








11 Wonderful Days **Munich to Munich** **Christmas in the Austrian Tyrol**

Enjoy Christmas in a charming Tyrolean village nestled in the Stubai Valley

Explore the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle and savour the glorious Christmas Markets of Salzburg and Innsbruck

Imagine staying over Christmas in the heart of a Tyrolean village in Austria's stunning, snow-covered Stubai winter wonderland. Explore the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle, savour the glorious Christmas Markets of Salzburg and Innsbruck, go deep underground in the fascinating Berchtesgaden Salt Mines, take a horse and carriage ride through the countryside and an exhilarating ride in a Bob Raft down the Olympic Bobsled run.

-  Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach
-  A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
Welcome drink in Munich
17 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B) and 7 evening meals (D)
-  Free WiFi at hotels
Hotel portorage (1 suitcase pp) all hotels.
10 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation
-  Local guides as described in the itinerary
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager
-  Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Salzburg, Innsbruck and Berchtesgaden
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Munich

Day 1



Maritim Hotel Munich, Germany



D

Your tour commences this evening in cosmopolitan Munich. Shopping is always excellent in Munich – particularly around the town hall and the decorated wooden Christmas Market stalls - which if you have time prior to the tour commencing, we recommend you visit! Before your Bavarian-style buffet dinner, enjoy a welcome drink in the hotel.

Herrenchiemsee Palace and pretty Mondsee

Day 2



Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg



B,D

First stop of the day will be at the beautiful lake Chiemsee where we enjoy a boat ride across the lake to visit King Ludwig's stunning Herrenchiemsee Palace. Lunchtime will be back in the lakeside town of Prien and Chiemsee. In the afternoon we drive into Austria, to enjoy a stop in the pretty town of Mondsee, by Lake Mondsee. Make sure you visit the church made famous in the wedding scene of the film 'The Sound of Music'. We will stay the next three nights in charming Salzburg – the baroque city of Mozart, sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress).

Salzburg sightseeing and Christmas Markets

Day 3



Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg



B

This morning an expert local guide joins us for a walking tour to show you all the major sites. As a finalé you will gather amongst the fir trees in the small stone courtyard of the St Peter's Keller, dating back to the 1500's and Salzburg's oldest restaurant, for a hot drink and biscuits. The rest of your day is entirely at leisure for you to enjoy this marvellous city with its winding cobblestoned streets, churches, Christmas decorations and shops. Take time to visit the huge castle for a fascinating view and don't forget to soak up the atmosphere of the famous Salzburg Christmas Markets.

Filzmoos and a horse drawn carriage ride

Day 4



Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg



B,D

Driving south, we stop at the ski resort of Filzmoos where we board a horse drawn carriage to enjoy a ride through this winter wonderland. Passing through the snowy woods, and surrounded by majestic mountains, we reach the remote Oberhofalm alpine hut which provides a perfect lunchtime stop. Dinner tonight is in the St Peter Stiftskeller – Austria's oldest restaurant which dates back 1200 years! Be enchanted as we step back in time to the late 18th century.

Berchtesgaden, Salt Mines and Swarovski Crystal

Day 5



Sportspension Elisabeth, Neustift



B,D

Driving deep into the Bavarian Mountains we stop to explore the famous, historical town of Berchtesgaden and later, enjoy a fun filled ride deep into the old Salt Mines. After dressing up in a salt miner's uniform, we ride on a small train deep underground, take wooden slides (or steps) and then float on a barge across a crystal clear underground lake, beautifully illuminated by a light show. Later we follow the spectacular Inn Valley through the Tyrol to the town of Wattens where we visit the Swarovski 'Kristallwelten' (Crystal World) - a weird and wonderful crystal experience. After crossing the Europabrücke (Europe's second highest bridge) we enter the glorious Stubai Valley. This is a winter playground with villages lining the valley floor whilst mountains soar up to 3,000 metres either side. Our home for the next five nights is in the Tyrolean village of Neustift. What a magnificent location to enjoy Christmas!

