

## 2025 Ski Council of Illinois goes Italian!



The Ski Council of Illinois (SKI) is organizing a ski trip to the Val di Fassa region in Northern Italy. The dates are February 28 to March 8, 2025. It's in the largest skiing district in the Italian Alps and part of the Dolomite Range, which is directly linked with the Sella Ronda Ski Tour. The area has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site and is part of the Dolomiti Superski which links 12 skiing areas together using the same pass.

Lodging will be at the Hotel Azola in the town of Canazei in the Val di Fassa. They are a small boutique hotel, family run, with only 21 rooms. SKI has reserved 18 rooms with 16 rooms having been secured by individuals with their deposit. **This leaves only 2 more rooms available for our group.** These will be reserved on a first come-first served basis. SKI plans to start a waiting list, if necessary. If there is overwhelming interest, SKI may decide to contract additional rooms at a neighboring hotel.

Package includes:

- 7 nights of double occupancy at the Hotel Azola (maximum 18 rooms)
- 7 breakfasts and 7 dinners at the Hotel
- Air (estimated price is \$1000) from O'Hare to Venice (premium seating classifications may be available.)
- Bus transfer from/to Venice Airport and our hotel

Package does not include:

- Lift tickets (approx. \$425 for the week)
- Ski guide the first day
- Air taxes, gratuities for drivers and guides

Estimated trip price is \$2,500 USD.

Optional Post Trip – March 8-11 in Venice for \$600

Trip includes:

- 3 nights lodging in Venice
- 3 breakfasts
- Bus and water taxi transfers

Not included:

- Dinners and gratuities

Below is additional information about the trip from SKI and our trip provider Maxine, from Alpine Adventures, including some non-skiing activities.

#### HOTEL AZOLA

The hotel is family owned and run by the most fun lady. She will love you guys.

It's cute and small and very Italian with lots of repeat customers (always a good sign). Rooms are small and nicely decorated. They have a small shuttle bus that will take you directly from the hotel to the lift (of course not everyone can fit on the shuttle at the same time but its only about 5 minutes back and forth) so they will do laps to the lift - OR you could walk there (maybe 15 minutes) OR you could walk to the ski bus stop (about 5 minutes).

#### SKI GUIDE

Maxine can arrange a ski guide and suggests a morning tour on the first day. The guide can meet us either at our hotel or the lift. Cost is approximately \$55 per person. (Eight people with similar ability per guide... suggest a low intermediate and an advanced intermediate group.)

2nd day - Guide for the Sella Ronda tour or Panorama tour - this is a FULL DAY, approx. \$95 per day (8 per guide). Prices are estimated based on this year's rates.

#### NON-SKIERS

Loads of great things to do - there is the bus that runs all up and down the valley during the day that can take people (for a small charge) to visit other villages.

Private trips to the medieval town of Bolzano by taxi - - Maxine can help us arrange or people can book it through the front desk.

#### SNOWSHOEING - tour with guides

#### SNOWSHOEING evening fairy tour with guides and dinner

#### QC Terme

An amazing place full of pools, hot tubs, outdoor hot tubs, plunge pools, salt rooms, - great experience for the group to do one night after skiing - located about 15 mins from the hotel - we would need private transportation.

#### TOBOGGANING

From fun-filled evenings tobogganing home from a magnificent feast in a remote mountain hut

### HORSE DRAWN SLEIGHS

Horse-drawn sleigh rides sipping hot *vin Brule* and crunching on roasted chestnuts.

### SHOPPING

Exploring specialized boutiques for the latest in ski wear and equipment – all these in ancient towns and villages with a heritage, language, and culture all their own.

### GASTRONOMIC SPECIALTIES

For the foodies there is a wide choice of spectacular mountain *Rifugio* which serve amazing food and don't require skis to reach them. [Rifugio Fedarola](#), [Chalet 44 Alpine Lounge](#), and [Rifugio Fuciade](#) are three that spring to mind, but there are many others (also at village level, such as the [Agritur El Mas](#) in Moena). You can even book a stay overnight.

### OTHER AREAS

Individuals who would like to travel to other areas in Europe can contact Maxine who may be able to assist you.

### INSURANCE

People can sign up for regular trip insurance up until final payment is due to SKI on 11/20/24. See attachment for suggested insurance options or obtain insurance on your own.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION TO O'HARE (ORD)

SKI is researching bus transportation options from Peoria to Bloomington to Pontiac to O'Hare. Another option is to drive up the night before, get a room and leave your car at the hotel for a week or until you return.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

2/1/24	\$400 Deposit due to SKI
6/15/24	\$500 Deposit due to SKI
8/15/24	\$500 Deposit due to SKI
11/20/24	Final balance due to SKI

If any individuals cancel after 12/1/24, 100% of trip price is non-refundable. SKI and Alpine Adventures strongly advise all individuals to protect their trip with trip insurance.

All prices are estimates and subject to change. Room prices are based on double occupancy.

If you are interested in this trip, please contact Gary Kindred ASAP for more information and to get you on this trip!

217-494-1956  
Garykindred55@gmail.com

## **Trip Insurance Suggestions**

Listed below are insurance suggestions from our Tour Operator Max Jensen with Alpine Adventures. She can be contacted by email at: [max@alpineadventures.net](mailto:max@alpineadventures.net) or 1(800)755-1330 #120 work, and 435-503-0851 cell.

We strongly advise all passengers to protect their trip with trip insurance – Alpine Adventures has 2 options for trip insurance that you can use.

**Go Ready** offers insurance based on the individual's age.

<https://goreadyinsurance.com/partners/alp/alpagent/single-trip>

*Or...*

**Vacation rental insurance** - through Generali Insurance and is based on total trip price.

<https://shop.vacationrentalinsurance.com/ALPINADV>

Please enter the booking number #13592

Agent name Max Jensen [max@alpineadventures.net](mailto:max@alpineadventures.net)

*Or...*

The company below was suggested by a Peoria Ski Club member who has used it.

### **Allianz**

Information:

[Travel Insurance Plans | Allianz Global Assistance \(allianztravelinsurance.com\)](#)

*Or...*

Other travel insurance options (may or may not offer CFAR)

John Hancock <https://www.johnhancocktravel.com>

Travel Protectors, LLC: <http://www.travelprotectors.com>

Travel Guard: <http://travelguard.com>

World Nomads: <https://www.worldnomads.com/>

Travel Insured: <https://www.travelinsured.com>

AXA Assistance: <https://www.axatravelinsurance.com/inithome>