



Club Holiday 2013

St.Christoph/ St.Anton, Austria

Dates: Saturday 23rd March – 30th March 2013

(First week of Easter break)

Price: £490 – Children under 12 (Subject to availability)

£590 – Adults & aged 12+

Price Includes: Half board at 4* chalet-hotel, Free wine with the evening meal, Ski hosting, Return flights from Manchester, Transfers, All taxes & supplements.

The holiday is open to all club members, however under 18s should be accompanied by an adult member who will be responsible for them at all times.

St. Christoph

Set in a spectacular open snow-bowl 500m above neighbouring St Anton, and just a short ski-bus ride from Lech & Zürs, the village shares Austria's No. 1 world-class ski area the Arlberg with the other famous-name resorts. At 1800m St.Christoph offers snow sure skiing, and puts the savvy skier at the centre of it's thinking. Efficient high speed lifts take you from the village to the heart of St.Anton's slopes; whilst St. Christoph has its own nursery slopes and excellent ski school making it also perfect for beginners and young families. The village is small, pretty and quiet, attracting a more exclusive cliental; whilst neighbouring St.Anton (a 10 minute free bus ride—busses run until after 1:00am) offers the main night life, bars, shops, and non ski leisure activities (such as ice skating, curling and sports centre.)

The Arlberg Ski Area

Famed in Austria as 'the birthplace of skiing', the magnificent Arlberg is one of those select few ski areas which fully justifies its 'world-class' reputation. Renowned for its challenging slopes, both on and off-piste, the area also includes many wonderful miles of picturesque intermediate skiing, from high altitude, snow-sure open bowls to picturesque tree-lined pistes down to the valley. The area has two distinct halves, with St.Christoph perfectly positioned in the middle. St.Anton and its even higher neighbours, St.Christoph and Stuben, are linked with an efficient

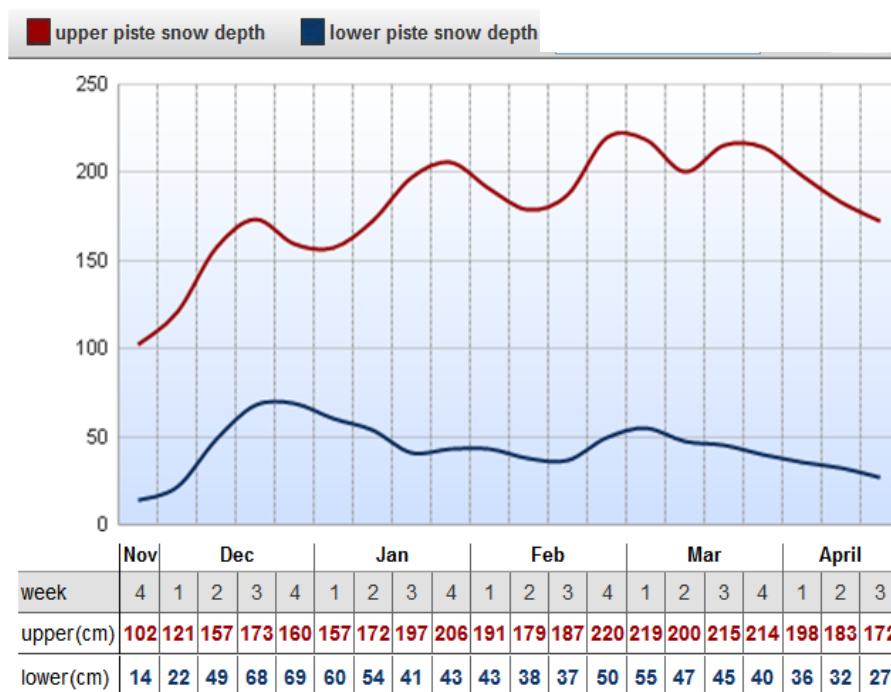
ski bus service connecting this side of the region with the huge network of slopes surrounding Lech and Zürs, including the excellent 'Borderpark' above Lech.



The off-piste runs in the huge bowl beneath the summit of the Valluga, are justifiably world famous. In good snow, this whole area is an off-piste delight.

Historical snow reports

The Arlberg area offers superb skiing and snowboarding for all ability levels. On offer are some of the best off-piste skiing to be had, together with 300km of pisted runs, the highest up at over 2,800m. Snow reliability is excellent, with good conditions lasting to late spring. The adjacent chart shows the average snow depths on the upper and lower slopes. The Club holiday will be during week 4 in March.



