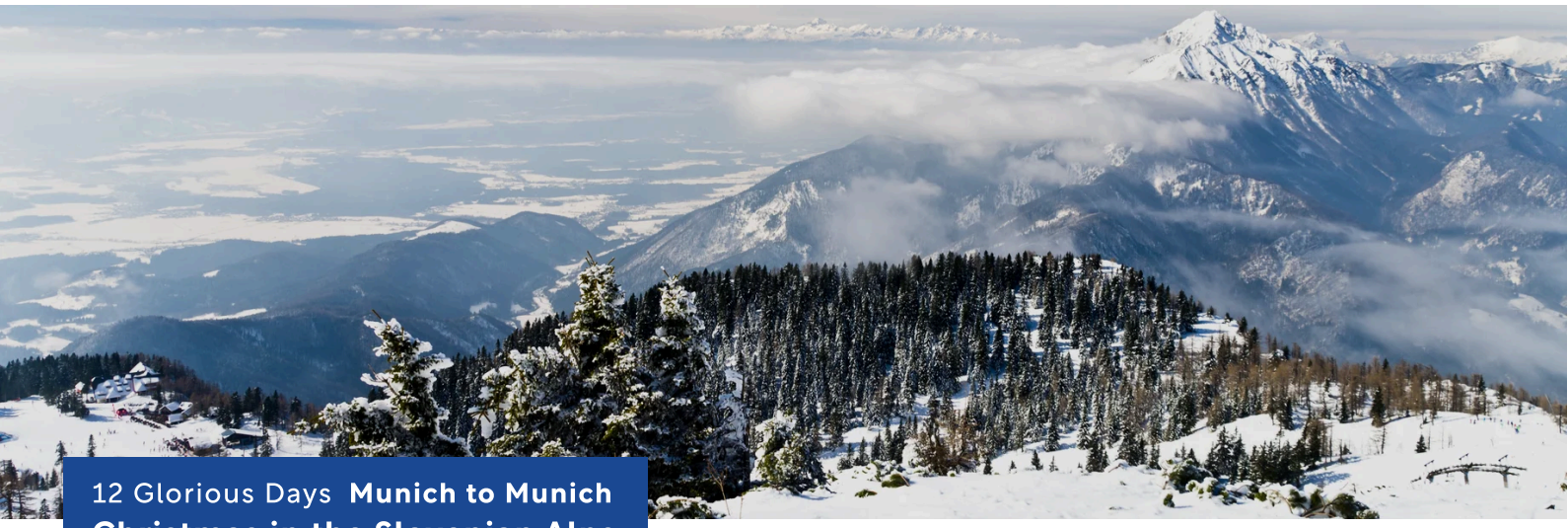
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12 Glorious Days **Munich to Munich**
# Christmas in the Slovenian Alps

## Wake up on Christmas Day with a stunning view of Lake Bled

**A Christmas holiday filled with breathtaking views, charming cities, festive markets and staying in a centuries-old castle**

Imagine waking up on Christmas Day with views across magnificent Lake Bled, located deep in the Slovenian Alps. Explore the old city of Ljubljana and the snow fields of Kranjska Gora, shop at festive Christmas markets in cobblestoned squares, and stay in a 2000-year-old Italian Castle!

