



European Alps Ski Tour

Small Group Ski Tour Starts January 14th 2011

17 Days From NZ\$5300 Per Person Twin Share

This fabulous ski tour takes in some of the Swiss Alps and Italian Dolomites most spectacular skiing and scenery. This is not your average tour and is designed to be a unique and personal experience in some otherwise well toured areas. You will get to eat local food, get an insight to the culture and spend time in some spectacular regions of Switzerland and Italy.

Escorted by a bilingual Kiwi tour leader

Silvana Gottini's Swiss and Austrian background will ensure you ski, experience and taste the hidden gems of the region. Skiing in Europe has the added bonus of being able to ski between trees and of course there are restaurants everywhere. So stopping for a sausage sizzle, hot chocolate and mulled wine is never far away. Or spend an hour soaking up the sun in a deck chair high on the mountain. It's bliss!!

What's Included:

- 16 nights accommodation on a twin share basis
- All buffet breakfasts, all 3 course dinners
- Six day ski pass in each region
- All land transport by train and van/bus from arrival to departure
- Maximum 12 passengers plus tour leaders (one or two depending on numbers)



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Ski Europe

Itinerary

Friday January 14th - Munich

Arrival Day

Arrival Day Munich. Most of you will be coming in from New Zealand and arriving in Munich. Therefore your overnight stay in Munich is included and it's a good chance to get to meet the other members of the group. There are no planned activities today but your tour escort will give you a short welcome meeting and then we'll head out for dinner at a typical Bavarian restaurant.

Day 2

This morning we take a beautiful train journey through the Alps, past Innsbruck and into South Tyrol ending at the town of Bozen. Here a van transfer will take us to our cosy hotel in the heart of Val Gardena and the Dolomites. The hotel is situated between the villages of St. Christina and Wolkenstein, only 300m from the Sella Ronda lifts. Settle in and spend the rest of the afternoon familiarizing ourselves with this beautiful area. Your tour leader will hand out lift passes for the week and explain how they work in a short briefing this evening. Enjoy a delicious 4 course dinner with salad buffet.

Days 3 to 8

Spend the week skiing the huge variety of runs. Test your endurance on the famous Sella Ronda, a loop of over 26km of trails and 13km of lifts that makes for an exciting day of varied skiing. There are more than enough runs to keep even the most ambitious skier happy for the week and we'll endeavour to explore many of them. You are however free to ski on your own, at your own pace and at a level appropriate for you.

Day 9

Our train journey today takes us through the alps, into Switzerland and the stunning Jungfrau Region. It's a long but beautiful days travel as we watch the winter landscape go by. We do have a few train changes, but these will be made easy with the help of your tour leader. Settle in to the hotel in Grindelwald. You will be briefed on the ski area and given your lift passes for the week. Enjoy a delicious 3 course dinner.

Days 10 to 15

Ski the areas of First, Kleine Scheidegg, Mannlichen and Wengen. Exploring the 240km of ski trails. If you are looking for another type of adventure, take an optional trip up to Bussalp in the evening for a Swiss Cheese Fondue then sled the 7km back to the village. Sledding at night time is an unforgettable experience. Lifts in the Jungfrau Region are a combination of trains, cable cars, chairlifts and the odd T-bar. As in Italy you can join your tour leader or ski on your own.





Day 16

After a leisurely breakfast in the Alps, we leave Grindelwald and travel by train over the beautiful Brunnig Pass to the quaint town of Lucerne. Spend an afternoon wandering around the medieval town center and then celebrate our last evening together at one of the fabulous local restaurants beside the River Reuss.

Day 17 - Departure Day

There are no activities planned today and you are free to depart at any time. Your train travel from Lucerne to Zurich airport is included and the journey takes only around 50 minutes.

Is this tour for you?

To really get the most out of this trip, you should be relatively fit and be able to ski at least at an intermediate level. The aim of this tour is maximum enjoyment for all. Your tour leader will be guiding you on mostly a variety of intermediate runs, so that you get a good feel for the areas and can then confidently choose to explore further. If skiing purely down double black diamond runs is your preference, then you are free to explore these on your own.

You are of course free to have a rest day and your ski passes will also allow you to use local transport in each region. Some optional trips may require a supplement to be paid. For example taking the bus to Bozen and visiting the "Oetzi the Iceman Museum" or taking the train to the top of Jungfrauoch in Grindelwald.

Please be aware that your tour leader is also exploring Val Gardena for the first time in winter, but has thoroughly researched the area and will be leading the ski runs according to the best possible local advice. However Grindelwald was her home for three years and a favourite area for skiing.

We recommend that:

- You bring your own ski gear that you are comfortable with.
- You choose flights arriving and departing around the middle of the day.
- From NZ Emirates has a perfect schedule to connect to this trip.
- You are prepared to move your own luggage between train connections on travel days.
- You increase your fitness for more endurance, as runs are much longer in Europe than NZ



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