

Ski Innsbruck/Austria – the heart of the Alps

February 26 – March 2, 2008, guided trip

A cultured city centre with a vast range of Olympic ski and snowboarding resorts.

More than a ski vacation, Innsbruck is a cultural experience. Travellers looking for fantastic skiing and more will find Innsbruck the perfect choice. Innsbruck is the Tyrolean capital and is known for its architecture, sightseeing, cultural events, and convenient access to miles of exhilarating ski runs.

Having hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976, Innsbruck knows quite a bit about winter sports. Skiers and snowboarders have access to over 500 kilometers (310 miles) of trails in 25 surrounding village resorts connected by a free ski bus. There are eight major ski areas that provide varied terrain for all levels of skiers.

There are several snowboard parks in the area, including one at Axamer Lizum with half-pipes and natural jumps and one at the Stubai Glacier with a half-pipe, jumps, and a snowboard race course. Cross-country skiing is popular with so much natural beauty to enjoy.

Winter hiking offers a great way to experience the scenery surrounding Innsbruck. Hikers will find at least 96 kilometers (60 miles) of trails. There are many ice skating rinks, some of which are natural and others that are man-made. Another popular non-ski activity in Innsbruck and the surrounding villages is a horse-drawn sleigh ride, a romantic way to see the magnificent scenery of the area.

Over 800 years old, Innsbruck displays its historic treasures for all to see. A walk through its streets takes visitors by the famous Golden Roof, the Ambras Castle, imperial palaces, theaters, opera houses, museums, and much more. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty surrounding it, Innsbruck is hard to beat.



Skiing Innsbruck

Most visitors are intermediate level skiers, but thrill-seekers still have many options. The amazingly daring runs of Hafelekar, Axamer Lizum and Stubai Glacier are great for advanced skiers. The world-famous Air and Style Competition at the Olympic Ski Jump stadium attracts over 25000 visitors in early December.

The resorts around Innsbruck have slopes with both northern and southern exposure and most trails are above the tree line, which affords incredible views and unimpeded skiing. The average temperature in wintertime is 31 degrees Fahrenheit (about minus 1 degree Centigrade)

The environment is well organized, friendly, and hospitable. And because most of the resorts are located within an hour radius of town, the skiing is convenient as well.

Snow Conditions

The snow conditions in Innsbruck are generally very good. In the winter, there is an average of fresh powder of 12 to 20 inches and a base of 55 to 60 inches. In spring, the base is an average of about 37 to 45 inches, and summer snow is basically non-existent except on the peaks. In fall, the snow base is about 28 to 40 inches.

If there is not a lot of snowfall, don't worry. There are 11 trails here with snowmakers out of some 65 skiable trails. Snowfall conditions in Innsbruck are comparable to that at the resort of Telluride, Colorado.



Program Feb 26 – March 2nd, 2008**Skiing Innsbruck – Top of Tirol – 3,5 day! Group vacation with an experienced guide****Feb 26, 2008**

Flying in to Munich Airport on your own and take the bus or taxi to the Hotel Le Meridien in the city center of Munich.

7 pm: Welcome party in the Hotel, first meeting with the guides of Sandoz Concept and presentation of the program

8 pm: Dinner at the "Hofbräuhaus" – the most famous restaurant in Munich for delicious beer and traditional specialties.

**Feb 27, 2008**

6 am breakfast

7 am: pick up in front of the Hotel, Transfer to Innsbruck, (2,5 hours), check in Hotel Alpinpark

11- 12 am: shuttle to one of the Ski Resorts of Innsbruck, (the choice depends on the weather and snow conditions), ski half day

16-17 pm: return to the hotel

19 pm: dinner in the restaurant of the Hotel

**Feb 28, 2008**

7.30 am breakfast

9 am: shuttle to one of the Ski Resorts of Innsbruck, (the choice depends on the weather and snow conditions) skiing the whole day, lunch on a mountain hut, ski the whole day

16-17 pm: return to the hotel

19.30 pm: dinner in the restaurant of the Hotel

**Feb 29, 2008**

7.30 am breakfast

9 am: shuttle to one of the Ski Resorts of Innsbruck, (the choice depends on the weather and snow conditions) skiing the whole day, lunch on a mountain hut, ski the whole day

