

# ANDORRA, April 2022

St Hildas Ski Trip

# St Hilda's Church of England High School Ski Trip

9<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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# The Rayburn Difference

We are an **independent, family-run company** and we have been creating unforgettable international experiences for groups **since 1965**



Over **100** travel experts



Creating completely tailor-made experiences



For over **23,000** passengers each year

*Our tailor-made ski trips include:*



Party Leader Rucksack



Ski Ties for every passenger



Dedicated ski rep



Hot lunch venues



Vamoos



Local instructors

*and more...*

# Safety on Tour

## Safety is our Priority

- ✓ Every element of every tour is carefully assessed and monitored
- ✓ Founding member of the School Travel Forum (STF)
- ✓ Partnerships with external health and safety organisations and advisors

## Our Robust Safety Management System includes:

- ✓ Accommodation and Coach Operator Audits
- ✓ Excursion and activity assessments
- ✓ Risk Management handbooks
- ✓ 24-hour on-tour emergency contact and Crisis Management Plan
- ✓ DBS checked staff, couriers and coach drivers

## Your Child's Learning & Development Matters

- ✓ Educational experiences tailored to complement the National Curriculum, GCSE and A-Level specifications (or equivalent)
- ✓ Quality educational experiences reinforced by our Learning outside the Classroom Quality Badge



# Tour Inclusions

## Coach and Channel Crossing

- ✓ Use of an executive coach
- ✓ Return short channel crossings
- ✓ Return transfers to the slopes each day

## Accommodation & Meal Arrangements

- ✓ 5 nights' accommodation at Hotel Panorama on a half board basis
- ✓ Hot lunches provided at a piste side location

## Ski Elements

- ✓ 5 day local ski pass with no limitations
- ✓ 5 day ski hire including skis, boots, poles and helmets
- ✓ 4 local ski instructors dedicated to your group, each providing a minimum of 25 hours of instruction (5 hours per day)

## Après ski Arrangements

- ✓ Rayburn Tours complimentary in-house après ski pack
- ✓ Evening presentation by the ski school with individual feedback cards and optional medals

## Rayburn Representative

- ✓ Tour courier dedicated to your group only

## Tour exclusions

- × Hotel security damage deposits and tourist tax (if applicable) as these will need to be paid on arrival at the accommodation
- × Meals on travel days other than those stated
- × Drinks with meals except water
- × Winter sports & travel insurance



# Accommodation

## Hotel Panorama

Situated in the center of Andorra, the 4\* Hotel Panorama is the best option for skiing in both Vallnord and Grandvalira, as well as sightseeing and shopping. Boasting exceptional views over Andorra and a fantastic fitness club and swimming pool, there's plenty to keep groups entertained after a good day on the slopes.

- ✓ Great for groups
- ✓ Excellent value
- ✓ Swimming Pool
- ✓ Tax free shopping



# Vallnord Fact File



Highest Point	2,625m
Resort Height	1,550m
No. of Lifts	30
Km of Piste	93km
Artificial Coverage	90%
Beginner Runs	53%
Intermediate Runs	37%
Advanced Runs	10%
Coach Transfer Times	Calais: 17hrs Barcelona: 3hrs