Innsbruck, medieval Hall and Bergisel ski jump

Day 6



Sportspension Elisabeth, Neustift



B,D

This morning we drive down the valley to Innsbruck. Our first stop is to visit the massive ski jump at Bergisel. Taking a funicular train to the top you will find a café, ski jump memorabilia and a viewing platform where you can look right down the steep take off run. Amazing! Later spend time exploring Innsbruck's Old Town. Make sure you enjoy the picture perfect Christmas markets in the old medieval square beneath the famous 'Golden Roof'. In the afternoon we visit Hall, the oldest town in the Tyrol and also considered perhaps the prettiest. You will discover unspoiled, narrow medieval alleys, period townhouses and even a castle. And in the centre at dusk, the picturesque Christmas Markets! Back in Neustift, dinner is in a local restaurant.

Neustift Winter Wonderland 'My Time'

Day 7



Sportspension Elisabeth, Neustift



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Your day is free to explore and enjoy! Whether you are a 'super active snow sports' person or a 'take it easy and relax' person there is so much to enjoy. All along the length of the valley there are numerous forested 'winter walks' which often double as Nordic or CrossCountry ski paths. In your village there is a small ice skating rink and the longest natural tobogganing track in the Tyrol. And on several evenings a week there is also night-time tobogganing along forested tracks lit with lanterns!

Christmas Eve in a winter paradise

Day 8



Sportspension Elisabeth, Neustift



B,D

Your day is free to explore and enjoy. The huge peaks all around are easily accessible by cable cars and mountain gondolas and at all 'drop off' points there are large restaurants, cafés and restroom facilities – usually with panoramic views. On the Stubai Glacier, the Mutterberg gondola stops at an altitude of 3,333 metres where there is a restaurant and an observation platform called the 'Top of the Tyrol'. The views are enormous, spanning across the jagged Alps, one way to Italy and the other into Germany. Paragliding is also available for the adventurous and the skiing is of course, fabulous. Tonight, your special Christmas Eve dinner is in a local restaurant.

Christmas Day – Olympic Bobsleigh ride

Day 9



Sportspension Elisabeth, Neustift



B

Spend Christmas morning relaxing in Neustift. This afternoon, do we have a huge adventure planned for you! We visit the ski resort of Igls and the incredible Olympic bobsleigh run. Standing there as bobsleighs zoom right past you is an amazing experience! And yes, for those who want to, we have included a thrilling run for you in a 5-man Bob Raft! About the size of a bobsleigh, it is a big foam rubber, padded cell that runs on 20 cm wide runners. Completely stable, you will start at the very top of the run and hurtle down the icy track reaching speeds of up to 90 kms an hour. You will take all 14 turns of the Olympic bobsleigh run, including the famous 270 degree, steeply embanked 'Kreisel' turn! Amazing fun.

Please Note: the Bob Raft rules state it is only for people aged 10 years and over. Ensure your Travel Insurance covers you for this exciting activity.

Boxing Day - Fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle

Day 10



Hotel Hirsch Füssen, Germany



B,D

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. Later we continue to the nearby picturesque town of Füssen where we will be staying tonight. Füssen is delightful! Stretches of the original Roman defensive walls are still in place, and the town’s historic character is particularly evident along the cobblestoned Reichenstrasse. High above, the old castle of the Prince-Bishops of Augsburg dominates the town. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in your hotel.

*Please note: Hotel Hirsch does **not** offer portorage.*

To Munich

Day 11



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This morning your tour comes to an end with a transfer to Munich, to arrive mid morning. We will make stops at the central railway station, Maritim Hotel and Munich airport. We recommend that you book flights or trains that depart Munich after 2pm today.

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.



Herrenchiemsee
Palace
Guided Visit



Mondsee
The 'Sound of Music'
Wedding Church



Salzburg
Walking Tour &
Christmas Markets



Filzmoos
Horse Drawn Carriage
Ride



Salt Mines
Berchtesgaden



Swarovski Crystal
Worlds
'Kristallwelten'



Igls
Olympic Bobsleigh
Ride






Neuschwanstein
Castle
Fairytale Castle of
'Mad' King Ludwig



Innsbruck
Christmas Markets &
the 'Golden Roof'


Dates and Prices

Correct as of 04:41 on 16th August 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
17 Dec 2025	27 Dec 2025	AUD\$6,887	AUD\$8,187		 Space Available
17 Dec 2026	27 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.
-  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.
-  Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>

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