

Wednesday 11th December 2024 | 5 days
£635 per person

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Valkenburg Christmas Markets!



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Experience a Christmas Market in a huge cave! During the Christmas season, the residents of Valkenburg transform the extraordinary caves under the city into spectacular Christmas Markets. Shop for Christmas decorations and gifts from more than 50 shops inside the Velvet and Municipal Caves. Bright lights and Christmas trees with charming decorations illuminate the caves' darkest corners. Located in the southern Netherlands, the beautiful town of Valkenburg is the country's oldest tourist centre, perhaps visit the famous castle ruins, museums as well as the marlstone caves.

Day 1: Travel to Dover and board your ferry to Calais. Travel to Valkenburg.

Day 2: Enjoy a full day exploring **Valkenburg and the town's magnificent Christmas Markets** which are held in two caves deep under the city. Perhaps drink a hot chocolate whilst browsing the stalls and take in the magical location and atmosphere. It is unlike any Christmas Market you have ever seen! What's more, in addition to the caves, there are the castle ruins, museums as well as a chair lift offering great views and a collection of shops, street cafés and restaurants.

Day 3: Venture to the three countries 'meeting point', where Belgium, Holland and Germany come together. Continue just over the border into Germany to discover the charming town

of **Aachen**. Enjoy free time exploring the great old town and its treasure filled cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Aachen's brightly lit Christmas market is set around the cathedral and town hall. This lovingly decorated 'Christmas village' on the market square has something for everyone. One local specialty you really must try is the Aachen Printen, a kind of gingerbread.

Day 4: Only a short drive to **Maastricht**, the southernmost city in the Netherlands, is also known as the 'Paris of the Benelux'. Under the moniker of 'Magical Maastricht', the city goes into full Christmas mode! Vrijthof Square, in the heart of the town is the centre of Christmas activities, with a large market, ice rink, Ferris

Inclusions

- Valkenburg Christmas Market
- Aachen Christmas Market
- Maastricht Christmas Market
- Drinks Included (from 5pm to midnight each night)

Your Hotel

Hotel Riche, Valkenburg

The family run Hotel Riche is situated in the heart of Valkenburg, 100 metres from the shops and restaurants, smell and hear what Valkenburg is about. During your stay, the hotel generously offers guests a city walks to introduce you to their fascinating town, so you can discover the best of Valkenburg. Relax from a day exploring Valkenburg and enjoy some fantastic local food in the hotel restaurant. In the evening, make the most of the homely bar, where you will have a drinks package included from 5pm to midnight and evening entertainment during your stay at this wonderful hotel, you'll have an incredible time!

Basis: Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Single room supp: £115 (limited availability)

wheel and much more to discover!

Day 5: After breakfast, check out of the hotel and bid farewell to Valkenburg, before continuing your journey back to the UK.

