

Goldington Academy Ski Trip 2027

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- 45 pupil places
- 6 members of staff + 1 rep
- 5 nights accommodation - all meals included (including hot lunch on the mountain each day of skiing)
- **5** days skiing (skiing only - no snowboarding)
- 5 hours of lessons per day
- Ski Hire (helmet/boots/skis/poles) - included
- Lift passes - included
- Apres Ski - Bowling/Spa/Pizza night/shopping night - included
- Insurance - included

Not included:

- Ski clothing...more on that later
- Meals whilst travelling....(DFDS ferries provide a free meal, but we can't guarantee we're travelling with them at this time).



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SAFETY AND ASSURANCE

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Through our supplier audits, which are regularly completed to School Travel Forum guidelines, we make sure that our transport, hotel and excursion suppliers are in line with national safety standards and are appropriately documented. Speak to your account manager about our Risk Assessments for more information.

ACCOMMODATION

We only choose accommodation options that are well suited for school groups. Audits are carried out on all of our properties on a regular basis for all essential safety concerns.

SAFEGUARDING

We follow the best practice standards as detailed by the NSPCC and the Department for Education, which is regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure continuous learning and improvement.

SUPPORT

Your account manager and our team of group co-ordinators will help put your trip together ensuring your itinerary meets your needs and your school trip runs smoothly. While you are away, we also have a dedicated support team on the phone 24/7 should you need any assistance.

TRANSPORT AUDITS

Our coach suppliers are well established, reliable and all undergo audits to ensure a high standard of vehicles and drivers. We also only use highly reputable and well recognised airlines.

COMMUNICATION

We strive for continuous improvement to build long-lasting relationships with our Party Leaders so, when you return from your trip, we make sure to catch up with you to listen to your feedback.

ACCREDITATIONS



We've been awarded a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge (LOtC) by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.



Equity is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) which protects you financially.



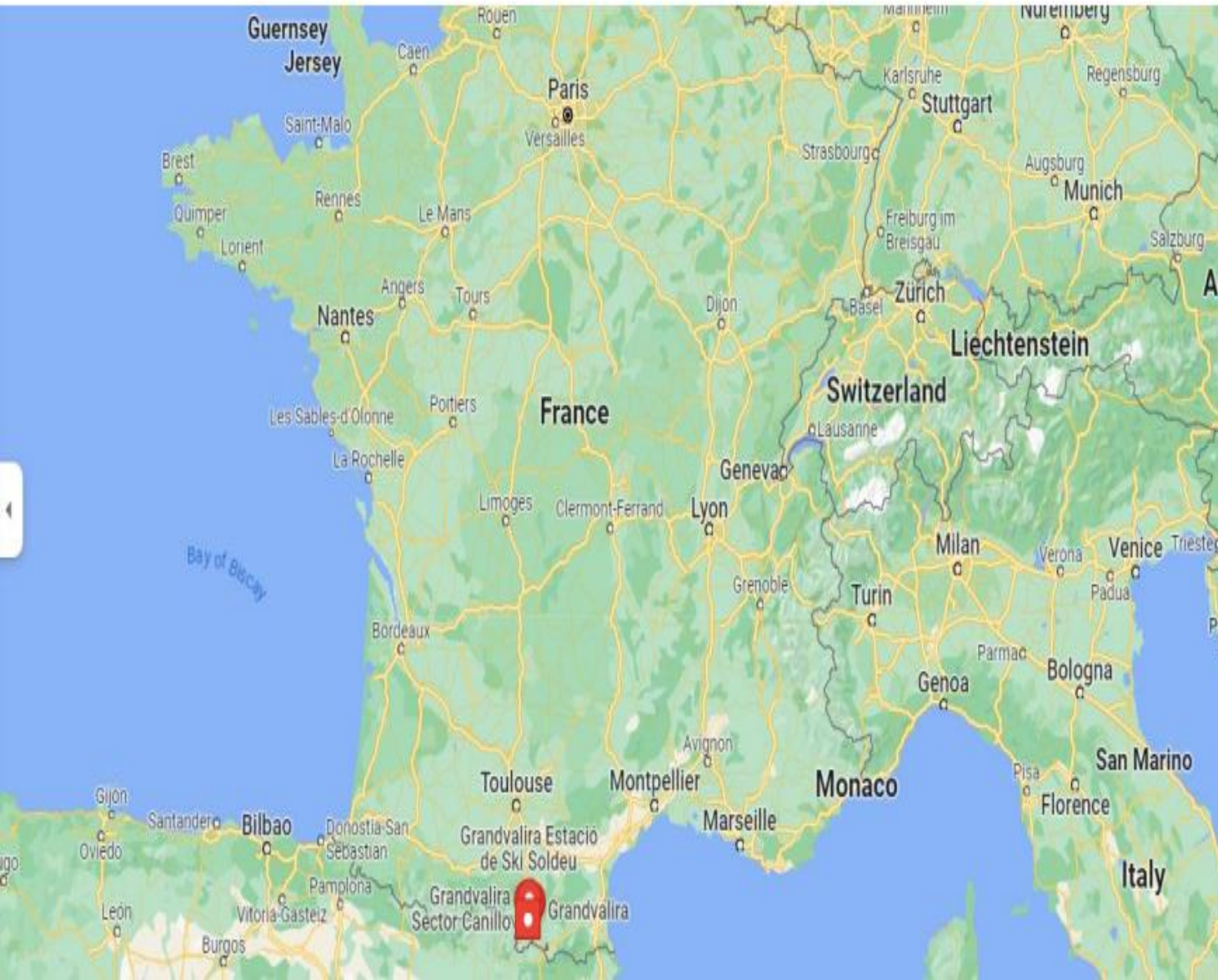
We are an assured member of the School Travel Forum (STF), promoting safety and good practice in school travel.



