

## **NEW YEAR IN VENICE 2009**

### **27 Dec Munich**

The tour starts with a Welcome Dinner and drink at Munich's infamous beerhall – the Hofbrauhaus. Tonight you meet your Tour Director and fellow travelling companions. Accommodation: **Hotel Le Meridien (D)**

### **28 Dec Munich – Bolzano**

Breakfast at the hotel. Your tour starts at 10.00am at the Hotel Le Meridien and your first stop will be in Innsbruck where you have a guided walking tour of the old town. Time for lunch and shopping before departing south to Italy. Afternoon arrival in Bressanone and check-in at Hotel Stiegl Scala in the heart of the old town. Accommodation: **Stiegl Scala (B,D)**

### **29 Dec Bressanone**

After breakfast we have a walking tour of the old town, then entry into the Museum of Archeology where we see "Oetzi" – the iceman. Found in 1991 in the Italian/Austrian Alps – the body of a 5,300 year-old male was preserved by ice and is the best specimen of human form from the Neolithic Period. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this alpine retreat. Dinner at leisure. **(B)**

### **30 Dec Bressanone – Venice**

After breakfast we continue south to the city of Verona at the base of the Italian alps. A short walking tour will end at the second most-famous landmark – Juliet's balcony (Wm Shakespeare). Time for lunch and perhaps a tour of the Roman Ampitheatre, one of the best preserved of the Roman theatres in Europe. Afternoon departure for the island-city of Venice. Dinner will be taken at a local restaurant. Accommodation: **Hotel Duodo Palace. (B,D)**

### **31 Dec Venice**

Our morning starts with a leisurely breakfast, then a guided walking tour of the historic centre – around St. Mark's Square and Basilica. You'll also see the Doges Palace and the Campanile, as well as the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. The afternoon at leisure for lunch and exploration of the city of canals and bridges. Perhaps a gondola ride? Tonight we take a meal in a local restaurant and prepare for the festivities in Piazza San Marco. **(B,D)**

### **01 Jan Venice**

A day at leisure. Sleep in, take a late breakfast, wander Venice at your own leisure. Perhaps a visit to the island of Murano, known for its glass-making, or to Burano where lace is the known handicraft. Tonight we take a farewell meal at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

### **02 Jan End of tour**

The tour finishes after breakfast. Transfers to the railway station or airport are available on request. **(B)**