

BACKWELL SCHOOL SKI TRIP

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FOLGARIDA, ITALY

WHO ARE WE?



- * Inspired Travel Ltd was formed in 2004.
- * Family run business that concentrates entirely on working with schools, colleges and academies.
- * Our priority is to organise safe, fun trips not only for Winter Sports but Educational tours too.
- * With a background in education, we have over 35 years of organising school travel.



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FOLGARIDA – WHERE IS IT?



Folgarida - Marilleva is a ski resort in NE of Italy located within the spectacular Brenta Dolomites. Offering a variety of skiing for all abilities, it is an ideal resort for school groups



YOUR JOURNEY - TBC

OUTWARD JOURNEY - 29th MARCH

- * Morning departure from school
- * Travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais
- * P and O ferry to Calais
- * Continue journey to Italy
- * Arrive Saturday morning/afternoon according to traffic and weather.
- * Ski fit will be on arrival, Saturday afternoon
- * The first meal at the hotel is dinner

RETURN JOURNEY – 4/5th APRIL

- * Ski as a normal full day on Thursday
- * Return ski equipment at the end of the day and return to the hotel
- * Shower, change and have dinner
- * 19:00 - Evening departure for overnight travel to Calais
- * Friday ferry to Dover
- * Onward journey to school



YOUR COACH TRAVEL

You will be travelling with Johnstons Coaches

Your coach will have reclining seats, air conditioning, DVD, toilet etc.

The vehicle will collect the group from and return them to school.

Pick-up and return times will be confirmed nearer to departure.

Both drivers are DBS checked, experienced working with groups and have driven extensively on the continent.

There will be two drivers who will accompany the group and they will comply with EU Driver regulations and the EU Working Directive at all times, as it will still form the basis of regulations.



With the latter in mind, it means that drivers can only drive for certain lengths of time before they have to change or have a break of fixed duration.

This will mean that there will be a break in the middle of the night – it is not meant to disturb sleep but is necessary for the group's safety.

There will be breaks for meals.

COACH TRAVEL – THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND

- * **If you are prone to travel sickness, ensure that you take tablets at the appropriate time**
- * **Make sure, too, that you or a friend lets staff know you are feeling unwell – not until after it's happened!**
- * **NO fizzy drinks are allowed on the coach throughout the whole trip.**
- * **NO chewing gum on the coach throughout the whole trip**
- * **NO energy drinks are allowed on the coach throughout the whole trip.**
- * **Please travel with a bottle of water and whatever snacks you want**
- * **We have a DVD player so bring along DVDs if you wish (appropriate films only)**
- * **Make sure you have a thick pair of skiing socks in your hand luggage ready for ski fitting on arrival .**
- * **You must travel in warm clothes as it will be cold when we arrive and wear shoes with a good grip.**
- * **Wear loose fitting clothing – you are on the coach for a long time!**



THE HOTEL ALMAZZAGO

A comfortable 3* family run hotel

A short drive to the ski lift station,
where the skis are stored

Full board accommodation with lunch
at a mountain restaurant

Rooms are for 2-5 persons, en-suite

Wi-Fi in public areas.



ON THE SUBJECT OF FOOD....

- It will be different! Continentals will put unusual combinations of food together – just give it a try!
- Breakfasts are buffet style.
- Hot lunch – at a restaurant next to the slopes
- Dinner will be 3 course: usually with soup/pasta, main course and dessert. The main course is often meat or fish with a vegetable. Salad bar.
- You will receive table service , the same as other guests.
- For any special diets, the hotel will always do its best and are used to school groups. Any vegetarian/special diet needs will be sent in advance.



THE SKIING

The resort offers skiing for all abilities. There are dedicated beginner areas to learn your basic skills and numerous progressive runs for rapid progress. For more able skiers there are plenty of challenges too!

Lunch will be in this mountain restaurant.



THE SKI AREA



A TYPICAL DAY

- * Ski Days – 5h each day
- Breakfast
Morning ski lessons: 9-12
Hot lunch at a mountain restaurant
Afternoon ski lessons: 1-3pm
Return to hotel
Time to chill before dinner
Evening activities
A good nights sleep!



SKI EQUIPMENT

This has been arranged locally.

Skis, boots, poles and helmets
are included in the package

Ski fit will take place on the
afternoon of arrival so that you
are good-to-go for the first
lessons on Sunday morning.

Skis, boots and poles can be
stored at the base station or the
hotel.



SKI SCHOOL

Ski school instruction will be by the Ski School Daolasa, based at the lift station, next to the ski rental.

There will be 5 hours of instruction for 5 days.



