



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary* **Alpine Christmas**

**Tuesday, November 30 -Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

Start the holidays in "Old World" Style as you experience the charm and traditions of Austria and Bavaria while you treat yourself and those on your gift list by finding that amazing "something" at some of Europe's best Christmas Markets. After arrival in Munich you'll travel through the Alps to picturesque Innsbruck, Austria, where you'll have time to explore and indulge. Spend a day in Munich enjoying a panoramic tour and free time to wander the historic district. A drive in the Alpine landscape afford a view of Neuschwanstein Castle, King Ludwig's magnificent monument nestled in the mountain, a visit to Wies Church and the village of Oberammergau, site of the internationally know Passion Play. In elegant Salzburg, filled with wondrous gardens and architecture, you'll be treated to a walking tour, an afternoon at leisure and dinner at centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant.

### **Includes:**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Munich
- Six nights' first class accommodations: Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck
- Ten meals: six breakfasts, four dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

### **Features:**

The Bavarian Alps, Innsbruck city tour including the "Golden Roof" Munich panorama tour featuring Olympic Park, picture-stop of Neuschwanstein Castle, World Heritage Site of Wies Church, town of Oberammergau, walking tour of Salzburg, free time in Innsbruck, Munich and Salzburg to explore the Christmas markets; **OPTIONAL:** Linderhof Castle and Seefeld Alpine Village half day excursion

### **Rates:**

**\$2,049** per person double occupancy

**\$2,019** per person triple occupancy

**\$2,299** single reservations

Add \$150 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$150 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Tuesday, November 30, 2010 - Overnight Flight**

Welcome as you join Collette Vacations in exploring the traditional Christmas markets of Austria and southern Bavaria. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Germany.

### **Day 2: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 - Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins**

Your tour begins in the beautiful city of Innsbruck, located in the state of Tyrol. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. **(D)**

### **Day 3: Thursday, December 02, 2010 - Innsbruck**

A local guide leads a panoramic Innsbruck city tour of the highlights of the town: Maria Theresienstrasse, the Hofburg, and the "Golden Roof," all set against the backdrop of the lovely Austrian Alps. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore this beautiful city, including its wonderful Christmas Market and many unique specialty shops. **(B)**

### **Day 4: Friday, December 03, 2010 - Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Innsbruck**

Travel to Munich this morning. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore Munich's lovely historic area. **LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:** Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Tonight's dinner is at a popular local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Day 5: Saturday, December 04, 2010 - Innsbruck - Oberammergau - Innsbruck**

A delightful day of sightseeing awaits you. You begin with a scenic picture stop of the fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle - its turrets and pinnacles create a dream-like atmosphere. Next, visit Wies Church, proclaimed a World Heritage Site, before proceeding to Oberammergau. This small town of craftsmen owes its fame to the internationally-known Passion Play, performed only once every ten years. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief orientation tour of this quaint, picturesque village. **(B,D)**

**Day 6: Sunday, December 05, 2010 - Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck**

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg, a city filled with beautiful gardens and wondrous architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in the Sound of Music), the quaint Getreidegasse (site of Mozart's birthplace), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. The afternoon is at leisure to explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous Christmas market. Your day concludes with a delightful dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, located in the historic city center. **(B,D)**

**Day 7: Monday, December 06, 2010 - Innsbruck**

Your day is at leisure to relax, explore Innsbruck's hidden treasures, or return to the Christmas markets for some last-minute shopping. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner, celebrating the end of a wonderful trip. **(B,D)**

**Day 8: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 - Innsbruck - Tour Ends**

Today transfer to the airport for your return flight to Boston. **(B)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*