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ITALIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 Days/6 Nights

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Italian Christmas Markets, "Mercatino di Natale," are not as well-known as the markets in Germany and Austria, but a visit to an Italian Christmas Market is one to remember, whether it's the Piazza Navona in Rome or one of the markets in northern Italy and the Italian Alps, like the ones we'll visit on this tour. Italians pride themselves on the elaborate nativity scenes they create. Italian stallholders will have mouth-watering displays of local food and drink plus, of course, an array of locally made seasonal items and gifts. Plus, these cities have a wealth of scenic beauty, history, and culture to enjoy as well.

OUR ITALIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-INTERMEDIATE CITY-MILAN: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Milan (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – MILAN-BOLZANO: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at Malpensa Airport in Milan, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. We'll enjoy a panoramic guided sightseeing tour of Milan, then drive to Bolzano in the Dolomites, where we will check into the Gardenhotel Premstaller (or similar) and enjoy a welcome drink prior to dinner. Overnight. (D) *Hotel Website – www.hotel-premstaller.it*

DAY 3 – MERANO-SAN LEONARDO-VIPITENO: After breakfast at our hotel, we will visit our first three Christmas markets! Merano, surrounded by mountains, is best known for its spa resorts, wines, and local brewery. The town is home to Trauttmansdorff Castle and gardens, and has medieval gates and towers as well as two Gothic churches. Then it's on to San Leonardo in south Tyrol, the most important town in the Passiria Valley. It has many castles and stately manor homes. We'll finish our day in Vipiteno (*left*), which is transformed into a genuine winter fairytale. Known for its medieval character, it is considered one of the most beautiful trading centers in Europe (amber, salt, silver), dating back to Roman times. Return to Bolzano for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – ARCO-TRENTO: After breakfast, we will first visit Arco, a medieval town whose market has a Nordic flair. There's lots of entertainment here as well as a special Christmas train. Then we'll visit Trento's market (*top photo*), one of the best in Italy, known for its traditional wooden huts and variety of crafts. Several traditional gourmet offerings – plaited pastries, grilled polenta, dumplings, mulled wine – perfume this market and will tempt your palate. There's also a large nativity scene in Piazza Duomo.

Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – VERONA: After breakfast, we will visit Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." We will first take a sightseeing tour of the Church of San Zeno, Piazza Bra and The Arena, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza dei Signori, the Tombs of the Della Scala Family, and the House of Juliet. After sightseeing we will have time to shop at the large German-style market, which includes German specialties, and then visit Padua's Christmas Market as well. On the return to Bolzano, we will stop for a wine-tasting. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 – BOLZANO: After breakfast, we are off to visit Bolzano's market (*bottom photo*), one of the most famous and most visited in Italy. As you've seen, Bolzano has a charming atmosphere due to its arcaded streets and picturesque squares. This market specializes in items made of wood, glass, and clay. We'll also visit the Oetzi "Ice Man" Museum, featuring Oetzi, a preserved man found in the ice of the Alps (with his clothing and personal possessions) estimated to be 5,300 years old. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – INNSBRUCK: After breakfast, we'll travel to Innsbruck, Austria. Before visiting this Christmas Market, we'll take a guided tour of the Imperial Palace. Then we'll visit the city's Christmas Market, considered one of the most beautiful and romantic in the entire Alpine region! The market is located in the historic part of Innsbruck, in front of the famous Golden Roof and surrounded by beautifully preserved medieval facades. Strolling through the market, you will find Christmas ornaments, handicrafts, and other winter treats. Traditional dishes such as *kiachln* (hot donuts) and a mug of *gluhwein* (mulled wine) will keep you warm while you mingle with the locals and peruse the stalls. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8– MILAN-INTERMEDIATE CITY-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport in Milan to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (B).



OUR ITALIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- * Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- * Round-trip flights Boston-Intermediate City-Milan and Milan-Intermediate City-Boston with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.
- * Porterage of luggage at the hotels. (Limited to one large piece and one carry-on per person.)
- * 6-nights' hotel accommodations at the Gardenhotel Premstaller (or similar), based on twin occupancy. The Single Supplement is an additional \$480 (limited number available). Triples are available at the twin rate.
- * Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily, and one wine-tasting.
- * Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- * All transfers and touring via a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- * Services of a full-time professional Tour Host, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- * English-speaking tour guides, where applicable.
- * All local taxes and fees, and gratuities to bellmen.
- * Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

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