Christmas Markets, Vorarlberg | Austria

The Christmas market in the town centre of Bregenz is open throughout the entire Advent season. In Dornbirn, the large marketplace is filled by numerous stalls during the season. The medieval town of Feldkirch is also filled with an atmosphere befitting these special times.

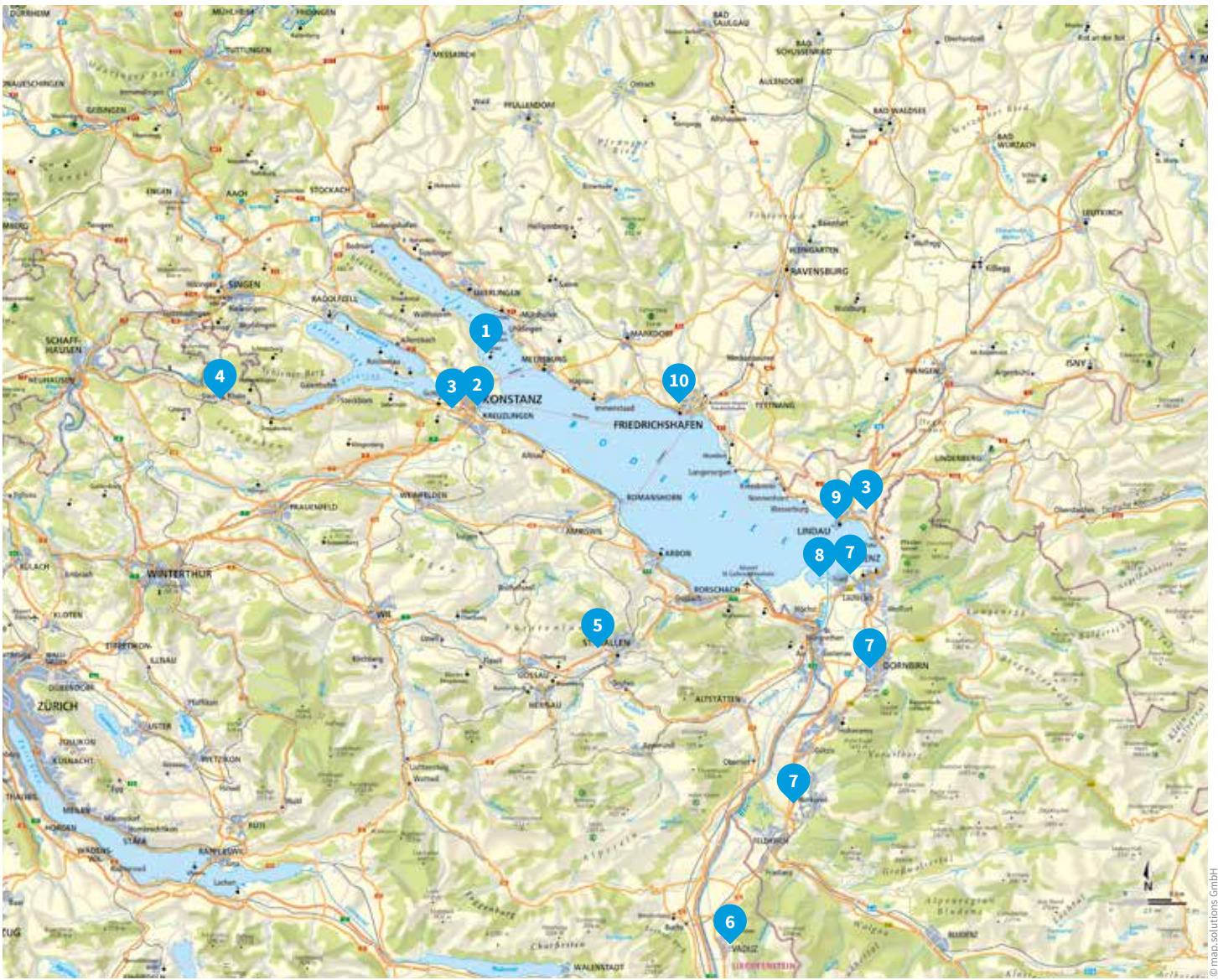
**Experience time: 2-4 hours**  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com)



### 8 Vorarlberg Lines Advent Cruise | Austria

Get into the Christmas spirit with Vorarlberg Lines. Before you get on board our comfortably heated Christmas Ship, a trip to the two Christmas Markets in Bregenz should not be missed. Crowning the event is the beautiful ride to Lindau.

**Experience time: 0.75 hours**  
[www.vorarlberg-lines.at](http://www.vorarlberg-lines.at)



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### 9 Lindau Harbour Christmas | Germany

Nowhere can Christmas market fans find their heart's desire in such a relaxed manner and nowhere is the scenery more romantic: on the very shore of Lake Constance with the Alpine panorama shimmering in the distance.

**Experience time: 2-4 hours**  
[www.lindau.de](http://www.lindau.de)



### 10 Lake Constance Christmas, Friedrichshafen | Germany

In December, Christmas magic fills the cosy village of chalets on the Buchhornplatz in Friedrichshafen on the very shore of Lake Constance. With its lifesize nativity scene, the market is the perfect place to take a stroll, shop and enjoy against the backdrop of the stunning scenery of Lake Constance.

**Experience time: 2-4 hours**  
[www.bodensee-weihnacht.de](http://www.bodensee-weihnacht.de)



## FACTS & TIPS

### Countries

Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein

### Appropriate for

Individual travelling and group travelling

### Duration

6 days

### Overnight stays

7 nights

### Recommended season

Winter

### Travel information

The transfer between the different stages can be undertaken with your own car/coach or by public transport (rail, bus and in places boat).

**This tour acts as an inspiration for your stay at Lake Constance.**

More detailed information about this tour:  
[www.bodensee.eu/trade/sales-guide](http://www.bodensee.eu/trade/sales-guide)

