



Salzburg Christmas Markets, Austria



# Christmas Markets, Castles & Prosecco Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > 8 nights in exquisite 4 & 5-star hotels.
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L).
- > Visit some of the best Christmas Markets in Europe, including Vienna, Salzburg, Salzkammergut and Villach.
- > Guided sightseeing of Vienna, Salzburg, Venice and Schönbrunn Palace.
- > Prosecco winery tour and tasting in Italy.
- > Stay 2 nights in a spectacular Italian castle.
- > Deluxe VIP transportation as indicated.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## 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 day is at your leisure.

**STAY 2 NIGHTS:** Hotel Grand Ferdinand Vienna 5-star or similar

## DAY 2 Vienna (B, L)

Embark on a private sightseeing 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 transferring 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 and the rest of the day to spend at your leisure.

## DAY 3 Vienna – Salzkammergut – Salzburg (B)

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Salzburg Lake District, with its clear lakes, legendary villages and impressive mountains. Experience the traditional Advent markets, practiced traditions and Christmas events in Salzkammergut before transferring to Salzburg.

**STAY 2 NIGHTS:** 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. Explore Salzburg's Baroque old town with its beautiful churches and cathedrals and learn about the city's most famous citizen, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. After an enjoyable lunch of typical local food, you may wish to participate in winter activities such as ice-skating in Mozart Square.

## DAY 5 Salzburg – Villach – Cison di Valmarino (B)

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

**STAY 2 NIGHTS:** CastelBrando 4-star or similar

## DAY 6 Cison di Valmarino (B)

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

## DAY 7 Cison di Valmarino – Valdobbiadene – Venice (B)

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

**STAY 2 NIGHTS:** Palazzo Giovannelli 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 and rooftop access to Saint Mark's Basilica for a unique view of Piazza San Marco and the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DAY 9 Venice (B)

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

**Twin Share per person from \$8,176 AUD**

## UPGRADE OPTIONS

- > Christmas local food cooking class in Venice.
- > Bacaro private wine tour with a professional sommelier for a tasting of food and wines from the Veneto region.
- > Venice Carnival mask decoration course.