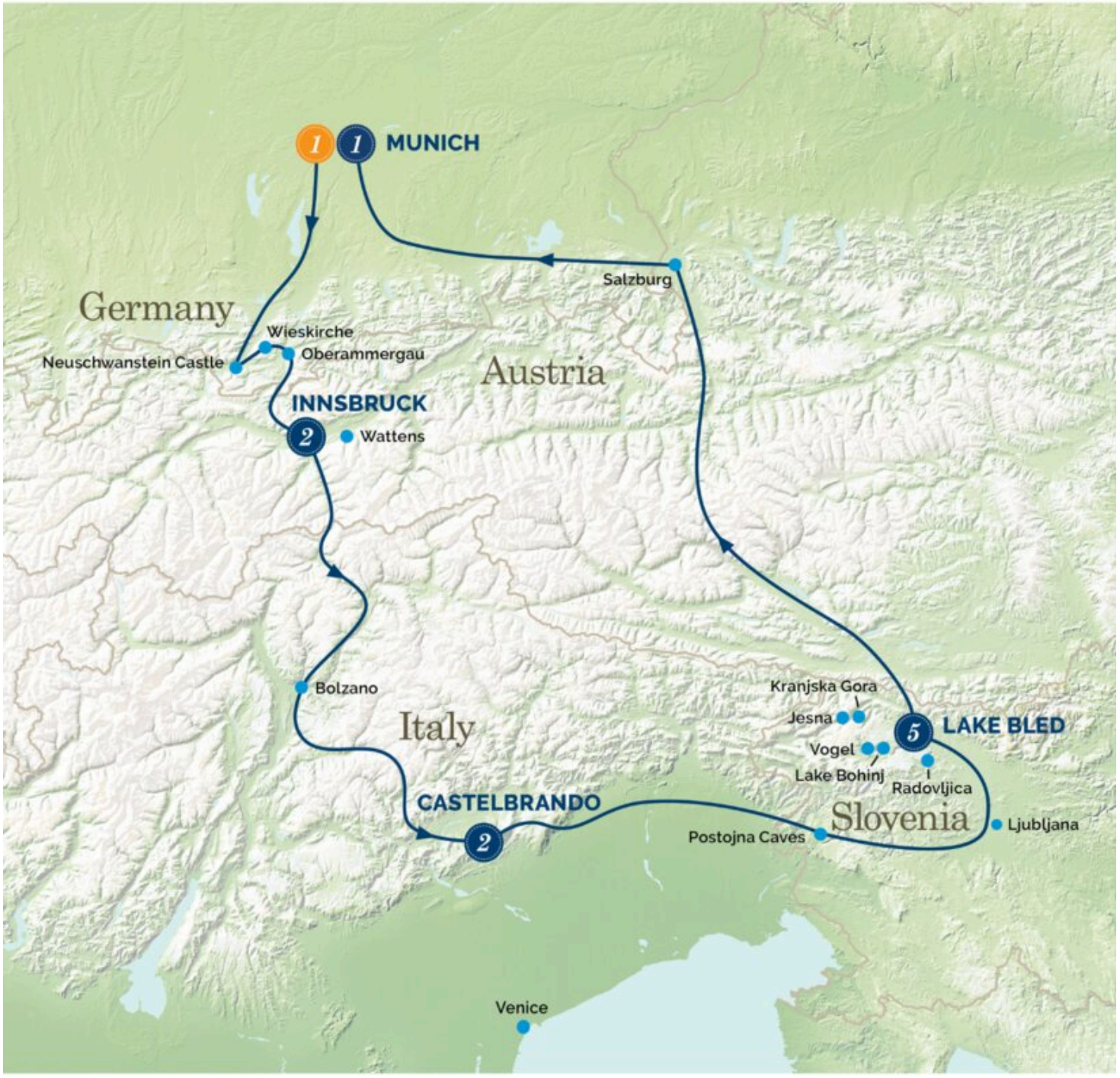
Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach

A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners, including a welcome drink in Munich
22 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 3 lunches (L) and 8 evening meals (D)

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

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

All excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described
Explore the fabulous Christmas Markets in Innsbruck, Bolzano and Ljubljana


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MUNICH
Salzburg
Germany
Wieskirche
Oberammergau
Neuschwanstein Castle
Austria
INNSBRUCK
2
Wattens
Bolzano
Italy
Kranjska Gora
Jesna
5
LAKE BLED
Vogel
Lake Bohinj
Radovljica
CASTELBRANDO
2
Slovenia
Ljubljana
Postojna Caves
Venice

## Munich

**Day 1** | **Hilton Munich City Centre, Munich** | **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! Dinner tonight is included, but first enjoy a welcome drink. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your fellow Christmas travellers.

## Neuschwanstein 'Fairytale' Castle, Wieskirche, Oberammergau and Innsbruck

**Day 2** | **Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck** | **B,D**

This morning we drive into the Bavarian Alps where our first stop will be in the 'Passion Play' village of Oberammergau, with its ornately painted buildings. Our next stop is at the richly decorated Wieskirche (Church in the Meadows) with its incredible painted ceilings. Continuing on, we arrive in the tiny village of Hohenschwangau nestled against a backdrop of the Bavarian Alps. What better way to spend the afternoon than a visit to the 'fairytale' Neuschwanstein Castle! Perched high on a rocky spur, after an uphill walk you will enjoy a guided tour inside the King's apartments, staterooms, halls and throne room all reminiscent of a Wagner operatic saga. Later this afternoon we drive over the scenic Zirler pass and down into the Inn Valley and the Winter Olympic city of Innsbruck where we will stay the next two nights. Dinner is included tonight, and the Christmas Markets await.

## Swarovski Crystal Worlds and 'My Time' in Innsbruck

**Day 3** | **Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck** | **B**

Following the spectacular Inn Valley to Wattens we visit the Swarovski 'Kristallwelten' ('Crystal Worlds')... a weird and wonderful crystal experience. Returning to Innsbruck,your afternoon is free to explore the Old Town and see the famous 'Golden Roof' above the medieval town square with its delightful Christmas Markets. Time to do that last minute shopping, indulge in the mulled wine and ginger biscuits and take in the music, fabulously decorated trees and folklore displays. You simply must spoil yourself with a traditional tall aromatic coffee and a calories-busting apfel strudel! Maybe a rich chocolate torten cake? Mmmm!

## Bolzano and CastelBrando

**Day 4** | **Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino** | **B,D**

Crossing over the Brenner Pass we stop mid morning in the charming town of Bolzano. You will have time to enjoy the delightful Town Hall square and shop along the covered arcades and arches of Via dei Portici.
This afternoon we follow the Sugano Valley from Trento through the Italian Alps to the superb CastelBrando in the foothills of the Dolomites. 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 two evocative nights. Located above the medieval village of Cison di Valmarino this 2,000 year old Roman fortress was turned into a sumptuous Noble's palace in the 13th century.

