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## LAKE GARDA CHRISTMAS MARKET EXPERIENCE

## **Itinerary:**

**Day 1 Arrival:** Arrival at Verona Airport. Transfer to a Hotel in the **Lago di Gardo/ Rovereto** area. You will have a day of leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 2 Leisure Day:** After breakfast, we suggest you walk to **Riva del Garda**. Do not miss Piazza 3 Novembre which opens onto **Palazzo Pretorio**, the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Town Hall and the Apponale Tower. The tower was erected in 1220, low crenelated, with a high door on the ground level, now buried 3-4 metres. It was the stronghold of the towns defence, it had at its feet, the salt and grain warehouses and exchange desks. On the summit, at 34 metres stands, "I'anzolim de la tor", symbol of the city built at the end of the 80's. From here, you can take a regular bus towards **Arco**, a few kilometres from **Riva**, where you can take a walk among the famous illuminated markets. Here you can taste the typical Trentino specialties, such as bombardino, strudel and mulled wine. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## Day 3 Excursion: Experience the magic atmosphere of the Christmas Market in Bolzano and Merano

After breakfast, depart for **Alto Adige**; the first stop will be in the centre of **Bolzano**. In **Piazza Walther** Christmas markets have been organised since 1999, including traditional and quality food. Once at the Market you will have some free time, where you can possibly visit the Archaeological Museum, where the famous *Oetzi Mummy* is located. After exploring, you will depart towards **Merano**. On the "*Princess Sissi Promenade*", immersed in a breath-taking panorama, along the **Passirio river**. You can taste the famous vin brule, to warm you up or buy typical local products such as speck, cheeses, honey, jams and much more. Depart back to the hotel. Stay overnight.

Day 4 Departure: Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel. Depart via transfer to Verona airport.