

2008 Austria / Italy Ski Trip Information



FLIGHT INFORMATION:

This year we will be flying on different airlines, based on the trips and your location. Please refer to your electronic ticket for time and flight numbers.

It is recommended that you arrive at the airport in Nashville two hours before departure. It is **VERY** important that you check all check in baggage to Munich, Germany, our final flight destination. Don't forget your passport!!

BAGGAGE:

You may check one large bag (soft duffle works best) plus your ski bag and boot bag, which counts as your second allowable bag. You also may have one carry on bag as long as it will fit under the seat or overhead. You may bring a hand bag or camera bag, which does not count as a carry on. Bring more than this and you will be charged for extra baggage which is expensive. Also, four people's luggage must fit in one rental car. The maximum allowable weight per bag is 50 pounds.

WHAT TO BRING:

Ski clothes and informal dress is all that is needed. Don't over-pack, you will not need it. Under clothes, socks, T-necks, etc. can be washed out in your room and dried on heaters. Remember the restrictions on carry-on baggage.

It is a good idea to pack a change of clothes and toilet articles in your carry-on in case your checked bags get lost or delayed. Be sure to bring any medicines you may need with you. If prescription drugs are brought, be sure they are kept in original containers.

Temperatures where we will be skiing will be mild this time of year, with mid-day temperature often reaching into the 40's. You will not need your arctic expedition weight clothing.

Each room has a hair dryer, but if you need other electrical items, you will need an adapter and a converter. Converters may be purchased at any store, which carry travel bags and accessories. European voltage is 220V, USA is 120V.

Misc. items: * 2-3 bungee cords for the roof racks on the cars.
* wash cloths-for the ladies

HOTELS:

Austria: Hotel Kaiserblick
Telephone: 011-42-5358-2236
Fax: 011-43-5358-4002

Italy: Hotel LaVilla
Telephone: 011-39-0471-847035
Fax: 011-39-0471-847393

MONEY:

Austria & Italy both now use the Eurodollar (Euro).
One Euro = about 1.46 US dollars.

It is best to exchange money after arriving in the country (boarder bank or Village exchange stations).
You will probably spend about \$400.00 more than the trip cost.

6-day lift tickets +/- \$200.00 (may be purchased with credit cards).
8-lunches @\$8-10.00 (\$80.00-\$100.00)
Gas for rental cars +/- \$40.00/each
Drinks, gifts, misc. expenses \$100.00 – \$150.00 (depending upon your needs)

Most stores take credit cards. Travelers' checks get a better exchange rate than cash does. Charging drinks and other items to your room usually will also have gratuity added to the charge as well. It is better to pay as you go. It is very expensive to call out from your Hotel and charge it to your room. Better to use calling card, be called or call collect.

IDENTIFICATION:

A valid passport is required and your regular drivers license if you plan to drive the rental cars.

TIME:

Our ski areas are in Central European time which is 7 hours ahead of us in Central U.S. and 6 hours ahead of Eastern U.S.

The Alps have a lot of snow this winter and skiing should be excellent. Kris & I look forward to skiing with you and we can assure you that you will not run out of ski trails to explore by weeks end.

Please call me at 615-356-5051 or 615-356-5558 if you have any questions or need more details.

Austria:

www.skiwelt.at
www.kaiserblick.at/1024/index.html
<http://www.bergfex.com/ellmau/>

Italy:

www.hotel-lavilla.it
www.altabadia.it
www.dolomitisuperski.com
www.dolomiti.org/dengl/welcome

Dennis & Kris