



# Sandhurst School

## Ski Visit 2025

<b>VISIT DATES</b>	<b>Saturday 05/04/2025 to Saturday 12/04/2025</b>
<b>RESORT</b>	<b>La Thuile, Italy</b>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<b>Alpechiara</b>
<b>VISIT ORGANISER</b>	<b>Mr Martin</b>



Following the success of our last visit at Easter 2023, we are going back to Italy. We will again stay in the village of Pré St Didier and ski at the superb resort of La Thuile! This resort is at high altitude with good snow and a range of pistes to suit the ability levels of the whole group.

## Visit cost - £1490.00

### All of the following is included in the ski visit package:

- **Accommodation** - 5 night's hotel accommodation on a half board basis.
- **Hot lunches** - Lunch vouchers for daily fully supervised lunches on the mountain.
- **Lift pass** - 5-day lift pass for the full ski area of the La Thuile resort.
- **Tuition** - 5-day snowsport course including 24 hours tuition over the course of the week by fully qualified English-speaking instructors.
- **Skis, boots and helmet** - From Interski's very own purpose-built equipment centres.
- **Apres-ski activities** - An exciting and varied après ski programme to ensure our time off the slopes is just as rewarding.
- **Insurance** - Comprehensive winter sports insurance.
- **Awards** - Interski Snowsport Accreditation with badges & certificates awarded at a special presentation on the final day.
- **Medical assistance** – Interski's unique 'Resort Rescue' service means there will be a dedicated member of staff on hand to translate, coordinate and liaise on insurance matters, should any students require medical attention of any kind. This is an amazing service which only Interski provides.
- **Snowco** - Access to the services of Snowco. This is Interski's highly convenient in-house ski wear rental service that delivers high quality rental ski wear direct to our hotel in the resort. The rental of this ski wear will incur an additional, but affordable, cost to parents.
- **Ski Visit Hoody** – all students will receive a hoodie to wear while travelling and on the visit.

## The Residence Alpechiara

The Hotel Alpechiara is elegant, tasteful, charming and traditional. Rooms are mostly for 3 or 4 and the majority have balconies. All rooms have satellite TV and all of the other comforts you would expect of a 4\* hotel. In addition, there is a comfortable lounge, a pleasant restaurant and a large meeting room. We stayed here on our last visit and we are very happy to be going back to this hotel again.

The bedrooms are clean and suitably furnished, and all have private facilities. Rooms are mostly for 3 or 4 people. The hotel also has a restaurant, meeting room and lounge. Meals are self-service style, giving students the option to choose and eat food they like. The food is of an excellent standard and went down very well with students on the last visit.



## La Thuile

La Thuile is situated at the top of the Aosta Valley on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc massif in northern Italy. We have selected this area to ski because of the excellent choice of runs and progression for beginner and intermediate skiers. The area is also particularly high giving good snow conditions, even late in the ski season. The piste map below shows the excellent array of blue and red ski runs. It is simply brilliant for our students and we have no hesitation in choosing to go back to La Thuile!



## Evening Activities

The fun doesn't just stop on the slopes. After a full day's skiing the group will return each day to freshen up at the hotel and get ready for the evening activities. Although the exact timetable of activities has not been finalised at this stage we can assure all applicants for this trip that they will be thoroughly entertained. Previous trips with Interski have included bowling, swimming, discos, ice cream parlours, pizza nights, movies and karaoke, as well as our own Sandhurst extravaganza games night. Our aim is to keep the students busy and entertained for the whole week and to provide a week they will remember forever.

## Additional Equipment

To participate in this visit, students will require a range of equipment. Where possible you can use what you already have. It is your choice as to whether you choose to hire, borrow or purchase a ski jacket and salopettes (ski trousers). With growing teenagers, it often makes sense to hire this clothing although, there are also bargains to be found at the end of seasons for ski clothing and equipment. If you choose to go with the hire option, we can recommend using Interski's [snowco.co.uk](http://snowco.co.uk) and we can assist you with this closer to the visit date. Snowco also has a comprehensive range of other items for you to purchase at competitive prices. TK Maxx and online options can be good too. Please see the guide list of equipment below.

- Thermal top and thermal trousers
- Ski socks x 3 (not regular socks please)
- Light base layer fleece or roll neck jumper
- Salopettes and Ski Jacket
- Ski Gloves
- Woolly hat
- Ski Goggles
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Sturdy shoes (trainers)

**Please remember – skis, ski boots and helmets are supplied as part of our package with Interski.**

**\*\*Mobile phones are not permitted on the visit due to injury concerns, lack of security and possible damage\*\***

## Ski Lessons and Preparations

Some parents choose to send their child to dry slope lessons to learn ski basics and get a feel for skiing prior to the visit. While this is useful and does assist new skiers in adapting and preparing, it is not essential and will not stop your child from having a wonderful experience on this visit.

Your child will need to have a reasonable level of strength and fitness to effectively participate in this week. There are online ski exercise routines which can help students prepare effectively where fitness is of concern.

## Costing and Application Details

If your child would like to be considered for a place on this visit, please pay the deposit of £250.00 to the Finance Office or on ScoPay by **12 noon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

**All passport, EHIC and medical information will be collected closer to departure.**

Payment can be made via the schools online facility, by cheque or by cash to the finance office. All cheques should be made payable to Sandhurst School Private Account with "Ski 2025", your child's name and tutor group on the back, cash should be in an envelope with the same details and amount inside written on the front. **If the visit is oversubscribed names will be drawn at random to ensure equal opportunity for all students applying.**

Unfortunately, due to the recreational nature of this visit it is very unlikely the school would be able to provide any financial assistance to parents or carers.

**Payment Schedule - please make payments by the dates listed below.**

Payment 1: Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 - £250.00 (Deposit)	Payment 8: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 - £100.00
Payment 2: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023 - £100.00	Payment 9: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 - £100.00
Payment 3: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 - £100.00	Payment 10: Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024- £100.00
Payment 4: Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024- £100.00	Payment 11: Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 - £100.00
Payment 5: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024- £100.00	Payment 12: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 - £100.00
Payment 6: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 - £100.00	<b>Final Payment: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 - £140</b>
Payment 7: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024- £100.00	

## Agreement

Due to the long-term nature of payments for this visit, if your child's name is selected, you will have entered an agreement with the school to complete all payments. Withdrawal from this agreement will only be possible if we are able to find a replacement student to take your child's place. Due to the terms of our agreement with Interski, the initial £250.00 deposit is non-returnable if for any reason your child is unable to attend this visit.

As a part of our agreement with Interski, the school must confirm student numbers, pay deposits for these students and continue to make regular payments by agreed dates. This in turn allows Interski to book and confirm all aspects of the trip on time. For these reasons, we ask parents to ensure they keep payments on schedule, as detailed above, and up to date. We don't mind payments being made in advance however, late payments can place us under a lot of pressure, require awkward phone calls with parents and absorb a lot of time. For the reasons outlined above if you are going to be late with a payment, we ask you to notify the finance office to agree an altered payment schedule.

**All payments must be completed in full by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

Please keep this brochure as a reference. Students will be informed soon after Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October whether they have successfully gained a place on this visit. Unsuccessful applicant's will have their deposits returned. If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me with the details below.

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**Visit Coordinator**

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