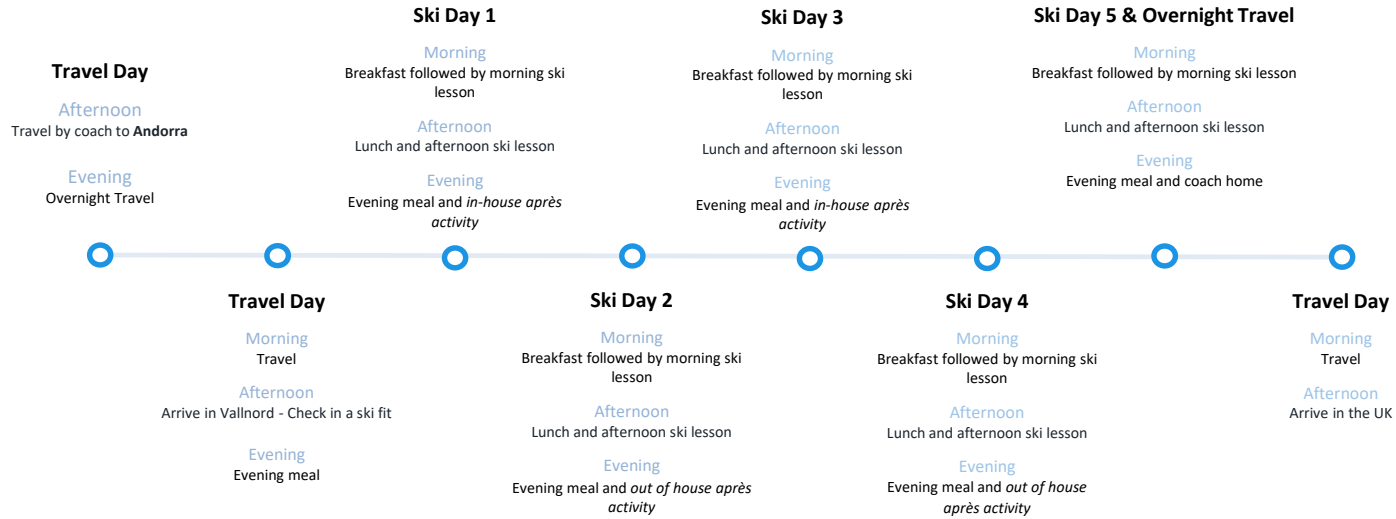
# Snow conditions

- We are going at the end of the season
- Last season late coverage is no guide
- 90% coverage
- Resort recouping losses



# Our Outline Itinerary

Here's what your trip will look like



# Arrangements

- 62 pupils, 9 staff
- Staff:
  - Mr Norton: 10+ years skiing experience, 7 as Party Leader.
  - Mrs Carley: 10+ years of skiing and ski trip experience
  - Mr Walsh – This will be Mr Walsh's second ski trip and he will be joining the Intermediate skiers on their learning journey
  - Mr Fitzpatrick has some ski experience and as joining us on his first St Hildas Ski trip
  - Miss Musembi is an experienced skier on her first St Hildas Ski trip
  - Miss Rahman has been learning to ski and joins us on her first St Hildas Ski trip
  - Mr Williams is a very experienced skier on his first Ski trip with St Hildas
  - Miss Bulmer last Skied with us in America in 2014 and is back for more!
  - Mr Goodrum is joining us on his first St Hildas Ski trip.

# PAYMENTS

- TOTAL TO PAY - £913
- DEADLINE 29<sup>th</sup> January
- I have info on outstanding amounts for anyone who needs it at the end
- So far minimum paid should be £300

# COVID LATEST

- *We are pleased to see that international travel has begun to open up over recent months, but understand of course that there is still some uncertainty surrounding travel restrictions, vaccination statuses, testing and entry requirements. These can be particularly confusing at the moment as they vary from destination to destination. Please be assured this is something that we at Rayburn are continuing to monitor, alongside the School Travel Forum (STF) and we will be delivering updates on the situation and your options over the coming months. With the fast-paced changes to the rules and regulations, the picture for Easter is impossible to interpret at the moment. We are hopeful that we'll be back to business as usual in the not too distant future.*
- UK RED LIST – No countries are on the UK red list at this point in time.



## Can I enter France?

### If you are vaccinated

If you are vaccinated, you can travel to France with no restrictions linked to health conditions.

The measures applicable to vaccinated adults also apply to any minors accompanying them, whether they are vaccinated or not. You can therefore travel with your underage children, whether they are vaccinated or not, and they will not need to self-isolate. **Unvaccinated children aged 12 and over will need to present a negative test result as described below.**

### Travel documents if you are vaccinated:

- › **proof of vaccination.** It will only be valid if it proves that you are fully vaccinated, i.e.:
  - › Seven days after the second shot for two-shot vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria and Covishield));
  - › Four weeks after the shot for one-shot vaccines (Johnson & Johnson);
  - › Seven days after the shot for vaccines administered to people who have already had COVID-19 (only one dose is necessary).


