








## 13 Magical Days Munich to Milan Swiss Alpine Christmas Markets

### Enjoy the magic of Christmas and the beauty of the Swiss Alps

#### Explore some of Switzerland's most delightful Christmas markets

Take in Switzerland's mighty snow-covered mountains and lose yourself in a Bavarian 'fairytale' castle on our longest Christmas Market tour yet. The Swiss Alpine Tour celebrates the beauty and majesty of the Swiss Alps at the most festive time of year! Take a cable car ride up the Schilthorn for a unique 'Schilthorn Brunch' and a suspended cliff-clinging walk. Experience the magic of the glorious festive Christmas Markets of Innsbruck, Montreux, and Bern, enjoy mountain funicular rides and the scenic GoldenPass Express panoramic train whilst staying in chic ski resorts such as Klosters and Zermatt.

-  Travel by coach & scenic trains as described
-  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 7 evening meals (D)
-  12 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation  
Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)  
Free WiFi available at most hotels
-  Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)  
Local guides as described  
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager  
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
-  Visit 6 Christmas Markets including Innsbruck, Luzern, Bern, Thun, Montreux & Milan  
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



## Munich

Day 1



Maritim Hotel Munich, Germany

95 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 should definitely visit! Before your Bavarian-style buffet dinner, enjoy a welcome drink in the hotel.

## Neuschwanstein Castle and the Bavarian Alps

Day 2



Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck

95 B,D

Driving into the Bavarian Alps we enjoy a brisk walk uphill to visit 'Mad' King Ludwig's romantic Neuschwanstein Castle. Our guided tour will take us through the King's apartments, staterooms, halls and throne room all reminiscent of a Wagner operatic saga.

Later we cross into the Austrian Tyrol and arrive in Innsbruck where we stay two nights. After checking into our centrally located hotel, 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'.

## Swarovski Crystal Worlds, medieval Hall and 'My Time' in Innsbruck

Day 3



Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck

95 B

This morning we will visit Swarovski 'Kristallwelten' (Crystal Worlds)... a weird and wonderful crystal experience. Afterwards we visit ancient Hall. The oldest town in the Tyrol, Hall with its unspoiled, narrow medieval alleys and period townhouses is also considered perhaps the prettiest. Back in Innsbruck, your afternoon and evening is free to relax - 'My Time' in Innsbruck's old town in the picturesque Christmas Markets!

## Liechtenstein and Klosters

Day 4



Hotel Seven Alpina Boutique

95 B,D

Crossing the mountains and valleys of Austria we visit the city of Vaduz, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, a tiny country on the border of Switzerland. Mountains soaring all around us, we continue to the exclusive ski resort of Klosters, where we stay the next two nights.

## 'My Time' in Klosters & the mountains

Day 5



Hotel Seven Alpina Boutique

95 B

A magnificent day to enjoy 'My Time' in the stunning scenery which surrounds you, and do as much, or as little, as you want! Whether you are a 'super active snow sports' person or a 'take it easy and relax' person there are numerous activities you can enjoy, and your Tour Manager will be at hand to assist and advise you. You can easily access all the main peaks by funicular trains, cable cars and chair lifts. At all 'drop off' points there are restaurants, cafés and restroom facilities – usually with extraordinary panoramic views. Maybe stroll along snowy winter footpaths or alternatively enjoy your hotel's indoor pool and spa facilities.

### Luzern and meringues in Meiringen

Day 6



Hotel Interlaken, Interlaken

99 B,D

We will spend the morning in historic Luzern. A local guide will join us for a short walking tour through the old town, with its Christmas Markets and covered wooden bridges. After lunchtime at leisure, we drive over the Brünig mountain pass to Meiringen. Famous for inventing its culinary namesake, we have of course, included some delicious meringue and coffee. We are now deep in the heart of the Bernese Oberland and as a finale we drive along the shoreline of picturesque Lake Brienz to Interlaken, where we stay the next four nights.

### Medieval Bern and 'My Time' in Interlaken

Day 7



Hotel Interlaken, Interlaken

99 B

This morning we visit Bern, Switzerland's capital city set on a spectacular bend above the River Aare, and a UNESCO World Heritage landmark. Here we have included a short, guided walking tour through the medieval cobblestoned streets with their sheltered arcaded shopping ways, the Christmas Markets and the famous 'Bärengraben' bear pits. Lunchtime is at leisure in Bern. Your afternoon and evening are free back in Interlaken. 'My Time'. Nestled between two lakes, and surrounded by soaring peaks, Interlaken is an absolute joy during the run up to Christmas. The shopping is excellent.