Accommodation

Chalet Hotel St Christoph's location is simply unbeatable. The 'Maiensee' lift starts just outside the ski-room door; or take the 2-minute walk to the 'St.Christophbahn' covered quad chairlift, which whisks you straight up into the heart of the St Anton side of the mighty Arlberg ski area. If you fancy the spectacular slopes of Lech and Zürs for a change,

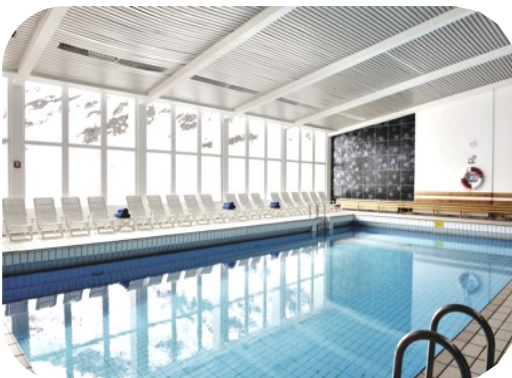


the ski-bus stops just in front of the hotel (15 minute journey). Beginner skiers and families are spoilt, with the ski-school meeting-place and nursery slopes immediately alongside the hotel.

The comfortable facilities on offer inside the Chalet Hotel start with a welcoming lobby and reception area, connecting through to the excellent value residents-only bar, and comfy fireside lounge. The attractive dining-room sets the scene for the fine chalet dining, and there is a sauna and large indoor heated swimming-pool with mountain views and relaxing



loungers on which to unwind after a great day's skiing. Well appointed en-suite bedrooms (some interconnecting for families) have TVs with British channels. Free Wi-Fi is also available in the hotel.



A generous buffet breakfast, with cooked options, can be expected each day; afternoon tea welcomes you off the slopes with a selection



of cakes and soup. A 5 course evening meal is served for 6 of the 7 nights (chef has a night off), with a choice of menu, and includes a pre-dinner aperitif, choice of quality wines, tea/ coffee & chocolates. An alternative children's menu can be offered to younger guests, however all children can dine with the main party if they choose. Complimentary tea & coffee is available all day. Vegetarians, and those with special dietary requirements can also be expertly catered for. On the chef's night off eating out can be an expensive option, so our hotel will do a 2 course meal for around 12€.



The tour operator offers an optional free ski guiding service for 3 days to introduce you to the area. They will show you the best pistes for your level, as well as the best mountain restaurants.

Flights & Other Information

The outbound flight is a late morning charter from Manchester to Innsbruck (2 hr flight.) The transfer time to the resort is 1.5 hrs. The return flight will get to Manchester around mid morning.

The holiday is booked with Inghams, through the ski club's travel agent, Iglu. Both are established companies with ABTA and ATOL bonding. Further holiday details can be viewed on the operator's website: www.ingham.co.uk

Additional and Optional Costs

Holiday Insurance (NOT included in the package price)

Comprehensive winter sports travel insurance:	£26 (Adults)
<i>(A suitable travel policy is advised soon after booking to protect against unexpected insured cancellation.)</i>	£12 (Under 18s)
	£50 (Family)

(All prices below are approximate & based on information in the tour operator's brochure.)

Lift Passes

Full Arlberg Area

Children age 8 and under:	£10
Children age 9—16 (inclusive):	£115
Youth age 17—20 (inclusive):	£160
Adult age 21—64 (inclusive):	£185
Senior aged 65+:	£75

Ski/Board Hire

Under 11

Aged 11-14

Aged 15+

Skis/board & boots	£49	£85	£160
Skis/board only	£30	£55	£110

NB: I am looking to see if I can get equipment hire cheaper than the prices shown above.

Ski/Board Tuition

Under 12

Aged 12+

Ski & Snowboard lessons	£145	£145
(3 x 4 hrs)	<i>(NOTE: Children must be aged 6+ to board.)</i>	

Carriage of Own Skis/Board

The tour operator charges £35 (return) per ski/board bag, for carriage of this additional luggage on the plane.

Further Information

Places can be booked on a first come basis from Saturday 28th April 2012, secured with a deposit of £130/ person (cheques payable to 'Oval Ski Club'.) The balance must be settled by no later than 29 December 2012, and can be paid by cheque, credit/debit card; by post or online. To book you must be a member of the Oval Ski Club.

Any further questions, please contact Andy Kearney (PD) on 07855 662891, or (0151) 632 1192.