

CHRISTMAS MARKETS, CASTLES & PROSECCO 9 DAYS



Snowy scenes and a lively atmosphere create a spectacular journey through some of Europe's most impressive scenery in winter. From festive Vienna to the traditional Christmas Advent markets in Salzburg, ice skating in Mozart Square, and Prosecco tasting in Valdobbiadene, staying overnight in a castle, this 9 day itinerary will leave anyone dreaming of a magical white Christmas.

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- > 8 nights in exquisite 4 star hotels.
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) including typical beers or wines.
- > Visit some of the best Christmas Markets in Europe, including Vienna, Salzburg, Salzburg, and Villach.
- > Guided sightseeing of Vienna, Salzburg and Venice, including Schönbrunn Palace.
- > Prosecco winery tour and tasting in Italy.
- > Stay 2 nights in a spectacular Italian castle.
- > Christmas cooking class and lunch in a Venetian house.
- > Deluxe VIP transportation.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.

DAY 1 Vienna

Welcome to Vienna! Filled with old-world charm, this city is magical in winter with imperial architecture basked in twinkling lights. Transfer to your beautiful hotel where the rest of the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Grand Ferdinand 4 star or similar

DAY 2 Vienna (B, L)

Head out on a private city tour of Vienna covered in snow! See the major historical sites along the Ringstrasse, including the State Opera, the National Museum, the Imperial Palace, the Parliament, the City Hall, the Burgtheater and the University, before taking you to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. As the former summer residence of the Habsburg family you will marvel at the majestic Baroque style rooms, one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historic monuments in the country. Afterwards, enjoy a typical lunch in a local restaurant. You then have the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps head to the City Hall Park Vienna Ice World skating arena (your morning guide can help you purchase tickets before lunch). Winding through the romantically illuminated City Hall Park there is a magical ice path, that thrills beginners and professionals.

Overnight: Grand Ferdinand 4 star or similar

DAY 3 Vienna – Salzburg (B)

Enjoy a scenic drive south through the Salzburg Lake District, with its clear lakes, legendary villages and impressive mountains – Bad Ischl, and St. Wolfgang to name only a few. Experience the traditional Advent markets, practiced traditions, and Christmas events. From here transfer to your hotel in Salzburg where the rest of your evening is at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz 4 star or similar

DAY 4 Salzburg (B, L)

Discover the historical side of Salzburg with a walking tour of the city's highlights. This walking tour in the heart of Salzburg takes you to the highlights of the city. Feel like you're going back in time as you explore Salzburg's Baroque old town with its beautiful churches and cathedrals and learn about the city's most famous citizen, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Afterwards, enjoy a typical lunch. If in the afternoon, you may wish to participate in winter activities such as ice-skating in Mozart Square.

Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz 4 star or similar





DAY 5 Salzburg – Villach – Cison di Val Marino (B)

Depart Salzburg for Villach for free time to explore and enjoy an independent lunch at the Villach Christmas Markets. Enjoy the towns mountainous scenery before crossing the border into Italy to your magical castle hotel located in the Prosecco area, renowned for sparkling wine production.

Overnight: CastelBrando 4 star or similar

DAY 6 Cison di Val Marino (B)

Today you have a day of leisure to explore or unwind in the hotels spectacular SPA facilities.

Overnight: CastelBrando 4 star or similar

DAY 7 Cison di Val Marino – Valdobbiadene – Venice (B)

Visit Valdobbiadene for a delicious lunch in a typical restaurant and tasting at a renowned boutique Prosecco winery. Continue on to your hotel in Venice where the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Palazzo Giovanelli 4 star or similar

DAY 8 Venice (B)

Meet your guide for a walking tour of the main Venetian sites including Piazza San Marco, Doge's Palace, Ponte dei Sospiri, Rialto Bridge, Grand Canal and Saint Mark's Basilica. The visit will include access to Doge's Palace's secret rooms and rooftop access to Saint Mark's Basilica for a unique view of Piazza San Marco and the 14th century clock 'Torre dell 'Orologio'. In the afternoon you may wish to partake in a Christmas local food cooking class and dinner in a Venetian house.

Overnight: Palazzo Giovanelli 4 star or similar

DAY 9 Venice depart (B)

Transfer to Venice airport/train station for your ongoing journey.



This itinerary can be taken on any date you choose*.

*Christmas Markets are only open at specific times of year and is subject to availability.

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