



17 Astonishing Days **Milan to Munich** **An Alpine Christmas Adventure**

A truly Alpine Christmas Adventure

Enjoy staying in world-class Alpine resorts and ride on the famous Glacier Express

Stay in the world's greatest Alpine resorts. In French Chamonix, Swiss Grindelwald by the Eiger, the Spa town of Leukerbad, and enjoy Christmas in Klosters. Explore Montreux, Geneva, Innsbruck, Luzern and amazing Zermatt. Ride on a train to the 'Sea of Ice', the famous Glacier Express & the Glacier Paradise cable car. Now add Ludwig's Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria, five famous Christmas markets, first-class hotels, fabulous food, festivities, fun and even a horse-drawn carriage ride... What an adventure!



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners

Welcome drink in Milan

27 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B) and 11 evening meals (D)



Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

16 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation

Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)



ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides

Local guides as described in the itinerary

Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager



Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Aosta, Montreux, Bern, Luzern and Chur

ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Milan

Day 1



Starhotels Ritz, Milano, Italy



D

Your tour commences this evening in Milan. A welcome drink and dinner tonight is included in a local restaurant. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Aosta and Chamonix in the French Alps

Day 2



Hotel Les Aiglons, Chamonix



B,D

Driving west, our first stop is in the foothills of the Italian Alps in the historic town of Aosta. Capital of the Valle d'Aosta region, you will find cafes and shops sitting next to Christmas markets and Roman ruins. Passing Courmayeur, we take the Mont Blanc Tunnel under Europe's highest mountains, to enter the mighty French Alps. This is the Haute Savoie region, filled with a dozen world class ski resorts, and the enormous mountains of the Mont Blanc massif. Chamonix with its designer boutiques, restaurants and après ski bars is the perfect base to stay the next 2 exciting nights.

The historic Red Train and 'My Time'

Day 3



Hotel Les Aiglons, Chamonix



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This morning we board the historic 'Red Train' which winds its way up through the forests and valleys to Montenvers station. From the café terrace you have spectacular views onto some of Chamonix's highest and most dramatic peaks. At 1,913 metres you will also be able to look down onto the largest glacier in France, the spectacular Mer du Glace – the 'Sea of Ice'. Your afternoon is at leisure in Chamonix town. Time to stroll amongst the cafés, shops and boutiques set under the shadow of the Mont Blanc massif.

Geneva, Chaplin's Vevey and the Swiss Riviera

Day 4



Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic



B,D

This morning we visit Geneva where you have time at leisure to explore Switzerland's second largest city. On the beautiful foreshore of Lake Geneva you will see the city's symbolic 140 metre high Jet d'Eau fountain. Later we follow the spectacular stone-terraced, vineyard covered, Lavaux wine road to Charlie Chaplin's hometown of Vevey. Make sure you have your photo taken next to the statue of the 'little man with baggy pants'. We also visit Chaplin's World, a museum dedicated to the legendary artist. We stay the next 2 nights in nearby Montreux, on the exclusive Swiss Riviera.

Chateau Chillon and 'My Time' in Montreux

Day 5



Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic



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First stop will be a guided tour through the beautifully preserved Château Chillon. Made famous in Byron's poem 'The Prisoner of Chillon', this 13th century fortress juts out imposingly into Lake Geneva. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Montreux. Make sure you explore the excellent Christmas markets that stretch all along the grand lakeside promenade and foreshore.

Gruyères, Bern and the Bernese Oberland

Day 6



Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof, Grindelwald



B,D

This morning we visit the unique village of Gruyères! With its castle perched on top of a steep rocky hill, the broad cobblestoned main street, flanked by centuries old houses, is an astounding time capsule and one of the great sights of Europe. Lunchtime will be at leisure in Bern. A UNESCO World Heritage landmark, this capital city is set on a spectacular bend above the River Aare. In addition to kilometres of sheltered arcaded shopping ways, an intriguing clock tower and the famous 'Bärengraben' bear pits, there are several sets of excellent Christmas markets scattered around the old town. Later we drive deep into the heart of the Bernese Oberland to Grindelwald where we stay the next 3 nights. Grindelwald is known the world over for its dramatic setting surrounded by massive snow-covered peaks and the views directly onto the north face of the Eiger are exceptional.

Jungfrau mountain ride & 'My Time' in Grindelwald

Day 7



Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof, Grindelwald



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Boarding a local train we climb high into the mountains to Kleine Scheidegg. Changing on to the Jungfrau Railway we travel into a tunnel which takes us through the inside of the north face of the Eiger, and up to the Jungfraujoch – the highest rail station in Europe. At 3,454 metres (11,332 ft) the views down onto the Aletsch Glacier are magnificent. You will find several restaurants, an Ice Palace and the Lindt Swiss Chocolate Heaven display. You can also take a lift another 100 metres higher to the dramatic Sphinx lookout point. This afternoon enjoy 'My Time' to relax amidst the stunning scenery which surrounds you or perhaps try your hand at a winter sport or take a trip up one of the mountains?

Luzern and Interlaken

Day 8



Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof, Grindelwald



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Following the shore of picturesque Lake Brienz we reach lake side Luzern, where we are joined by an expert local guide. After exploring the town with its covered wooden bridges and beautifully painted houses your time is at leisure amongst the shops, cafes and Christmas markets. Mid-afternoon we visit delightful Interlaken.