SKI INSTRUCTORS

- * All instructors are fully qualified and have all the relevant first aid qualifications.
- * Should the need arise, they will be in contact with Backwell staff
- * They will deal with any accidents that occur on the slopes and Backwell staff will follow their lead and use their professional judgement



INFORMATION WHEN SKIING



- * Students will be put into groups of 8/10 for their skiing lessons based upon ability. Students who have skied before will be put into groups by ski school.
- * Beginners will start off together and then be put into groups for the first afternoon.
- * The group that you start in is NOT fixed for the week! It is very possible that you will move groups as you make progress
- * Mobile phones must be kept on silent throughout your ski lessons you will have opportunities to use your phone during lunch and photo opportunities.

A SUGGESTED KIT LIST

SKI STUFF....

Ski pants
Ski jacket
Ski socks x 3 pairs
2 or 3 base layers
2 or 3 roll neck sweaters
OR long sleeved t-shirts
1 or 2 microfleece jumpers
Hat
Gloves
Goggles- Must be UV protected
Sun screen combi - 50spf
Scarf or turtle neck
Strong shoes with good grip

OTHER STUFF...

Casual clothes for off the snow.
Casual shoes for around the centre.
Nightwear/underwear
Wash-bag
Hairdryer and continental plug.
Spending money
Camera - inexpensive or disposable is best.

OPTIONAL XTRAS...

Small ruck-sack for the journeys - hand luggage.
Snack for journey
Book.
Music
DVD's
Passport this will be collected by your assigned member of staff before departure.
EHIC
Mobile Phone - emergency numbers

Layers...

are the key to being warm on the mountain! You can always adjust them at lunchtime!

Travel Tips...

Please pack sensibly! There is limited space in the hold.
Wear your ski jacket & outdoor shoes - these are bulky and heavy!

PASSPORTS AND VISAS



- * **PASSPORTS:**

- * **Since leaving the EU, passport rules have changed....**
- * We recommend that all persons travel using individual passports
- * Please ensure that your son or daughter has a valid passport.
- * **Passports are now only valid for 10 years – from the date of ISSUE and not the expiry date.**
- * It was normal for a passport renewal to have any "left over time" added to the new passport – this is no longer the case since Brexit!
- * Please also ensure that there is at least 3 months left on the passport from the date of return.
- * **Allow plenty of time for a renewal application!**

- * **VISAS:**

- * If any person is travelling on a passport originating outside the UK or the EU, it may be necessary for a **Schengen Visa** exemption.
- * **Participants on a school trip do not require the Schengen Visa**
- * This requires contact with the Italian Embassy and the submission of several documents.
- * Please speak with group leaders who will help facilitate this
- * Allow plenty of time if you need this document.

EHICS

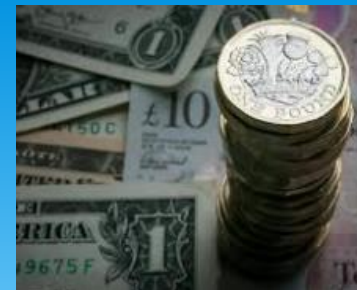
* **EHIC CARDS**

- * The EHIC acceptable if the date is valid. It entitles you to access to state-provided medical care should the need arise during your holiday.
- * They do have an expiry date and should be renewed if necessary
- * They are **FREE**
- * They can be ordered online from:
www.dh.gov.uk/travellers
- * There is currently agreement in place that the present EHIC card is valid until the expiry date on the card.
- * Since Brexit the EHIC cannot be renewed but has been replaced by the GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) that can be obtained from the same source.

- * The group will be also travelling using the school insurance policy.



SPENDING MONEY



- It is never easy to estimate how much is enough but...
- £20 in English money for food and snacks on the way out and travelling back.
- 50-80 Euros would be ample. Needed for drinks, snacks or buying a souvenir – expect some change!
- Please put your child's money in an envelope with their name and amount clearly written on it.

BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATIONS

Easy...

- **We expect you all to behave and have a great time!!**
- **The skiing instructors are in charge on the slopes so will be listened to and instructions followed accordingly.**
- **You must be organised with your equipment and belongings – do not lose things!!**
- **Please be prompt to meetings and for slope transfers**
- **Not all activities may be what you want – accept them with good grace!**
- **Any issues will be dealt with out there and if Mr Pritchard needs to ring home, he will – no news is good news!**

CONTACT WITH HOME



- * The hotel does have Wifi so contact via e-mail, facetime, skype or any other social media is possible
- * Students may decide to call parents but these charges will obviously be at an extra cost to the usual tariffs
- * Remember that the stories you hear from your child are likely to be just that. Unless you hear about something directly from me then there is no need to panic.
- * Again - No news is good news!

AND FINALLY...

Please ensure that Mr Pritchard has the following:

Any final payment by the due date
Any dietary requirements

Details of your height, weight and continental shoe size for ski hire.

Medical consent.

A copy of the passport details – photo page, just in case...

A copy of the EHIC/GHIC details, as appropriate



ENJOY!