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# ALPINE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

2024 MULTI-GENERATIONAL TOUR  
DESIGNED FOR AGES 16 AND OLDER

US DEPARTURE DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2024

LAND TOUR START DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2024

RETURN DATE: JANUARY 2, 2025

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$2,675



# START YOUR ADVENTURE.



Dear Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow Ohio State University Alumni?

The Ohio State University Alumni Association travel program offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with like-minded individuals, with similar backgrounds and experiences, but also your nearest and dearest, while enriching you on this well-designed, hassle-free tour of a once-in-a-lifetime Austrian New Year's Eve experience.

Let us take you to a winter wonderland nestled in the Austrian Alps. Austria is a gorgeous destination all year round but an Alpine New Year's Eve is truly unforgettable. From the breath-taking mountains, crystal-clear lakes, and rich cultural heritage, this journey provides social, cultural, and recreational activities along with many opportunities for learning, enrichment and enjoying a connection back to The Ohio State University.

This adventure offers great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 46 years of experience in the educational travel market. In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing. If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by emailing: [alumni@aesu.com](mailto:alumni@aesu.com) or call 800-638-7640 or visit our website: [www.aesu.com/osu-austria](http://www.aesu.com/osu-austria).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Vargo".

Debbie Vargo

Director, Alumni Tours

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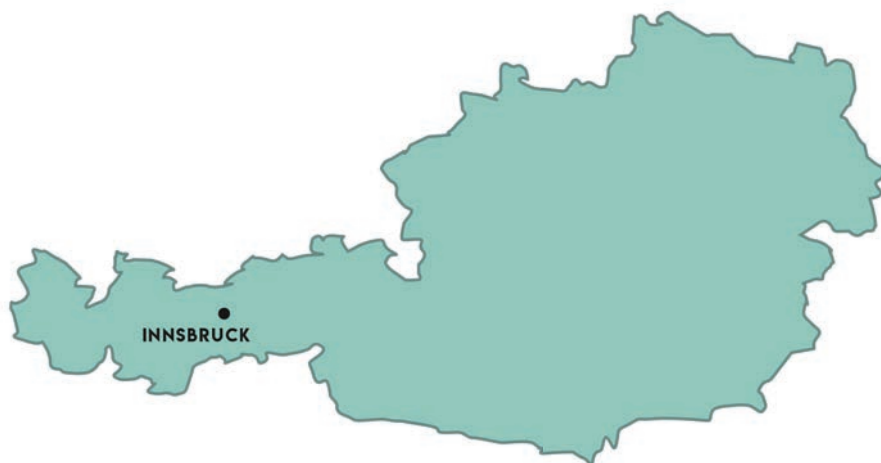
Visit our website [www.aesu.com/osu-austria](http://www.aesu.com/osu-austria) for more details and to book.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory. You will receive insurance information directly from Ohio State.  
For more information visit:

<http://my.travelinsure.com/ohiostate/>

# ALPINE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION



7 DAYS | 5 NIGHTS

CITIES VISITED:  
INNSBRUCK

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

### 7-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 5 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower - 3-share rooms are available upon request for 16/17-year-old's sharing with one or two adults
  - All transportation by motor coach as per itinerary
- Innsbruck airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare

### Meals

- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 specialty dinners

### Activities and Admissions

- Guided walking tour of Innsbruck, led by a local historian
- Winter Olympics on the mountain, including igloo building, snow-shoe hike, lunch, tobogganing (weather permitting)
  - Nordkettenbahn cable car rides
  - Visit to Swarovski's Crystal World
- New Year's Eve party at Cloud 9, located 6200 ft. above Innsbruck with fantastic views over the city and spectacular fireworks or laser shows at midnight
- Innsbruck city sights, Golden Roof, Hofburg and Ambras palaces and more

### Plus

- Private tour director for the duration of the land tour
  - All service charges and local taxes

### Tour Highlights

- Welcome dinner & orientation
  - Alpine city Innsbruck
  - Innsbruck Old Town
- Nordkettenbahn (cable car)
- Imperial Palace Hofburg
  - Alpine mountains
  - Bergisel Ski Jump
- Swarovski Kristallwelten
- Tyrolian panoramic views
- Emperor Maximilian I, 'Goldenes Dachl' (golden roof)
  - Alumni winter Olympics on the mountain
    - Snowshoe walk
    - Tobogganing
  - New Year's Eve dinner
- Cloud 9 New Year's Eve party
- Innsbruck Maria-Theresien Street



# ALPINE NEW YEAR'S EVE ITINERARY

## ABOUT THE TRIP:

Travel back in time, strolling down the charming narrow streets of Innsbruck's Old Town, exuding a special charm and sophistication that is unique in the Alps. Enjoy the festive atmosphere in the city, taste roasted chestnuts or enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in a fashionable café. Take part in our very own Winter Olympics on the mountain, then ring in the New Year over 6,200 feet above sea level at "Cloud 9" – with stunning views of the city and the New Year's Eve fireworks. Bring your friends. You don't want to miss out on this one!

### DAY 1 TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA

Our Europe-bound jet heads for Innsbruck.

Meals: In-flight

### DAY 2 LAND TOUR START DAY: INNSBRUCK

For travelers with AESU group airfare, the tour director will meet you in the arrivals hall at Innsbruck airport for your group transfer to your hotel in the city. Take some time to rest up or start exploring the medieval old town, with spectacular views of mountain ranges, palaces, and cathedrals. Tonight, join us for a welcome dinner of Austrian specialties and a program orientation with your tour director.