Historic Thun and Lake Cruise to Spiez

Day 9



Le Bristol Wellness Hotel, Leukerbad



B,D

First, we explore the historic town of Thun, before boarding a boat for a relaxing cruise down Lake Thunersee to Spiez. Later we board a train which takes us through the 14 km long Lötschberg Tunnel into the Valais. Next we climb high up into the mountains to the Alpine Spa town of Leukerbad, where we stay 3 nights.

Zermatt & the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise cable car

Day 10



Le Bristol Wellness Hotel, Leukerbad



B,D

Driving into the mountains we reach Taesch, where we catch a cog railway train up to world-famous Zermatt. At an altitude of 1,620 metres (5,315 ft), the village is surrounded by huge peaks and dominating all is the mighty Matterhorn. Petrol-driven vehicles are banned from the village and as such the peace and quiet enhances the wooden chalets and small winding village streets. Stunning! An amazing highlight, we have included a cable car ride to the restaurant and observation platform of the Klein Matterhorn – the highest cable car stop in Europe. At a fraction under 4,000 metres the views one way are down onto the Italian Alps and the other across Switzerland's peaks that stretch for hundreds of kilometres.

'My Time' sampling the Spas in Leukerbad

Day 11



Le Bristol Wellness Hotel, Leukerbad

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Enjoy a totally free day. Maybe relax and enjoy the hotel's excellent spa and pampering treatment programme, explore the wonderful village, go on winter walks or play on the slopes high above town.

The Glacier Express to Chur

Day 12



Silvretta Parkhotel, Klosters

9Ψ B,D

At Brig we board the famous Glacier Express train which takes us along the 'Valais' through Switzerland's finest mountain scenery to Chur. Ranked as one of the world's top train trips you will cross some of the 291 bridges, the 2,033 metre Oberalp Pass and 91 tunnels. We have reserved seats in the panoramic carriages. After free time to explore Chur, Switzerland's oldest city, we continue to Klosters to enjoy 3 nights over Christmas.

Christmas Eve – 'My Time' and a horse drawn carriage ride

Day 13



Silvretta Parkhotel, Klosters

9Ψ B,D

Your morning is at leisure to explore Klosters' old town centre. Filled with cafés and boutiques this is a perfect place for that last-minute shopping. In continental Europe Christmas Eve is the most important festive day. To begin the celebrations, we have included a romantic horse drawn carriage ride through the local countryside. Tonight, our Christmas celebrations continue with a 4 course dinner at our hotel. Later you might like to join the locals for carols, music, stories and mulled wine in the nearby forest.

Christmas Day – 'My Time' in Klosters

Day 14



Silvretta Parkhotel, Klosters

9Ψ B,D

What a magnificent location to relax in over Christmas! 'My Time' today to enjoy the stunning scenery which surrounds you, and do as much, or as little, as you want! Whether you are a 'super active snow sports' person or a 'take it easy and relax' person there are numerous activities you can enjoy, and your Tour Manager will be at hand to assist and advise you. This morning perhaps hire snow shoes and go for a snowshoe walk. The skiing is of course fantastic! Non-skiers can easily access all the main peaks by funicular trains, cable cars and chair lifts. At all 'drop off' points there are restaurants, cafés and restroom facilities – usually with extraordinary panoramic views. Maybe try your hand at Nordic skiing or simply stroll along winter footpaths. Alternatively enjoy your hotel's indoor pool and spa facilities.

Boxing Day – Liechtenstein and 'My Time' in Innsbruck

Day 15



Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck

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After a brief morning stop in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein, we drive through the Arlberg Tunnel and into the Tyrol region of Austria. Following the spectacular Inn Valley past St Anton, we reach the Winter Olympic resort of Innsbruck. Dinner tonight is included and will be at a local restaurant.

Fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle and Munich

Day 16



Maritim Hotel Munich, Germany

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Driving up over the beautiful Fern Pass we enter Southern Bavaria and visit the tiny village of Hohenschwangau. After a brisk walk uphill you enjoy a guided tour of one of the most inspiring and famous castles in the world – 'Mad' King Ludwig's romantic Neuschwanstein Castle. The staterooms, halls and throne room are all reminiscent of a Wagner operatic saga. Afterwards we continue to Munich for our final evening together and celebrate with a Farewell dinner.

Munich

Day 17



Maritim Hotel Munich, Germany



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This morning it is time to say farewell as your tour ends.

Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



'Mer du Glace'
France's Largest
Glacier



Chateau Chillon
Guided Tour



Gruyères
Unique Village



Bern
Explore this UNESCO
World Heritage Site



Jungfrau Railway
Journey to the Roof of
the World



Klein Matterhorn
Stunning Cable Car
Ride



The Glacier Express
Panoramic Train



Luzern
Walking Tour



Neuschwanstein
Castle
Fairytale Castle of
'Mad' King Ludwig

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 13:30 on 16th August 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
12 Dec 2025	28 Dec 2025	NZD\$14,176	NZD\$17,916	✓	🔴 Sold Out
12 Dec 2026	28 Dec 2026	TBC	TBC		🟡 Pre-Register

* Dates, prices, itineraries and hotels shown may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

✎ Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.



We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.



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