

FIVE MAGICAL DESTINATIONS TO EXCHANGE YOUR HOME FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

HomeExchange offers travellers best European cities to enjoy a unique Christmas

London, 15 December 2015 - With the Christmas holidays now very close HomeExchange's international network - with more than 65,000 members in 150 countries, of which 2,279 are in the UK - presents to travellers, five cities to enjoy a true Christmas spirit through a home exchange.

Live a Christmas tale in Bruges

Everybody knows that all those visiting this Belgian town compare it to a fairy tale city. If you add to the architecture some careful decoration, Christmas trees and sweets, all the necessary elements are combined to create a festive atmosphere. In addition, from the end of November, Bruges welcomes the Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival, during which 2,000 tons of ice are transformed in fantastic works of art.



[Listing #510818 500 meters from Bruges](#)

Tallin, the Christmas capital

By the shores of the Baltic Sea, the Estonian capital anticipates a white Christmas with lights and street markets, like those seen in Raejoka, elected as the best world market by *The Times*. Visitors can also enjoy the skating rink, located each year in Harju street, ideal for strolling along the cobbled streets with a delicious hot chocolate in your hands.



[Listing #242003 New 5th floor apartment with views](#)

Vienna, the city of classical music

Frohe Weihnachten, a sign in lights, situated in the *Christkindlmarkt* market of *Rathausplatz*, welcomes a Merry Christmas to the city. The streets are bathed in luxury and spectacular lights, while locals sing classical music for the New Year's Eve concert. For those travelling with kids a stop at Prater is a must, the oldest amusement park in the world (1895). The giant Wheel is a landmark in the city, and the best place to enjoy breathtaking views.



[Listing #437345 15 minutes from the centre](#)

The sweetest Christmas

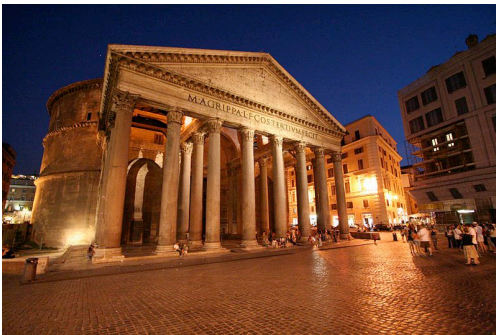
Berlin is a popular destination for all travellers and Christmas is one of the best periods to visit. Enjoy wandering the streets, the organised concerts and events, and the best of Berlin's gastronomy and sweets. *Stollen*, a fruit cake often containing marzipan, is typical at Christmas time, or almonds coated in brown, crunchy sugar. They have to be served with a glass of *Glühwein*, hot wine with cinnamon.



[Listing #241751 well connected with central Berlin](#)

Tradition and modernity the Roman way

The *Città eterna* houses the most magnificent *Presepi* (Nativity scenes), similar to *Piazza San Pietro*, famous in Rome. Christmas is without doubt the best time to visit the city, whose streets and famous monuments are full of lights and a magical atmosphere. Many markets like *Campo di Fiori* or *Piazza Navona* are perfect places to wait for the arrival of *Babbo Natale* or *Befana*, a generous old woman who surprises kids with sweets and presents on Epiphany Eve.



[Listing #419245 renovated apartment in heart of Rome](#)

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