## Venice sightseeing and 'My Time'

**Day 5** | **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 the pink and white marble Doges Palace. The rest of the day is yours to shop and explore the myriad of narrow, water lined streets and canals spanned by humped back bridges. Dinner this evening is back in 'our' castle.

## The dramatic Postojna Caves and glorious Lake Bled

**Day 6** | **Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia** | **B,D**

Crossing into 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. In the afternoon we enter the Julian Alps and arrive at the natural wonder of Lake Bled where the tranquil waters are surrounded by impressive snow-covered peaks and overlooked by the imposing castle. A dramatic place to spend Christmas! Christmas Eve is a buffet dinner with music and a traditional Christmas Turkey lunch is also included.

## Gingerbread, Radovljica lunch, Ljubljana sightseeing

**Day 7** | **Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia** | **B,L**

After a leisurely start we visit the quaint, walled town of Radovljica. After time to explore we enjoy a gingerbread baking demonstration, before settling in for lunch in a historic restaurant right in the heart of town. 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. Pedestrian areas in the historic Old Town overflow with café tables and street entertainers. We return to Bled early evening.

## Christmas Eve – Horse and Carriage ride, Lake Bohinj, mountain cable car

**Day 8** | **Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia** | **B,D**

There is nothing quite like a day playing in the mountains! First activity of the day will be a relaxing horse and carriage ride along the shores of Lake Bled. 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. Before dinner make sure you wander through the lively, colourful Bled Christmas Markets. Romantically set along the lakeside, with a backdrop of Bled Castle strikingly illuminated high on the cliffs, you'll certainly be having a Christmas to remember. This evening enjoy a special Christmas Eve dinner with live music. Those wishing to make their own way to attend midnight mass, will enjoy pastries and a hot drink on their return.

## Christmas Day – Bled Castle, Pletna boat ride, 'My Time' and 'Sinking of the Bells' ceremony

**Day 9** | **Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia** | **B,L,D**

This morning we will 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. Following that we board a traditional 'Pletna' boat to cross the placid lake waters to the picturesque Church of the Assumption on the small island. A traditional Christmas Turkey lunch will be enjoyed by all. Your afternoon is your Christmas 'My Time' relaxing on the shores of Lake Bled and enjoying the magnificent scenery and excellent hotel facilities. In the evening we gather on the lakeside to witness the local ceremony of the 'Sinking of the Bells of Wishes'. Tonight enjoy a live band playing in a nearby local hotel. What a way to spend Christmas!

## Kranjska Gora, Planica ski jump and a Jesna Lakes lunch

**Day 10** | **Hotel Park Lake Bled, Slovenia** | **B,L**

Driving north into the breath taking Zgornjesavska Valley we enjoy a morning stop in the vibrant ski resort town of Kranjska Gora, famous for the Ski World Cup competitions. Later we also visit the Planica Nordic centre to see the array of 8 different sized ski jumps. 7 of them are 'normal' but one is monstrous. Considerably longer than a standard Olympic jump, here they practice Ski 'flying. Next, we drive up a little, wooded valley to Jesna and to take in some small, incredibly picturesque lakes. After time for a walk around them, we enjoy a special lunch in one of the local restaurants. Returning to Bled the remainder of your afternoon and evening is at leisure.

## Salzburg sightseeing and 'My Time', farewell dinner in Munich

**Day 11** | **Hilton Munich City Centre, Munich** | **B,D**

Driving north we cross back into Austria and reach Salzburg – the baroque city of Mozart sitting beneath its enormous Festung (Fortress) where we are joined by a local guide for a city walking tour. Afterwards enjoy lunch at leisure in the old town centre. Mozart's Birthplace makes a fascinating visit.
Mid afternoon we depart Salzburg and arrive into Munich for our last evening together. Your farewell dinner tonight will be enjoyed in a local restaurant.

## Munich

**Day 12** | **Hilton Munich City Centre, Munich** | **B**

Your Christmas tour is now complete, and it is time to say farewell .

## 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.**



**Neuschwanstein Castle**
Fairytale Castle of 'Mad' King Ludwig



**Swarovski Crystal Worlds**
'Kristallwelten'



**Bolzano**
Capital of Alto Adige region



**Venice**
Walking Tour & visit Doges Palace



**Postojna Caves**
Mesmerising Cave Adventure



**Ljubljana**
Guided Tour



**Lake Bohinj**
Vogel Cable Car Ride



**Lake Bled**
Bled Castle, Pletna Boat Cruise & Horse and Carriage ride



**Salzburg**
Guided Walking Tour

## Dates and Prices

**Correct as of 20:26 on 06th November 2026**

| Start Date | End Date | Twin Price | Solo Price | Guaranteed to Depart | |
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| 17 Dec 2026 | 28 Dec 2026 | AUD$9,497 | AUD$11,247 | ✓ | Space Available |
| 17 Dec 2027 | 28 Dec 2027 | AUD$9,987 | AUD$11,887 | | Space Available |
| 17 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.
- 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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