

Thomas Cook Group Airline Puts Top Five German and British Christmas Markets Within Easier Reach

Last Minute Holiday Fares to Frankfurt and Manchester Start As Low As \$189.99*

FRANKFURT, November 27, 2019 – It's not too late to jet off to Europe to experience some of Europe's oldest and most famous Christmas markets and other special holiday festivities from now through the New Year. Thomas Cook Group Airline, Europe's 11th largest long-haul airline which operates Condor Airlines and Thomas Cook Airlines U.K., makes it even easier and more affordable to visit some of the most well-known cities in Germany and the U.K. from its three U.S. winter gateways: New York (JFK), Seattle and Las Vegas to enjoy the Christmas markets and shopping.

Thomas Cook Airlines is offering winter fares starting as low as \$189.99*, one-way on select three-times weekly departures from New York (JFK) to Manchester. Condor Airlines offers winter fares starting as low as \$279.99*, one-way on select departures on its five weekly flights from Seattle to Frankfurt and as low as \$299.99*, one-way on select departures on its five weekly flights from Las Vegas to Frankfurt.

On both Thomas Cook Airlines and Condor Airlines, passengers enjoy inflight meals and entertainment. Condor Airlines features four classes of service (Business, Premium, Economy and Economy Light, which features further discounted fares for passengers with only hand-held baggage) and Thomas Cook Airlines offers three classes of service (Premium, Economy and Economy Light).

With its broad partner airline network, Americans can seamlessly travel to more than 120 destinations throughout Europe. This puts popular mountain/ski destinations in Switzerland, France and Italy as well as popular European capital cities within easy reach.

The Top Five Christmas Markets in Europe

1. Nuremberg (November 30 to December 24)

The Christkindlesmarkt of Nuremberg dates back to 1628 and is one of Germany's oldest and also most famous Christmas markets. The market is held in the city's largest square (Hauptmarkt) and offers handcrafted goods and various culinary treats such as the famous Nürnberger Rostbratwurst (extra small sausage) or the Nürnberger Lebkuchen (gingerbread).

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2. Frankfurt (November 26 to 22 December 2018)

The Frankfurt Christmas market is spread across the Römerberg square, which is surrounded by pretty traditional half-timbered houses. The market is especially famous for its local culinary treats such as hot apple wine and Bethmännchen (traditional marzipan and almond biscuits). Over 200 festively decorated stalls sell handcrafted products, a giant Christmas tree and choirs singing heavenly carols add to the atmosphere.

3. Manchester (November 9 to December 23)

Manchester also comes alive during the holidays and features Christmas markets with more than 300 stalls and chalets spread across the city center featuring an array of international food options and handcrafted gift items from local producers. This is coupled with the festive shopping on High Street and the nearby charming countryside of Northern England, The Lake District and Liverpool.

4. Dresden (November 28 to December 24)

Fans of traditional Stollen cake (rich dried fruit and marzipan enhanced cake) will love the Dresden Striezelmarkt. The Christmas market of this wonderfully rebuilt city dates back to 1434, making it one of the oldest in existence. It boasts the world's tallest Nutcracker and the tallest Christmas pyramid.

5. Berlin (November 26 to January 6)

With more than 60 Christmas markets, Berlin has something for everyone. The main market takes place at the Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church) and is popular for its handmade products and its daily live plays that will make sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. The Winter World located at Potsdamer Platz is considered one of the favorites by the locals. Visitors need to prepare to ride down Europe's largest toboggan or hang around for the live DJ and après ski party in the evening.

"Winter in Europe is truly a spectacular time of year with our famous Christmas Markets, but with less crowds than during the peak summer months, and we're pleased to offer a great value along with our award-winning service to Americans looking to visit the continent during the holidays and beyond. As Thomas Cook Group Airline, we're the smart choice for all Americans traveling to Europe," said Christoph Debus, chief airlines officer, Thomas Cook Group plc.

Flights can be booked online at <https://www.thomascookairlines.com/>, <http://www.condorairlines.com>, through a travel agency or by telephone: 1-855-759-3665.

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Thomas Cook Group Airline, part of Thomas Cook Group plc, is one of Europe's leading leisure airlines, operating from the three source markets Germany, UK and the Nordic countries. With a fleet of 100 aircraft, the airline carries 18.5m customers per year to more than 130 destinations, generating revenues of £3.2bn. Its 8,500 employees put the customer at the heart of everything they do. The airline has received more than 60 awards in the past five years, showing the passion and customer focus of its colleagues around the world.

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