Only vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)), or AstraZeneca (Covishield) will be accepted.
- › a **sworn declaration**, which you can download from the [Interior Ministry's website](#) stating that
  - › you have no symptoms of COVID-19 infection;
  - › to your knowledge, you have not been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to your journey.



To avail of the exemptions above, you must have a document proving the reasons for your trip.

## If you are not vaccinated and you arrive from an “orange” country

**Countries/territories on the “orange” list:** every country/territory in the world, except those on the green list and red list.

- › You can only travel to France if you have pressing grounds for travel. The list of pressing grounds is set out in the certificate of international travel drawn up by the [Ministry of the Interior](#) .
- › Each traveller aged 12 and over must present **a negative PCR test taken less than 72 hours** before departure **or a negative antigenic test taken less than 48 hours** before departure. If you are arriving from the **United Kingdom**, the PCR or antigenic test must have been taken less than 24 hours before boarding.

If you have previously contracted COVID-19, instead of a negative test result you may present a certificate of recovery dated more than 11 days and less than 6 months prior to the date of arrival. A certificate of recovery is a document issued to persons who have contracted COVID-19, upon presentation of a positive RT-PCR or antigenic test.

- › You may be subject to a random test when you arrive in France.
- › You must pledge to **self-isolate for 7 days**.

## DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE ANY HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO ENTER ANDORRA?

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- Andorra, like most of the countries in its environment applies a series of protocols for people visiting the country. **Citizens of the European Union and assimilated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, the United Kingdom, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican) are exempt from having and/or presenting any health certificate.**

- **Anyone aged twelve (12) or over entering Andorra from a country other than the European Union or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, the United Kingdom, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican must have a valid certificate (point 3) and present it when requested to do so by the authorities. In the case of those aged twelve (12) or over arriving in Andorra who have stayed ten (10) or more consecutive nights in one or more of these areas just before arriving in Andorra, they are not required to have and/or present any health certificate.**

- **CERTIFICATES ACCEPTED:**

**A. Vaccination certificate** issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin at least 14 calendar days after the date of administration of the last dose of the complete vaccination schedule, or a certificate attesting that the person has had the disease and is vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the vaccine and that fourteen (14) days have elapsed since it was administered. The vaccine must be authorised by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the World Health Organization (WHO) or a regulatory authority for medical devices.

The accrediting documentation may be written in Catalan, Spanish, French or English, can be presented in digital or physical format and must contain at least the following information: name and surname(s) of holder, date of vaccination, type of vaccine administered, number in a series of vaccinations and number of doses, issuing country and the certificate issuer.

**B. TMA or PCR diagnostic certificate** with a negative result for SARS-CoV-2, carried out in the seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival in the Principality of Andorra.

The accrediting documentation may be written in Catalan, Spanish, French or English, can be presented in digital or physical format and must contain at least the following information: name and surname(s) of holder, issuing country, date and time of sample and test type.

**C. Recovery certificate** issued by the competent authority or a medical service at least 11 days after the first positive TMA or PCR test. This certificate is valid for 180 calendar days from the date the sample was taken for this TMA or PCR test.

The accrediting documentation may be written in Catalan, Spanish, French or English, can be presented in digital or physical format and must contain at least the following information: name and surname(s) of holder, date of sample of first test with positive result, test type and issuing country.

- Given existing healthcare agreements, residents of Spain, France and Portugal are advised to obtain a travel document from the Social Security office of their country. People of other nationalities are advised to take out private travel insurance to provide coverage against COVID-19 or other possible incidents during their stay in Andorra.