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

Inclusions: Transfer from Innsbruck airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare, Welcome orientation with tour director and dinner of Austrian specialties

### DAY 3 INNSBRUCK

On this morning tour of Innsbruck our local historian takes us to the very center of Innsbruck to the famous 'Golden Roof,' decorated with 3,000 fire-gilded copper tiles. We pass the famous triumph gate of Innsbruck, 'Hofburg' Imperial Palace including the 'Hofkirche' chapel, then visit the Olympic Bergisel Stadium and Ski Jump, with the most amazing views over Innsbruck and the Inn Valley. Our final stop is Ambras Palace, built by Archduke Ferdinand II half a millennium ago. After a walk in the castle gardens, we return to town with free time for a coffee and some of Austria's legendary pastries at a traditional coffee house or spicy mulled wine at the market. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Tour of Innsbruck guided by a local historian, Golden Roof, tiled with 2,657 fire-gilded copper shingles, Hofburg Imperial Palace, Hofkirche (chapel), Olympic Bergisel Stadium and Ski Jump, Ambras Palace



**DAY 4** **INNSBRUCK | 'WINTER OLYMPICS'**

Join us on the mountains for our very own Winter Olympics. A snowshoe hike will take us off the beaten path with fresh snow clinging to mountain peaks, spectacular views, and maybe even some wildlife sightings. After discovering our inner Inuit by building an igloo, we have earned a hearty meal in a ski hut on the mountain top. Then bundle up in hats and mittens to whiz down the mountain on a sled. If you would like to ski or snow board on your own, talk to your tour director about equipment rental and ski passes.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Inclusions: Alumni winter Olympics including snowshoe hike, igloo building and tobogganing, Mountaintop lunch

**DAY 5** **INNSBRUCK**

Enjoy a full day at leisure. If the conditions for skiing or snowboarding are good, consider a day on the nearby slopes. Talk to your tour director about equipment rental, a ski pass and how to get to and from the resort. Tonight, get ready to ring in the New Year in style. Our dinner of Tyrolian specialties accompanied by local wines is only the beginning of tonight's celebration. We take the Nordkettenbahn cable-car to Seegrube and 'Cloud 9' with exclusive views of the New Year's Eve fireworks. At 6,200 feet above sea level, Cloud 9 is known as the Alps' highest club. It features DJs from around the world, providing an amazing setting to dance the night away and to say hello to 2025.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inclusions: Nordketten cable car ride, New Year's Eve dinner, New Year's Eve party at Cloud 9, Midnight toast

**DAY 6** **INNSBRUCK | SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLD**

Happy New Year! After a hearty breakfast, we make our way to Kristallwelten, Swarovski's fascinating museum, a fairy-tale world of shimmering crystal. Travel through '14 chambers of wonder' featuring marvelous paintings and sculptures such as the crystal tree or the giant 'crystaloscope,' created by world-famous artists. Let's toast to the New Year with a glass of champagne before heading back to town with leisure time to shop or relax before our farewell dinner at a rustic pub tonight. Bid farewell to new-found friends and make plans for your next alumni adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inclusions: Visit to Swarovski's 'Kristallwelten' museum, New Year's toast, Farewell Austria dinner at a rustic pub

**DAY 7** **TRAVEL HOME**

Travel home today with fond memories to last a lifetime and lots of energy for the New Year.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to Innsbruck airport included with purchased AESU group airfare

# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS



Hey Multi-Generational Traveler!

If you are looking for a unique setting to ring in 2025, celebrating New Year's Eve in the Austrian Alps is an absolute must! And what better place to experience it all than in Innsbruck, the stunning capital city of Tyrol! With its breathtaking natural scenery and iconic landmarks, such as the Hofburg Palace and the Golden Roof, Innsbruck is the perfect destination for the festive holiday season. Find the real magic of New Year's Eve at Cloud 9, located 6000 feet above sea level, and witness panoramic views of the city and the majestic Alps. Imagine the spectacular mountain landscape illuminated by fireworks in a vibrant display of color and excitement, making this celebration one to remember forever! Don't miss out on this opportunity and join us for an unforgettable adventure and let Innsbruck's enchanting beauty and the magnificent setting of Cloud 9 take your breath away!

This trip has been carefully designed and features fantastic inclusions and highlights.



Culinary



Culture & Heritage



Leisure & Free Time



Landscapes & Wildlife



Outdoor & Adventure



Educational



Eco Friendly

For a glossary of these key aspects, visit: [www.aesu.com/aspects-awt](http://www.aesu.com/aspects-awt)



**ACTIVITY LEVEL: RELAXED**

For more details, please visit: <https://www.aesu.com/activity-levels-awt/>

## TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show you the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime for you and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.

## HOTELS

Our hotels offer superior tourist class accommodations, with private bathrooms. Hotels are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$675 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply. This tour is suitable for ages 16 and older. The child package rate for a child between the ages of 16 and 17 (age at time of travel) is \$ 2,575 if they share a room with 1 or 2 adults.

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**SUCH AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE.  
I ABSOLUTELY LOVED EVERYTHING!**

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- past traveler

# BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

**EXCLUSIONS:** These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

**AIRFARES** are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BAGGAGE:** All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.)

AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking.

Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The Operator reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at [www.aesu.com](http://www.aesu.com).