

Christmas Markets, Castles & Prosecco, Austria and Italy

9 Days | **PRIVATE REGIONAL DISCOVERY**
CHOOSE YOUR START DATE



Salzammergut, Austria



Hotel Castelbrando, Veneto, Italy

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, Salzammergut 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.

Choose your date from AUD \$8,176 Twin Share per person

Upgrade Options

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



Grand Canal, Venice, Italy



Salzburg Christmas Markets, Austria



Snowy scenes and a lively atmosphere create a spectacular journey through some of Europe's most impressive scenery in winter.

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: Grand Ferdinand 5-star or similar

Day 2 Vienna (B)

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 – 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 Salzburg 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, L)

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 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 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.

Day 9 Venice (B)

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