

# *Ski Club of Ireland Holidays*

## **The Exhilaration of a Ski Holiday**

On a ski holiday the exhilaration of skiing well is matched by its congeniality. The special world of sun and snow, slopes and chairlifts, brings quick and easy conversation and friendships which follow into the apres-ski life, long after the lifts have stopped and the snow turns violet and long-shadowed. The relaxed mood and physical well-being induced by the excitement of the day is enjoyed in the cosmopolitan and happy atmosphere of apres-ski activity.

Skiing makes a marvellous holiday, the resort a refreshingly new way of life, in all, an escape from the noisy humdrum of a grey winter. It is a return to the elemental, transporting one high into the mountains, beyond ice blue brooks and silent frozen waterfalls to a new world combining relaxation and exhilaration.

That is why skiing has become the widest participant sport in Europe, enjoyed by all ages and lifestyles and, having once had a ski holiday, skiers can't wait to return to the snow.

## **Ski Club of Ireland**

The Ski Club wants to bring this world to you and to the many thousands of others who use our slopes every year. The Ski Club was formed 55 years ago by ski enthusiasts who organise winter sports holidays abroad each year. That tradition continues today for its members with club holidays organised every year. Non-members are very welcome to join us too for a small additional fee (which also includes a free lesson or practice at Kiltiernan). Indeed, last year there were more non-members than members on our trips.

## **2020 Trips**

In 2020 two very successful trips were organised to Courchevel in France (early January) and Kirchberg in Austria (late February).

In 2021 the holidays are again to Courchevel (early January) but this time to ZellamSee in Austria (late February).

For information with regard to the holidays see further pages. If interested, please ring the Ski Club (01-295-5658) or send an email to [holidays@skiclub.ie](mailto:holidays@skiclub.ie) and we will be happy to answer any of your questions.

***See overleaf for holiday details***

# Courchevel - France



The Courchevel holiday in 2021 will be from Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> with Dave Beattie and the Skivo2 Group, which we have used for many years. The basic (shared room) price, which covers half-board chalet accommodation, flight transfers and all-day ski tuition, will be in the region of €1,100, depending on the Sterling rate of exchange at the time. Flight arrangements have not yet been decided with the Covid19 situation still fluid. The cost of the flights is additional and must be booked by the individual. The single supplement is unfortunately expensive at approx. €300 and the number of single rooms is limited. We have Chalet Roger all to ourselves which limits our numbers to circa 16 or so depending on sharing. The cuisine is generally top class, with wine on the house.

A number of “the regulars” have already committed to go, so places will be scarce and it will be a case of “first come first served”. You don’t have to be a member to come on the club holiday. We welcome all skiers. Besides the excellent tuition in a fantastic resort, what really makes the holiday is the camaraderie of the group in the chalet setting.

This will be a specially tailored week long course targeted at intermediate to advanced skiers with a max of eight people in each ski group. Tuition is all-day, with video feedback and coaching from the very best of instructors who have worked with the Ski Club for many years. This is a terrific opportunity to raise your personal skiing performance to a higher level and also have a really fun time. For advanced skiers, subject to snow conditions, it is planned to include some “touring” in the area and spend as much time as possible off-piste.

So if you are interested in going, please contact 295-5658 or [holidays@skiclub.ie](mailto:holidays@skiclub.ie) and put a €200 (€250 non-members) deposit down to secure your place.

# Zell Am See - Austria



The February club holiday in 2021 will be in Zell am See for the week commencing Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>. We were last in Zell in 2018. It is a beautiful town with unspoilt scenery on the lake and a warm, cosy atmosphere. We have reservations in the 4\* Zun Hirschen Hotel, only a few minutes walk from the ski lifts. The hotel is a very popular one with Irish guests and we had a great experience with the hotel in 2018. The airport transfer is about 1 hour and 30 mins. The basic price for half board hotel, flights and transfers will be approx €1,150, to be confirmed. A limited number of single rooms will be available. Extras will include lift pass, ski tuition (if desired) and equipment rental (if required).

The February holiday caters for all grades of skier from rank beginner, through intermediate and advanced. Ages range from young adults to people in their sixties with the majority spread in between. Many of those who have been on previous club holidays enrol in the local Ski School. Others prefer to free ski – the choice is yours. For advanced skiers, it is hoped to get into the off-piste as much as possible. We had a great group last year numbering about 75, of which about 60% were members of the general public, many single. We really encourage any individual or grouping who wants to ski but for a variety of reasons must do so on their own, to come with us. Within 24 hours, they will feel part of the group. We have taken a provisional booking of rooms with the tour operator Topflight Holidays and it is very unlikely that we will get an increase. As there is a finite number of rooms available in the hotel, it is strongly advised that earliest possible bookings are made. So please contact 295-5658 or [holidays@skiclub.ie](mailto:holidays@skiclub.ie) and put your €200 deposit down (€250 for non-members) to secure your place.