### Schilthorn summit cable car, Birg Skyline Thrill Walk & Schilthorn Brunch

Day 8



Hotel Interlaken, Interlaken

99 B,L

Passing through the delightful village of Lauterbrunnen, flanked by 300 metre (1,000 ft) high, sheer cliffs, we take the cable car from Stechelberg up the rockface to the pretty village of Mürren. From here we are whisked further up to the glass floored observation deck of the Birg restaurant. Around the entire peak is the Skyline Thrill Walk – a metal walkway suspended over a sheer drop below. Thrilling indeed! Then onwards and upwards by another cable car, suspended between two peaks, to the Piz Gloria, a revolving restaurant set on top of the Schilthorn summit. With astonishing 360 degree views we have included a buffet lunch. This was also the setting for the evil Blofeld's secret mountain hideout in the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'. Make sure you visit Spyworld and the 'Walk of Fame' that pays tribute to the cast and behind-the-scenes contributors to the iconic movie. Your evening is at leisure in Interlaken.

### Christmas Markets in Thun & 'My Time' in Interlaken

Day 9



Hotel Interlaken, Interlaken

99 B,D

Following the shoreline of Lake Thun, we reach the old town of historic Thun, with its Christmas markets and excellent shopping. Later we make a photo stop in lake side Spiez before returning to Interlaken. The rest of your afternoon is free - 'My Time'.

### GoldenPass Express panoramic train and Montreux

Day 10



Hotel National, Zermatt, Switzerland

99 B,D

A special adventure this morning as we board the GoldenPass Express panoramic train which will take us across the Alps, past the chic ski resorts of Gstaad and Château-d'Oex to Montreux on Lake Geneva. Sitting in the panoramic carriages, the views throughout the journey are spectacular. Lunchtime will be enjoyed in Montreux. The excellent Christmas markets that stretch along the grand lakeside promenade and foreshore are often considered the best in Switzerland. Look out for the statue of Freddie Mercury who spent his last years here. Later we follow the broad, snow laden 'Valais' through Switzerland's finest mountain scenery to Täsch. Here we board a cog railway train that takes us up to the world-famous alpine resort of Zermatt. Set at an altitude of 1,620 metres (5,310 ft), the village is surrounded by dozens of huge Alpine peaks and dominating all is the mighty Matterhorn. Petrol-driven vehicles are banned from the village and as such the peace and quiet enhances the wooden chalets and small winding village streets. Stunning!

## Gornergrat mountain ride, the Matterhorn, Zermatt 'My Time'

Day 11



Hotel National, Zermatt, Switzerland

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This morning we have included a ride on the Gornergrat funicular train (cog railway) up to the highest open air railway station in Europe – the Gornergrat. At 3,100 metres (10,170 ft) the view from the top across the Alps is beyond belief. We have also included a warming hot drink on the terrace of the Kulmhotel restaurant, surrounded by one of the great vistas of the world – the mighty Matterhorn and the 28 other 4,000 metre high peaks that surround you. The rest of the day is free to relax in the crisp, alpine air. Perhaps play in the mountains, go for a walk on the 70 kilometres of winter trails along the valley, or explore this fascinating mountain retreat, from its cafés and boutiques to the little winding streets still lined with traditional stone and slate hamlets and cottages.

## Sightseeing and 'My Time' in Milan

Day 12



Starhotels Anderson, Milano

9Ψ B,D

Crossing over the dramatic Simplon Alpine Pass we enter Italy, and the stylish city of Milan. On arrival there will be time at leisure amongst the fashion shops of the luxurious Golden Triangle and in the square beside the giant Duomo. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in a local Milanese restaurant.

## Milan

Day 13



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Your Christmas Markets tour comes to an end after breakfast 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



**Innsbruck Christmas Markets & the 'Golden Roof'**



**Swarovski Crystal Worlds**  
'Kristallwelten'



**Bern**  
Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site



**Thun**  
Christmas Markets



**GoldenPass Express**  
Panoramic Train Journey



**Zermatt**  
Ride the Gornergrat Cog Railway



**Schilthorn Summit**  
Cable Car & Schilthorn Brunch



**Luzern**  
Walking Tour

## Dates and Prices

Correct as of 07:25 on 11th June 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
29 Nov 2026	11 Dec 2026	NZD\$11,521	NZD\$13,985	✓	Space Available
27 Nov 2027	09 Dec 2027	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
04 Dec 2027	16 Dec 2027	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

\* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2026 tour departures and may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

## Tour Suitability

- ✎ Our Christmas Market 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/>

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

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