



10 Amazing Days **Munich to Venice** **New Year in Austria, Slovenia and CastelBrando**

A truly spectacular New Year Adventure

Celebrate New Year in wonderful Salzburg, exciting Slovenia and stay in a centuries old castle

Spend New Year's Eve exploring the Austrian Lakes District followed by dinner celebrations in sensational Salzburg, and New Year's Day on an exhilarating horse and carriage ride through the mountains. Relax over 3 nights beside gorgeous Lake Bled, follow the shoreline of beautiful Lake Bohinj, catch a cable car up into the snow clad Slovenian Alps, glide on a historic boat across the lake to a Church on an Island, and visit elegant Ljubljana. In Postojna take a mesmerising train ride deep into to a stupendous labyrinth of massive caves and later wander through a cliff clinging fortress. As a finale stay in a massive baronial Castle in the foothills of the Italian Dolomites. Fabulous food, festivities, fun... what a way to celebrate the New Year!



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners and a welcome drink in Munich
16 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B) and 7 evening meals (D)



9 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)
Lake View rooms at Park Hotel in Lake Bled
Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)



Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager
Local guides as described in the itinerary



ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Munich

Day 1



Maritim Hotel Munich, Germany



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Your tour commences this evening at your hotel. Before dinner enjoy a welcome drink in the hotel. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow travellers.

Berchtesgaden, the Salt Mines and Schloss Leopoldskron

Day 2



Radisson Blu Hotel Altstadt, Salzburg



B,D

Driving deep into the Bavarian Mountains we enjoy a fun filled adventure into the old Berchtesgaden 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. Lunchtime is at leisure in the famous, historical town of Berchtesgaden. Afterwards, we continue to Salzburg and just outside of the city we make a stop to take in the view across a small, idyllic lake to the spectacular Schloss Leopoldskron. Not only the birthplace of the Salzburg Festival but also one of the principal locations of Rodgers & Hammerstein's 1965 film 'The Sound of Music'.

Later we settle into our hotel in the heart of the city, where we stay the next three nights. Dinner tonight is included dinner 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.

Salzburg sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 3



Radisson Blu Hotel Altstadt, Salzburg



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Today is dedicated to Salzburg – the baroque city of Mozart sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress). A walking tour with an expert local guide will introduce you to this enchanting city, including several locations used in the film 'The Sound of Music'. Afterwards, enjoy time at leisure in the picture-perfect old town centre. Mozart's Birthplace makes a fascinating visit, as does the ancient castle.

New Year's Eve, Wolfgangsee and the Lakes District

Day 4



Radisson Blu Hotel Altstadt, Salzburg



B,D

Today we visit the beautiful Salzkammergut – the Austrian Lakes District. Our morning stops will be in pretty St. Wolfgang, the town which gave its name to the extraordinarily picturesque Lake Wolfgangsee, and the village of St Gilgen on the northern end of the lake. Later we will visit the town of Mondsee where you can visit the church made famous in the wedding scene of the film 'The Sound of Music'. This evening, as a finalé to the year, we celebrate with a special 6 course dinner in our hotel.

New Year's Day Horse drawn Carriage ride, Lake Bled

Day 5



Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia



B,D

A New Year's Day to remember! 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. In the afternoon we enter the Julian Alps and arrive at the natural wonder of Lake Bled, in Slovenia, where the tranquil waters are surrounded by impressive snow-covered peaks and overlooked by the imposing castle.

We stay in Lake View rooms, right beside the lake, in the heart of town for the next 3 nights. Dinner tonight is included in your hotel.

Pletna Boat ride, Lake Bohinj, mountain cable car

Day 6



Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia



B,D

There is nothing quite like a day playing in the mountains! First we board a traditional 'Pletna' boat to cross the placid lake waters to the picturesque Church of the Assumption on the small island. Now it is time to drive deep down the Bohinj Valley which stretches through the Triglav National Park to visit the beautiful Lake Bohinj. Following the pretty shore, we reach the far side and board a cable car which whisks us up the mountain to the ski resort of Vogel. Time to relax and enjoy lunch in one of the mountain restaurants and marinate yourself in the views down across the lake and across the snowy peaks.

Back in Bled, make sure you wander through the lively, colourful Bled Christmas Markets which linger well into the New Year. They are romantically set along the lakeside, with a backdrop of Bled Castle strikingly illuminated high on the cliffs.

This evening we visit nearby Radovljica to dine in an historic local restaurant.

Bled Castle and Ljubljana 'My Time'

Day 7



Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia



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This morning we enjoy a visit to the cliff top, medieval Bled Castle dramatically perched 130 metres above the lake. Dating back 1,000 years it is a symbol of Bled and Slovenia. Later, with our local guide, we visit Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana, which means 'beloved' in Slovene. Retaining the charm and warmth of a small town, it is literally filled to capacity with baroque churches, palaces, museums and quaint bridges traversing the canals and rivers. You will later have 'My Time' to explore the pedestrian areas in the historic Old Town which overflow with cafe tables and street entertainers.

Your evening is at leisure in Bled.

The incredible Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle

Day 8



Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino



B,D

An early start today as we have an incredible day planned for you! Crossing Slovenia, we reach Postojna where we enjoy a mesmerizing train ride deep into to a stupendous labyrinth of massive caves. Our guided walking tour will then take us along easy, winding walkways amongst gorgeously illuminated, enormous caverns, stalagmites and stalactites. World renowned, the Postojna Caves are an astonishing experience. This afternoon we also visit one of the most extraordinary castles in the world. Predjama Castle is set dramatically in the gaping mouth of a cavern halfway up a 123m cliff, is listed as the world's largest cave castle. Dating back 800 years, most of what you will see is 500 years old and its armory, halls, living quarters and dungeons take you back to the 16th century.

Late afternoon we reach the foothills of the Italian Dolomites and our superb hotel - CastelBrando. Located above the village of Cison di Valmarino this 2,000 year old Roman fortress was turned into a sumptuous Noble's palace in the 13th century. On arrival we have included a guided tour of the castle – there is a lot to see – and this will be your home for your final 2 nights.

Venice sightseeing, 'My Time' and a Farewell Castle dinner

Day 9



Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino



B,D

Today we visit nearby Venice – arguably one of the most romantic cities in the world. At Tronchetto we board a boat to take us to St Mark's Square where we join our expert local guide for a walking tour and to visit St Mark's Basilica. The rest of the day is at leisure to shop and explore the myriad of narrow, water lined streets and canals spanned by humped back bridges.

Tonight, we enjoy a classic pizza and prosecco farewell dinner in 'our' castle

Farewell

Day 10



Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino



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This morning your tour comes to an end with a transfer to Venice, to arrive late morning. We will make stops at Venice Marco Polo Airport and Venice Mestre railway station. We recommend that you book flights or trains that depart Venice 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.



Salt Mines
Berchtesgaden



Salzburg
Guided Walking Tour



St Wolfgangsee
In the Salzkammergut



Filzmoos
Horse Drawn Carriage
Ride



Lake Bled
Bled Castle & Pletna
Boat Cruise



Ljubljana
Guided Tour



Predjama Castle
A Cliff Clinging Castle



Postojna Caves
Mesmerising Cave
Adventure



Venice
Walking Tour

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 04:55 on 16th August 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart
28 Dec 2025	06 Jan 2026	AUD\$8,987	AUD\$11,187	Space Available
28 Dec 2026	06 Jan 2027	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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