

## Additional Background on 3M Ski Club: Val di Fassa 2022 - New Participants



Many thanks for being interested in Skiing the Sellaronda, the Dolomites of Val di Fassa (VdF), Italy.

You are in for a ***GREAT-T-T-T-T EXPERIENCE !!!***

Here is an outline of what we know today and have planned to date.

Estimated Pricing of Trip: **\$2866.70** prior to Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021; After September 8<sup>th</sup>, **\$2966.70**.

1. **Dates: Friday March 4, 2022 – to – Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
  - Departure Friday, March 4, 2022.
  - Arrive Sat. March 5, 2022.
  - Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: first day of skiing
  - Up to 6-days of skiing, 7 nights at the Hotel Schloss, which includes full breakfast and dinner
  - **Check-out Sat. March 12**, to return back to MSP (St. Paul – Minneapolis)
    - Approximately half the group is planning on extensions to stay in Italy and tour (or use the trip to go to other European destinations and come back a week later after skiing. Please inform us (see trip leader information below) if you are planning on staying, we will need to re-work your flights.
  
2. **Ok ... what does the estimated **\$2866.70** include?**

***Activities and Dates: proposed so far, tentative, subject to be tweaked***

- a. **VdF 2022 pre-trip Party: Sat, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>:** at the McLean's: 9423 Haralson Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. 2 weeks out from departure, review trip, questions, etc.. meet-n-greet, get stoked.
  
- b. **Flights:** return ticket from MSP to either Munich or Milan, Departure from MSP, Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Land Packages and or flights can be worked out for people traveling outside of Minnesota. (based on an estimated \$1400 return)
  
- c. **Charter Bus transfers from Airport to Hotel Schloss:** return Trip, approx. 3.5 hrs
  
- d. **Welcome Reception, Sat. March 5<sup>th</sup> – at the Hotel Schloss.**

- e. **Lodging: Sat, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Sat March 12<sup>th</sup>:** 7 nights, at Hotel Schloss which includes a full breakfast and dinner.
- f. There will be 2 evenings of Live Music at the Hotel Schloss.
- g. **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: Cortina, this is Optional, 1 day of skiing at Cortina, Olympic Site with Marco and Agnese:** additional cost for private charter bus over, however the ski passes will be included in your Sellaronda Super Dolomiti Ski Pass, that will include Cortina (as far as we know at this point). Note: the date is tentative for Wed, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Estimate additional \$70 round trip for charter bus.
- h. **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Group Dinner, Gala Theater Night,** live entertainment at the Gran Tobia Theatre (included with the trip package, no additional costs, ok ... drinks are on you).
- i. **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Group get together - - closing ceremonies, Val di Fassa 2022.
- j. **Sat. March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Depart for home or for those staying, departing to your next destinations.

We will try to have areas, to tentatively to meet at for lunch, the best we can, there is a lot of area to ski here. This is one of the largest, if not the largest inter-connected ski area in Europe. However, if we can, this will allow people to meet-up and ski, snowboard, and catch-up, challenge yourself by skiing with a more advance group; or go the opposite direction find the group that best fits you best. This allows everyone to discuss the areas you liked, terrain, along with places to eat, have coffee, wine, beer, and interesting food ... share your experiences of places to check out, and to potentially avoid.

We will likely have a Happy Hour or 2 ... ok ... or 3 ... during the week, look for locations, better yet, suggest a location later in the week, as you explore this vast ski area ... or in town, and places for an ideal night-cap. A group of this size goes out and explores the area, we are sure to find some interesting locations, and we will have some good recommendations from our locals Marco, Agnese, along with Mike and Sheri of Winter, Ski and Sport (WS&S).

- 3. **Other Optional Activities:** other ideas from the 2019 planning, that we are still planning are:
  - a. **Bolzano Winery Tour** – costs and date tbd, more that go ...the cheaper it is.
  - b. **Innsbruck Day Tour** – will require a charter van or bus, so additional costs (prepare for a full day, est. 2.5 hr drive over, spend the day, and 2.5 hr back), likely a beautiful drive over and back.
  - c. **Other:** there are museums, spas, the town itself is great for shopping, eating, and the occasional beverage or 2, and just hanging out, take in the area, relax, and enjoy the experience.

We will have additional pricing for the optional activities tentatively by 3M Ski Club Membership Drive and Trip Sign-up, September 2022 (location and date tbd).

#### 4. **Trip Leaders: Contact information**

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5. **Next Steps: Sold !!! Hey ... I am interested in GOING, what do I need to do Next?**
- a. **3M Ski Club Membership:** You need to become a Paid Member of the 3M Ski Club, and you want to. You do not have to be a 3M employee to be a 3M Ski Club Member, we welcome Participants outside of 3M, for more info see **3M Ski Club**, <https://hootline.com>; and/or talk with the Trip Leaders that will help you sign-up.
- b. **DEPOSITS: Hey ... Why Deposits? To show commitment ... and**
- i. We need to have a solid number to reserve seats on Delta, to get the lowest possible fares.
  - ii. We need to know how many rooms at Hotel Schloss. We are hoping to exceed 37 Participants, if we do, we will need more rooms and more seats on Delta.
  - iii. The VdF Trip is now posted on the 3M Ski Club website and is open to all. In order to go, you must be a member of the 3M Ski Club, which is \$20 per year fee. 3M Ski Club is non-profit club, that is made up of non-3M employees, 3M employees and people of all ages, and ability.
  - iv. Ok ... how much is the Deposit? **\$300 per Participant.**  
Make checks payable to:  
**3M Ski Club, \$300**, in the **Note Section**: simple write in: **VdF 2022 - Deposit**
- Send Checks to:**  
Gary Heaser, 290 Neal Avenue North, West Lakeland Twp, MN 55082.
- b. **How can I pay after Deposits?** There will be a payment schedule for each month starting at the 3M Ski Club Membership Drive and Trip Sign-up night in September 2021.
6. **Future Communication:** We are now 11 **months** to VdF 2022. We will try to update you each month going forward. We encourage you to look at the 3M Ski Club at <https://hootline.com> for updates. While on the site, please look at the activities, happy hours, there will be others that are on this trip at these events and happy hours, that can update you, plus you get to know others before you go, and you may meet Gary and myself, we are sorry for that.

**Thanks Everyone hope to see you soon, SKI the DOLOMITES 2022 !!!**

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