

The Club Holiday 2012 – to Alpe d’Huez

The Club has run an annual ski holiday for many years now and the recent trip to Sestriere was a great success, enjoyed by everyone who was there. Next years’ excursion will be to the French resort of Alpe d’Huez from the 28th January till the 4th February. I have initially booked 34 places in the hotel Le Petit Prince at basic price of £675 per person (flying from Scotland) and there will be a group discount of approximately £80 deducted from this, the exact amount depending on the final numbers. Ski carriage is £30. Ski passes are £204 for adults, £158 for Seniors (aged 65-71) and apparently free to those of 72 and over. We may be able to negotiate a discount on ski passes (and ski/boot hire) if enough people pre-order them).

Le Petit Prince has recently been renovated and refurbished and has shot up the Trip Adviser list from 11th to 2nd because of extremely favourable reviews from people who have been there in the last couple of months. The rooms booked are either twins or doubles and ensuite with walk-in wetroom type showers and a balcony. I understand that there are no rooms with baths or single rooms and that single occupancy carries a huge supplement. The hotel has a lounge bar and sun terrace and is 5 minutes walk from the pistes and from the village centre.

Alpe d’Huez has a very big ski area – only 50 kms of marked runs less than Tignes/Val d’Isere - suitable for all grades of skier and with extensive off-piste possibilities. The flights are from Glasgow or Edinburgh to Chambery and the transfer time to the resort is just over 2 hours. For non-skiers, there are indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a huge ice rink and a large sports centre.

Scottish Ski Club holidays are the stuff of legend. While the snow and weather cannot be guaranteed, you are assured of good company and laughter. Most of those who were on this years’ trip have already booked for next year! If you wish to join us, then get on the phone to Burnside Travel (0141 647 5101) to book and pay your deposit of £130 per person. If you want to find out more, contact me by e-mail at wothomson@msn.com.

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p.s. Despite what Alan Forbes said in a previous Newsletter, you don’t have to be over 60 to come, but you do have to be young at heart!