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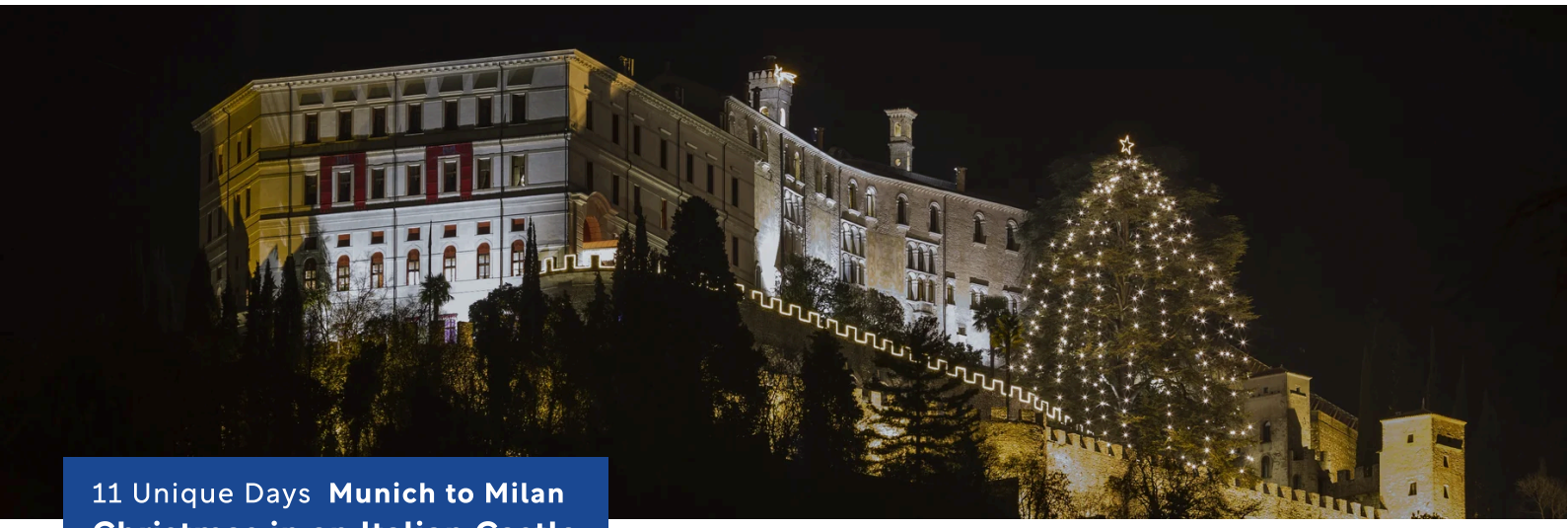

11 Unique Days **Munich to Milan**

Christmas in an Italian Castle

Celebrate Christmas in a stunning 2000 year old Italian Castle

Experience the stylish ski resort town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, located in the breathtaking Dolomites

Imagine celebrating this Christmas in a glorious 2000-year-old Italian Castle set in the charming foothills of the Italian Dolomites. Add visits to the picturesque Austrian Lakes District, the Christmas Markets of Salzburg and Innsbruck, the chic ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo and the romantic city of Venice.

- Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach
- A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
  Welcome drink in Munich
  20 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 9 evening meals (D)
- Free WiFi at hotels
  Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
  10 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation
- Personal audio system whilst on tour (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 Innsbruck, Salzburg and Bolzano
  ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


1 MUNICH
Oberndorf
Mondsee
Germany
Salzburg
2
FUSCHL
Oberammergau
Hallstatt
Neuschwanstein Castle
Kloster Ettal
Austria
Wattens
2
INNSBRUCK
The Tyrol
Switzerland
Cortina d'Ampezzo
Bolzano
Dolomites
CASTELBRANDO
4
Italy
Lake Garda
Venice
1
Sirmione
MILAN

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.

Mondsee, beautiful Hallstatt and lakeside Fuschl

Day 2 | **Hotel Jakob, Fuschl am See** | **B,D**

A leisurely start as we cross into Austria to spend lunchtime in Mondsee on Lake Mondsee, and visit the church made famous in the wedding scene of the film 'The Sound of Music'. Later we drive deep into the lakes district and visit Hallstatt. Set on a rocky terrace jutting into the quiet dark water of the lake surrounded by towering peaks, this is considered the oldest inhabited village in Europe and perhaps the most beautiful in Austria. Afterwards, passing Wolfgangsee (lake), we soon reach Fuschl - the tiny country village on Lake Fuschl. Only 30 minutes from Salzburg this is our home for the next two nights. This evening join in a torchlight village walk followed by mulled wine.

