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## **Norwood School Ski Trip FAQ**

<b>Trip Details</b>	
<b>Destination:</b>	Artesina, Italy
<b>Dates:</b>	29/03/22 – 4/04/22
<b>Trip price:</b>	£650-£700
<b>Tour includes:</b>	Executive coach transfer and Euro Tunnel travel to Italian Alps 4 nights' accommodation and full board at 3* Hotel Margueris 4 days of ski school lessons from expert instructors Ski pass and equipment hire including skis, boots and helmets Winter sports travel and medical insurance Halsbury Travel's Covid cancellation guarantee

### **How long is the trip?**

The trip will be for 6 nights and 7 days. We will leave in the afternoon on Tuesday 29th March and return on Monday 4th April. The trip includes 4 nights accommodation in a hotel and 2 nights of travelling on a coach.

### **How many student places are available on the trip?**

The trip is open to 43 students from Years 7-9

### **When does booking open?**

Booking will open at 3pm on Monday 28th June on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be opened later in the week and you will receive notification of this by email.

**How will payment work?**

To book a place on the trip there will be an initial deposit of £100. The payments will then be made in 4 instalments of approximately £140 each. An installment plan will be finalised at a later date with payments in September, October, November and December or January for the balance. All payments must be made by the balance date.

**I wasn't able to come to the meeting. What was discussed?**

Slides from the presentation by [Beth Hall](#) of Halsbury Travel are now on the school website. Together with this FAQ sheet, it should give you all the essential information that you need.

**What will the coach journey be like?**

The journey will be on an executive coach which should be a smooth and comfortable overnight journey of approximately 20 hours. The coach has a toilet and will make stops at service stations for meals. If your child is likely to become travel sick it is worth considering if this is a suitable trip for your child

**If my child needs to isolate before the trip will I be able to receive a refund?**

The trip is covered by a Covid safe guarantee which means that, should the government advise against travel or any lockdown be in place, a full refund will be offered 30 days before the trip as long as the payment plan has been followed.

If individual students have covid or are required to isolate shortly before the trip, this becomes an insurance issue. It is possible to purchase payment protection for the trip or your bank may offer payment protection.

**Why can you only take 43 students?**

These are the numbers for one coach. I am hoping that this will be an annual trip which will mean the opportunity will come around again in 2023.

**What is the staff to student ratio?**

Six members of staff will be accompanying students making the ratio approximately 1:7. This staff to student ratio means students will be well supported and encouraged throughout their stay. There will be both male and female members of staff on the trip. All staff are DBS checked.

**Will my son or daughter learn to ski independently?**

In the four days of ski lessons it is hoped that all students will graduate from the beginner slopes to complete simple blue runs with the support of their ski instructors. We expect students to have a range of different levels and the different ski school groups and instructors will cater for this.

**Will the hotel be able to cater for vegetarians and students with allergies?**

Yes, we will collect information about dietary requirements closer to the time. This will be passed onto the hotel in advance.

### How many students will share a room?

Students will be in rooms of between four to six people. All rooms will be single sex. Room allocation will be decided closer to the time of departure.

### Can my son or daughter pull out if their friends are not on the trip?

We would encourage students to remain on the trip as they are likely to make friends by working together on the piste. However, if a student decides not to go and the place can be filled with another student on the waiting list it may be possible to make changes.

### Can my child take their phone with them?

Yes, however parents must be aware that all tech equipment is the responsibility of the child. There will be certain situations where phones will not be permitted such as mealtimes and after lights out. If phones are being misused we reserve the right to confiscate the items. Parents should check the roaming charges for phones before departure.

### How much will ski equipment cost? What will students need to pack?

The information provided by [Beth Hall](#) of Halsbury Travel should provide a good starting point for the costs of essential equipment. Please see below:

## Ski Wear

- Ski Jacket - £15 - £20
- Ski Trousers - £10
- Ski Hat - £5
- Ski Gloves - £5
- Goggles – essential - £6.50
- Sunglasses - optional
- Ski Socks - £2
- Warm Layers
- Thermal Underwear - £10
- Factor 30+ sun cream
- Lip Salve
- Back Pack

#### Recommended Shops

- Decathlon
- Sports Direct
- TK Maxx
- Aldi Ski Week
- Ebay
- Facebook Marketplace
- \*Prices above based on sale prices at Sports Direct as at 23/06/2021



### Don't Forget ...

- Bath towel
- Sturdy boots for snow use - £15
- Lightweight shoes for inside
- Gloves for non-skiing wear
- Euros for souvenirs & post cards home!
- Pack your belongings in a soft bag or holdall to make packing the coach easier
- Pack a pair of ski socks in your hand luggage ready for ski fit as you arrive