



WalkingWomen - Andorra Skiing, Beginners and Intermediate, 25 February – 04 March 2017 (Sat – Sat)

Holiday Details

A new ski destination for WalkingWomen offering wonderful skiing opportunities in the stunning mountains of the small principality of Andorra, bordered by France and Spain. The holiday is suitable for beginners and intermediate skiers and offers a range of pistes to enjoy. We are based at Soldeu, right in the heart of the Grandvalira, the largest skiable area of the Pyrenees. The resort has a great range of slopes and an excellent ski school for beginners.



Our hotel is the small, family run Hotel de Roc San Miquel, which offers comfortable rooms, very welcoming hosts and a warm refuge at the end of each day. It is a small hotel and we hope to have exclusive use for our ski holiday. A varied breakfast and hearty dinner are included at our accommodation. Lunches are not included and will be taken at some of the many mountain refuges.

Beginners Level

The Soldeu ski school has an excellent reputation for teaching beginners and those with some experience who want to improve their technique. There is a choice of group or private lessons and ski instructors speak English. The ski school is very good value at around 150 euros for 15 hours (3 hours per day over 5 day). See link for further information:

<http://www.grandvalira.com/en/ski-school-learn>

There are many convenient slopes to practice on once you have got the hang of it!

Intermediate Level

Grandvalira boasts 210 km of ski run spread over a total of 128 slopes of all different levels. With much recent investment in the ski infrastructure the resort, previously known as purely a beginners' resort, is world class with a fantastic network of lifts and snow cannons to ensure that the slopes are accessible. In 2012 it was host to the Women's Skiing World Cup and the trials for the 2012 and 2013 Speed Skiing World Cup - making Grandvalira one of the top resorts on an international scale.

Our stay here will make full use of the infrastructure in order to explore the surrounding slopes and the beautiful scenery. With plenty of fantastic pistes to choose from and awe-inspiring mountains we will enjoy the sense of freedom and exhilaration that skiing brings.

Price includes: Dinner, bed and breakfast, ski locker, morning transfer to gondola, airport transfer at certain times

Not included: flight, ski hire, ski pass, ski lessons, lunch.

Flight to Barcelona is not included – We believe that this gives maximum flexibility and the best chance of getting a good price as well as the option to extend your stay. Flights must fit with the transfers below otherwise you will be responsible for your own transfer. To find suitable flights try www.skyscanner.net

Vueling and BA from London Gatwick

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DATE	FLIGHT	AIRPORT	COUNTRY	CHECK-IN	DEPART	ARRIVE	AIRPORT	COUNTRY
25/02//2017	VY7823	London Gatwick	UK	07:05	09:05	12:05	Barcelona	Spain
04/03/2017	BA2707	Barcelona	Spain	09:30	11:30	12:50	London Gatwick	UK

Ryanair and Iberia from Manchester

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25/02//2017	FR7542	Manchester	UK	07:45	09:45	13:05	Barcelona	Spain
04/03/2017	IB2731	Barcelona	Spain	11:40	13:40	15:15	Madrid	Spain
04/03/2017	IB3962	Madrid	Spain	Transfer	16:10	17:30	Manchester	UK

Meeting up arrangements

There will be one transfer each way. You will be met by your guide at Barcelona arrivals. She will be holding up a WalkingWomen sign. More detailed meeting up instructions will be sent out about 2 weeks before the holiday.

Foreign currency

Andorra's currency is the Euro. There will be ATM machines at the airport, or it might be easier to bring Euros with you. You will need cash for lunches, all drinks from the bar including soft drinks, and at places we stop for refreshment along the way; also of course postcards, presents, & souvenirs etc.

Skiing Costs

Current ski pass prices can be found on the following website: <http://www.grandvalira.com/en/ski-pass-prices-andorra>. Approx 245e.

Ski hire prices - 2017 prices not yet available but approx 65e for 1 week.

Ski lessons – group rate approx 150e for 15 hours (3 hours a day for 5 days)

What to bring

The most important thing to bear in mind with skiing is the need to keep warm. It is hard to predict just how cold it will be, and you will get warm as you ski. So extra layers are the best strategy - to put on when you stop or if the day is very cold.

- Warm waterproof anorak and ski trousers.** If you are thinking of buying some ski gear, please note it can also be hired from Trek Hire UK (www.trekhireuk.com or 01732 865858).
- 2 warm fleeces at least** – one to wear and one spare for during a stop.
- Warm socks** –plus spare pairs.
- Warm waterproof gloves – and preferably a spare pair to change into should one pair get wet from the snow.**
- Warm hat** – the ones with flaps are great for also keeping the cold from your ears.
- Scarf/neck warmer etc**
- Long sleeved tops** - polar neck ski tops or long sleeved walking tops (wicking/non-cotton. A Merino wool top is a very good investment)
- Medium sized daypack – 30-40 litres** to carry extra fleeces, flask & thermos, water & other bits and pieces to provide everyone with some hot water for a thermos, so its a good idea for people to bring some packet soups or tea bags if they want to make a warm drink/snack. You may also need to drink water while out so bring a flask (if you are a Platypus user, note that Platypus also sell a thermal tube cover to prevent freezing).

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- Sunglasses, high factor sun cream and lip protection**
- A good sized foam mat to sit on during stops**
- Flight reference number, passport, & this info sheet**

And of course, casual clothes for the evening, swimming costume for the hot tub, slippers, trainers or comfortable shoes to use in and around the refuge, camera & spare battery or charger, mobile & charger, plug adaptor.

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