16-17 pm: return to the hotel

19.30 pm: dinner in the restaurant of the Hotel

**March 1st, 2008**

7.30 am breakfast

9 am: shuttle to one of the Ski Resorts of Innsbruck, (the choice depends on the weather and snow conditions) skiing the whole day, lunch on a mountain hut, ski the whole day

16-17 pm: return to the hotel

19.30 pm: dinner in the restaurant of the Hotel



March 2nd, 2008

8.00 am breakfast

9.30 am: pick up in front of the Hotel, Transfer from Innsbruck to Garmisch Partenkirchen and check in for the 49th World Airline Championship



Where to go:



Hotel Le Méridien*****, Munich

Offering 381 elegantly-appointed guest rooms and suites, Le Méridien Munich has all of the old-world flair one expects from a charming European hotel, combined with the modern amenities sophisticated travelers need. High Speed Internet Access and sleek conference rooms for business meetings provide an elegant atmosphere for corporate events. A soothing spa offers a tranquil place to reinvigorate after a day exploring Munich's secrets. Nestled in the heart of this charismatic city, Le Méridien Munich faces the main railway station, and shopping and legendary sights are only a short walk away. Medieval palaces dating from the first dukes of Munich and mysterious Gothic churches are clustered about the city centre.



Hotel Alpinpark Innsbruck***

The family run Hotel Alpinpark*** is centrally located and only 15 walking minutes away from the central railway station and the historical old town of Innsbruck with its famous monuments and sights. Whether you are interested in culture or in shopping, the Hotel Alpinpark is ideally located for all your purposes: For those interested in culture, Innsbruck's Old Town with all its highlights and monuments is only 2 walking minutes away. The rooms are provided with bath/shower and WC, radio, telephone, satellite TV, hair-dryer, minibar, and room safe. The modern wellness area offers a hot tub and sauna as well as a relaxation room and water beds. Half board is included. Culinary highlights with Austrian and International dishes are served in the restaurant



Terms and Conditions: Ski Innsbruck/Austria – the heart of the Alps

Vacation includes:

- ▶ 1 night in the Hotel le Meridien***** in Munich including breakfast
- ▶ Dinner in the famous Hofbräuhaus on the first night
- ▶ 4 nights in Alpinpark Hotel in Innsbruck including breakfast and dinner (half board, 3 or 4 courses)
- ▶ Transfers:
 - Feb 27: Hotel Munich – Innsbruck Hotel Alpinpark (2,5 hours)
 - March 02: Innsbruck Hotel Alpinpark – Garmisch Partenkirchen (1 hour)
- ▶ daily public shuttle to the Ski Resorts of Innsbruck
- ▶ 3,5 day lift tickets for all Ski Resorts of Innsbruck
- ▶ Guiding with a ski guide of Sandoz Concept during the whole days
- ▶ organisation of the program in Munich and Innsbruck

Not included:

- ▶ Transfer Munich Airport to the Hotel in Munich downtown on the first day
- ▶ daily lunch
- ▶ service charges
- ▶ drinks and personal expenses
- ▶ Travel Protection Plan
- ▶ We are not responsible for any missed transfers due to the late arrival of your flight. If, for any reason, you do not arrive on the designated flight, you must arrange transfers to the ski resort at their own expense

price

double occupancy: Euro 1050.00 per person

single occupancy: Euro 1240.00 per person

Booking and Payments:

We work as your partner toward the goal of making your travel smooth and successful. Some administrative work is involved for both of us. We have tried to keep our demands on you minimal and simple. This section explains the steps which help us to manage your travel arrangements efficiently.

- ▶ You may request your arrangements by submitting the online request form or send a fax.
- ▶ Sandoz Concept will send the invoice with all bank details, the deposit is due 2 weeks after receiving the invoice
- ▶ Your reservation will be confirmed when we receive your deposit of Euro 300,- per person by wire transfer.
- ▶ The balance is due 65 days prior to your departure.

Cancellations:

To avoid misunderstandings, please send us cancellations in writing. The date of receipt in our office determines the effective date of cancellation. The deposit is not refundable. After wire transfer the full payment 65 days prior arrival there is no refund of the full payment. No refunds will also be given for unused portions of your package.