Silent Night Chapel, Salzburg sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 3 | **Hotel Jakob, Fuschl am See** | **B,D**

Today includes a full day excursion to Salzburg. Our first stop is at the nearby village of Oberndorf where we visit the famous 'Silent Night' Chapel on the site where the Christmas carol was first performed. We then continue on to Salzburg – the baroque city of Mozart sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress). A walking city tour with an expert local guide will introduce you to this enchanting city, including several locations used in the film 'The Sound of Music'. As a finale 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 the day is yours to enjoy the city. Maybe take time to visit the huge castle for a fascinating view or savour the atmosphere of the famous Salzburg Christmas Markets.

Swarovski Crystal Worlds and 'My Time' in Innsbruck

Day 4 | **Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck** | **B,D**

This morning we follow the spectacular Inn Valley through the Tyrol to Wattens to visit Swarovski 'Kristallwelten' (Crystal Worlds)... a weird and wonderful crystal experience. We continue the short distance to the winter resort of Innsbruck. After checking into our centrally located hotel you will have plenty of time to explore the Old Town on your doorstep. Make sure you enjoy the picture perfect Christmas Markets in the old medieval square beneath the famous 'Golden Roof'.

Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau and Kloster Ettal Monastery

Day 5 | **Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck** | **B**

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. In the afternoon we also visit the 'Passion Play' village of Oberammergau, with its ornately painted buildings and stop at Kloster Ettal Monastery with its incredible painted ceilings. Dating back over 700 years this is one of the finest examples of Rococo architecture in existence. Your evening is at leisure.

Bolzano, 'Otzi the Ice Man' and CastelBrando

Day 6 | **Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino** | **B,D**

Today we cross into Italy via the Brenner Pass and visit Bolzano, capital of Alto Adige region. Intricately carved gables, painted timber façades and an elegant arcaded main street illustrate the influence of both Tyrolean and Italian cultures. We have included a visit to the Museum of Archaeology where you can see the mummified remains of Ötzi – the famous Ice Man – along with a fascinating exhibition documenting the Ancient History of Italy's South Tyrol. At Trento we cut across the scenic Valsugana and reach the foothills of the Dolomites and our superb 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 the next four evocative nights.

Venice sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 7 | **Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino** | **B,D**

Christmas Eve! 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 the pink and white marble Doges Palace. The rest of the day is free to shop and explore the myriad of narrow, water lined streets and canals spanned by humped back bridges. Tonight we enjoy Christmas Eve with dinner back in 'our' castle.

Christmas Day –'My Time' in your Castle & Christmas lunch

Day 8 | **Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino** | **B,L,D**

Christmas Day as it should be...in a wonderful location - relaxing, eating and drinking. A day to savour the delights of your castle. Maybe take the hotel funicular to the village below, have a 'winter walk' or warm yourself on one of the castle's sun terraces. Highlight of your day will be the exceptional 5 course Christmas lunch accompanied by a welcome cocktail and a selection of local wines. A Christmas to remember!

'My Time' in chic Cortina d'Ampezzo

Day 9 | **Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino** | **B,D**

Boxing Day! Time to have some fun in the snow as we drive north into the spectacular Dolomites to visit the chic Italian ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. 'My Time' to shop and enjoy the breath-taking scenery of the dramatic, snow laden peaks surrounding you, or perhaps take the cable car (not included) up the mountain.

Sirmione on Lake Garda and stylish Milan

Day 10 | **Starhotels Anderson, Milano** | **B,D**

Leaving our castle we head for the shores of Lake Garda where we take a morning break in the incredibly picturesque town of Sirmione with its tiny harbour surrounded by cobblestoned walkways and cafés. Later we continue to the stylish city of Milan for time at leisure before enjoying a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Milan

Day 11 | **Starhotels Anderson, Milano** | **B**

Your Christmas tour ends this morning in Milan.

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.



Hallstatt
In the Salzkammergut



Mondsee
The 'Sound of Music' Wedding Church



Lake Fuschl
Torchlit Village Walk



Salzburg
Walking Tour & Christmas Markets



Swarovski Crystal Worlds
'Kristallwelten'



Neuschwanstein Castle
Fairytale Castle of 'Mad' King Ludwig



Bolzano
Capital of Alto Adige region



Venice
Walking Tour & visit Doges Palace



Cortina d'Ampezzo
In the Heart of the Dolomites

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 00:50 on 27th November 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
18 Dec 2026	28 Dec 2026	NZD$8,609	NZD$9,729	✓	Sold Out
18 Dec 2027	28 Dec 2027	NZD$9,984	NZD$11,234		Space Available
18 Dec 2028	28 Dec 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and 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.

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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