

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy 2016 Ski Bridge Holiday





4* Superior Cristal Palace Hotel

Saturday 12th- 19th March 2016

We are delighted to be hosting our first ski/Bridge holiday to the 4* Cristal Palace Hotel in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy. The hotel is 700 metres from the centre of Madonna, has a private shuttle bus and offers excellent cuisine, an indoor pool and full wellness/spa facilities. Madonna offers excellent skiing in the picturesque Dolomites.

Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme and, as ever, the bridge standard is friendly Intermediate and no partner necessary. Jack and Annabel Stocken will be running all other aspects of the holiday. Please book early as there has been a lot of initial interest in this new holiday destination.

We have a wonderful team of ski leaders headed by Suzi McArthur and Paul Ubysz. The ski leaders are all current or ex Ski Club of Great Britain reps and bring all their charm and expertise to the slopes. **NEW for 2016:** We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight.

Madonna di Campiglio is Italy's number one ski resort and a fashionable, charming town nestling in the Dolomites.

Resort:

Madonna di Campiglio, a discreet and elegant town nestling at an altitude of 1550 metres in the stupendous valley between the Brenta Dolomites and the glaciers of Adamello and Presanella, is today most certainly Italy's number one ski resort as well as one of the most important resorts in the Alps.

Madonna regularly hosts the World Cup Alpine and snowboarding races.



Skiing:

The variety of its mountain surroundings mean that in winter it is possible to ski over countless kilometres of runs, up to an altitude of 2600 metres and with different degrees of difficulty.

What's more, you can set out from the centre of the town and return there without ever removing your skis.

Today the Ski Area boasts 57 lifts and 150 km of ski runs, with a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour, 50,000 sq m of snow park, 40 km for Nordic skiing and the link up to the pistes to Pinzolo, Folgarida and Marilleva.





One of Italy's largest ski resorts, Madonna di Campiglio has 100 miles of downhill pistes on 51 individual tracks, plus 20 miles of cross-country trails. Campiglio is also part of the greater Skirama Dolomiti Adamello-Brenta area, giving visitors access to eight Alpine ski resorts and over 200 miles of slopes.

There is also plenty to do for non-skiers: cross country skiing and snowshoeing to take in the beautiful scenery, dogsledding, tobogganing and ice-skating to name but a few.

Ski Leaders:

We are delighted to have the services of our team of ski leaders to cater for different ski standards and larger numbers, as this service has been so popular in recent years. Led by Suzi McArthur and Paul Ubysz, the team have kindly agreed to ski guide for the week on a voluntary basis. There will be a number of groups, catering for different standards. **NEW for 2016:** We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight guests.

To join our ski leaders, skiers need to be able to ski red runs competently; our ski leaders reserve the right to swap people between groups and if necessary, tell a skier that they must make their own arrangements with ski school at their own expense.

Bridge:

The Bridge will be played in the Charlie Chaplin room from 5.30pm onwards. The Bridge programme will follow its regular format, namely a pre-dinner tuition session with Andrew Robson's set hands, 5.30pm – 7pm, and after dinner, Gentle Duplicate, 9pm - 11pm, aimed at the friendly Intermediate player. **NEW for 2016:** Supervised Rubber Bridge will be offered after dinner as an alternative to Duplicate (minimum numbers apply). The Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board duplicate. For further information please contact Jack.

Hotel:

The Cristal Palace Hotel www.cristalpalacecampiglio.it/en/ is a charming small 4* Superior hotel. The hotel is situated approximately 700 metres from the centre of Madonna di Campiglio and has a shuttle bus to take guests to/from the centre. ARB Holidays have arranged for the shuttle bus to be exclusively used by our Bridge party between 09.00 - 09.30am & 16.00 - 16.30pm to get to/from the main ski lifts.

Rooms are tastefully furnished (please refer to p4 for further details regarding bedrooms). ARB Holidays will dine in the Panoramic Restaurant overlooking the magnificent Dolomites, whilst enjoying the local cuisine.



The Wellness & Spa facilities include bio-sauna, indoor Finnish sauna, steam bath and outdoor Finnish sauna with snow dive. There is a heated indoor swimming pool (pictured below), hot tub, beauty centre and massage facilities. The Beauty Centre offers a large variety of treatments using excellent products. It is recommended to book treatments early.



There will be a Welcome Drink for our group on the first evening in the Caruso lounge bar.

Breakfast is eaten in the Panoramic Restaurant between 0730 and 1100. There is a daily breakfast buffet.

There will be afternoon tea served in the Caruso Lounge bar for our group. This will include tea, coffee and cake from 4.15 -5.00pm daily.

Please ensure that all luggage is clearly labelled so that porters can deliver them directly to the bedrooms.

