

Ski Club of Ireland Holidays 2022

Covid-19

The Ski Club cant wait to get back on the slopes after missing out in 2021. At time of writing, we are assuming that restrictions will be lifted both here and abroad to facilitate our holidays in January and February.

The January holiday is to Courchevel in France with Skivo2 (see over) and they provide a Guarantee for their holiday (excluding air fares which we organise ourselves) :

- *In the event that the UK FCD&O (or Irish) Covid-19 pandemic travel restrictions to Savoie, France or similar restrictions imposed on entrants to Savoie, France from the UK/Ireland by the French or Swiss (if flying in to Geneva) Government, are in place within 2 weeks of departure to resort you shall be entitled to cancel your holiday in writing on that date and receive a refund of all monies paid. Alternatively, if there are no restrictions in place as described here 2 weeks before your departure to resort but they are then put in place after this point you will have the opportunity to cancel your holiday in writing on that date and receive a refund of all monies paid.*
- *As we would not be able to refund in the following circumstances we advise you to check that your insurance will cover you: if you have arrived in resort and COVID-19 has any impact upon your holiday; if you have tested COVID-19 positive; if you are required to self isolate and are unable to travel to resort.*

The February holiday is to Zell-am-See in Austria with Topflight (see over) and they provide a Guarantee for travelling with them as follows :

- *In the event that the advice, from the DFA for departures from Dublin & Cork or the FCDO for departures from Belfast, is against non-essential travel to your destination, or if there are restrictions in place in your destination that will significantly affect your holiday, your travel agent or a member of our team will contact you with your options ;*
 - Change to a different holiday or different date (a price difference may apply)*
 - Receive a voucher for the amount paid, valid for 5 years*
 - Receive a full refund*
- *In the event that your holiday is curtailed, you can choose to receive a refund or voucher for to the value of the unused portion of your holiday (eg: nights accommodation, ski packs, excursions).*

So it will be safe to plan your holiday. The first task is to get your name down to be included (send an email to holidays@skiclub.ie). Late Summer we will contact you for a deposit. Finally around December we will seek the remainder of the payment.

See overleaf for holiday details

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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.

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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, in 2020 there were more non-members than members on our trips.

Courchevel - France



The Courchevel holiday in 2021 will be from Jan 15th to 22nd 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 Sterling £959. Flight arrangements have not yet been decided. The cost of the flights is additional and must be booked by the individual. The single supplement is unfortunately expensive at Sterling €250 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. 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 seven 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 holidays@skiclub.ie to secure your place.

Zell Am See - Austria



The February club holiday in 2022 will be in Zell-am-See for the week commencing Saturday February 12th. 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* Zum Hirschen Hotel. 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 €1,290, 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 and older 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 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 holidays@skiclub.ie to secure your place.