# TRAVEL

- Depart School Saturday 9 April 2022
- Arrive Hotel Sunday 16 April 2022
  
- Return journey depart hotel Friday 15 April
- Arrive school Saturday 16 April



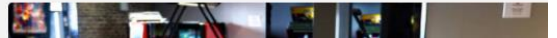
# Channel

- We will be crossing the channel on a ferry.
- Pupils will have an hour or so to stretch their legs and eat/relax
- Coach company – 72 seater executive coach

# Hotel Panorama, Andorra La Vella







# Hotel Panorama

- **Hotel Panorama**
- We've been sending ski groups to the 4-star Hotel Panorama in Andorra for years now, and there's a reason why it constantly receives such positive feedback from our groups. Having just returned from a week-long stay there myself, I've seen first-hand why it's perfectly suited for school groups.
- Here's why we think it's the best accommodation option in Andorra...
- **Excellent location**
- Whilst it's not piste-side, Hotel Panorama does boast a location where groups can easily visit the pedestrianised streets of Andorra la Vella in the evening. It's literally a few minutes into town and once you're there, you'll find an abundance of shops, restaurants and parks all in a safe and friendly environment. And when it comes to the slopes, they're just a 10-minute bus ride away, giving groups the best of both worlds.
- **4-star facilities**
- It certainly lives up to its 4-star rating, featuring an on-site swimming pool and spa, games room and conference room which can be used for film and quiz nights. Basically, they've got you covered with on-site après activities – perfect for those nights when you just want to stay indoors.
- **The best buffet ever**
- Buffets can sometimes be a love it or hate it meal option, but we've got nothing but love for this buffet. Catering for both breakfast and evening meals, the hotel serves up some delicious food with a wide variety of options. They also cater for anyone with allergies or intolerances, meaning the whole group can tuck in! Personally, I was really impressed by the food and enjoyed every meal.
- **In a nutshell**
- All in all, the Hotel Panorama is an excellent accommodation option for anyone wanting to visit Andorra on a ski trip. With its town-side location, superb facilities and great food, it's no wonder it's a favourite of both our customers and staff alike.

# Ski Lessons

- There will likely be 3 skiing groups, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.
- Each pupil will get lessons appropriate to their ability and experience
- 2.5 hour lesson in the morning and 2.5 hour lesson in the afternoon. Ski instructors are in sole charge during this time.
- Piste-side packed lunches provided.
- Staff will ski with the groups as much as possible.
- Andorra has a huge variety of skiing and is spread over a large Geographical area.

# Ski Equipment

- Equipment provided by Rayburn
  - Skis
  - Poles
  - Ski Boots
  - Lift Pass
- Essential equipment you will need to Hire or Buy
  - Ski Jacket
  - Salopettes
  - Helmet
  - Ski Gloves
  - Warm hat
  - Goggles and /or sunglasses
  - Suncream and lipsalve
  - Thermal clothing layers
  - Ski socks

# Spending Money



- We will run a bank system where pupils can leave money to be left securely with staff in a safe, and be accessed at agreed times during the trip, usually in the evenings after dinner.
- We ask for everyone to place a minimum of 40 euros into this bank to cover minor excursion costs, eg ice skating, cinema visits, driver tips etc.
- You can put more than this in and the pupil can withdraw as much as they like and manage their money however they like.
- Any money left over after the trip will be given back to the pupils in Euros.



# Additional info

- Passports (to be collected in advance)
- EHIC Cards (to be collected in advance)
- Insurance
- Chillfactor
- Measurements for ski fit (Height (cm), Weight (Kilos), Shoe size)
- Any further questions?
- AC sports presentation

Until January 2022 we will be closed on Fridays, so opening hours will be Monday - Thursday and Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm.

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# AC Sports

Ski Clothing & Accessories  
The School Uniform Centre

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## Welcome to AC Sports

The North West's ski clothing hire specialists and school uniform centre

We are doing our best to ensure all of our services remain available during these difficult times. In our online shop we provide a comprehensive range of school uniforms as well as a selection of personalised clothing. If you would like to open a savings account and/or order your uniform