Bedrooms: All rooms are non-smoking, decorated in natural, warm colours and comfortably equipped offering LCD satellite with SKY channels, small desk, direct dial telephone, free WIFI internet connection, hair dryer, minibar, electronic safe. As always, all rooms will be allocated on a "First come, first served basis" and rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion. Please note that twin bedded rooms are "Austrian doubles" so one wooden bed frame with mattresses inches apart. Please specify on your booking form if you would prefer bath or shower.

Classic Room: As above. Approximately 18-20 m2 comfortable and tastefully

decorated, complete with private marble bath or shower.

Mountain view.

Superior Room: As above. Approximately 22-25 m2 spacious and tastefully decorated,

complete with marble bathrooms with bath or shower. All rooms have

a balcony with a panoramic view overlooking the valley.

Deluxe Room: As above. Approximately 26-28 m2 spacious and furnished with high

quality finishes, complete with marble bathrooms with bath and

shower. All rooms have a balcony with a stunning view.

Suite: The hotel has only four suites, none of which are in our current room

allocation. However, it may be possible to request one subject to

availability.





Classic Room

Superior Room

Transport, Prices and Booking Conditions

Booking: Bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a £250 non-refundable deposit

cheque (or preferably an online payment) and booking form. Please try to book

early so we can accommodate any requests you may have.

<u>Transport:</u> Scheduled flight Gatwick – Verona on British Airways.

Please note: If you would like to travel independently then you may deduct £150 from the

package price below.

Package includes:

British Airways flight Gatwick – Verona.

- Coach transfer to the hotel (approximately two and a half hours).
- > Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening.
- Afternoon tea to include tea, coffee and cake.
- All Bridge as outlined on page 3.
- > Daily ski programme led by Suzi, Paul, Sean and Sheridan, all current or ex-Ski Club of Great Britain reps, exclusively for our group. Number of ski leaders is subject to final group numbers.
- Accommodation as detailed below.

Accommodation: Cristal Palace Hotel: half-board accommodation and rooms as described on page 4.

Please note: Rooms do vary in size and style. Please note that not all rooms have baths, some are shower only. Please stipulate on the booking form if you would prefer a shower only or bath. Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted, but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

Package price: Please see page 4 for details of rooms.

Classic room	1 person	£1645
Superior room	2 sharing 1 person	£1395 £1795
Deluxe room	2 sharing	£1545

Money:

- ➤ Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before 1st December 2015, a surcharge appropriate to the fall will be charged to all clients.
- Group flights are non-changeable and non-refundable and deviations should be booked independently.
- The deposit is non-refundable
- The full balance is payable no later than 9 December 2015 (we will email a reminder).

<u>Insurance:</u> Everyone must have adequate travel insurance, to **include winter sports** if

necessary. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the necessary arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Lift Pass:

In 2015 the 'Ski area Campiglio Dolomiti di Brenta Val di Sole Val Rendena' adult six-day pass is EUR 220 (£165). This price is subject to a rise in 2016 and also subject to change depending on the exchange rate and the new rates for 2016. There is a small discount for seniors.

It will be possible to pre purchase your 6 day ski pass when you pay your balance and be collected from Jack before the start of Bridge on the first evening.

Ski Hire:

We shall be using Rent and Go Campiglio Nord for which there is a 10% discount for our group.

Cancellation:

The deposit is non-refundable and a cancellation charge may be made to cover any costs incurred. Once the balance has been paid, no refunds can be given.

<u>Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL):</u>

Your flights are covered by ATOL licence 4013, Switzerland Travel Centre. ATOL exists to protect the public from losing money or being stranded abroad because of the failure of air travel firms. It gives comprehensive financial protection to 28 million people in the UK who buy flights or air holidays each year.

<u>Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd – Liability:</u>

In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions (e.g. ash cloud), acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays and our ski leaders accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident, or death that may occur on this ski bridge holiday.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JACK STOCKEN

via email: jack@yorkshirebridge.com or by phone: 07775 892 720



BOOKING FORM

MADONNA SKI & BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2016

Please fill in this form and **preferably pay the £250 deposit via online banking** (email Jack for details) OR make cheque payable to "Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays" and post to Jack Stocken, 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire DL8 4SL.

1.	I would like to I	I would like to book persons on the trip, detailed as below:		
	(if flying, plea name and Sur	ing Title (Mr, Mrs etc) se enter Title, Christian name as on passport)	Room type (see page 4) – please circle below Classic Room (twin or double – bath or shower) Superior Room (twin / double – bath or shower) Deluxe Room (twin or double)	
2.	Insurance: Please sign below to state that you have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday, including Winter Sports, and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as on the holiday's page of our website www.yorkshirebridge.co.uk under "Bridge Holidays", drop down menu "About Holidays" Name Signature			
3. 4.	Name:	Main	ails (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) Contact Number: se note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. an meals, allergies etc	
5.	Please fully co	mplete the section below in BL	OCK CAPITALS:	
	Address			
	Telephone			
	Mobile			
	Email			

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