For your complete peace of mind, the air tour and flights that are arranged by Equity are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority.

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Where are we going?



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Travelling....by coach

Equity Snowcoach for 8 days

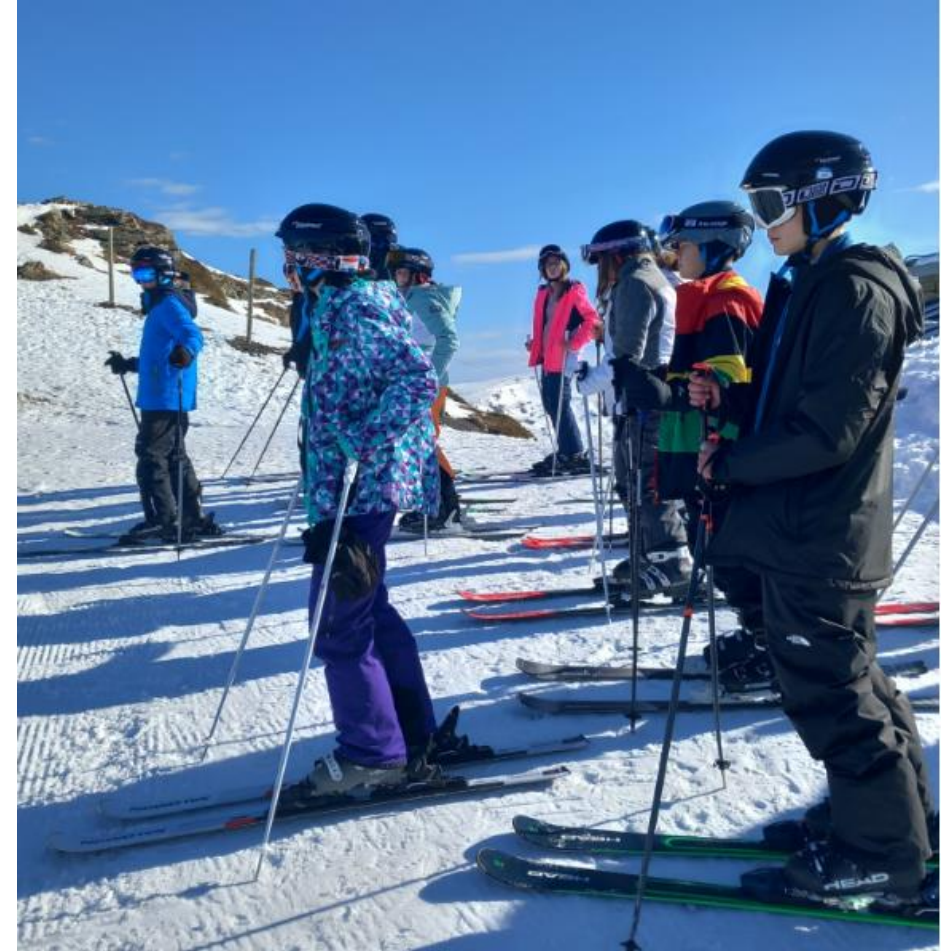
Departure

- 13/02/2027 - leave school circa 4pm.
- Dover to Calais Ferry crossing circa 9pm.
- 14/02/2027 - Overnight travel to Andorra - arrive circa 5pm.

Return

- 19/02/2027 - final day. Ski as normal in the day. Leave circa 6pm.
- 20/02/2027 - Calais to Dover crossing circa 11am - return to school circa 4pm.

Why travel by coach?
Lots of reasons....



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HOTEL ENCAMP

Address: Av. de Joan Martí, 95, AD200 Encamp, Andorra

A great choice for groups, this high-standard hotel is located just outside the Andorran resort of Encamp. Hotel Encamp is a 5-minute transfer to the main Funicamp resort gondola, which joins the town of Encamp with the area of Solanellas and the Ski School. The hotel is located close to all off-piste activities, just 2.5 miles from Caldea Thermal Spa and Andorra's capital, Andorra La Vella is 3.7 miles away. The hotel provides free Wi-Fi, a games room, a bar and a spacious restaurant that can be used for in-house evening entertainment. Rooms can sleep between 2 - 3 students and have en-suite facilities, plus satellite TV and a safety deposit box. Buffet breakfast and evening meals are available at the hotel and a hot lunch is provided on the mountain as standard. The hotel offers free bus transfers to Grandvalira ski resort and ski storage is available at the reception.

ROOMS

- Capacity: 60 rooms
- Rooms sleep 2 - 3
- En-suite
- TV
- Safety deposit box

FACILITIES

- Meals: Buffet breakfast and evening meals
- Free Wi-Fi
- Games room
- Bar
- Restaurant

THE AREA

- 5 minute transfer to Funicamp gondola
- Close to off piste activities
- Andorra La Vella is 3.7 miles away



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A typical day?

7.00am - wake up.

7.30am - breakfast

8.15am - take gondola to the slopes

9.00am - lessons begin

11.30am - 12.30pm - lunch

12.30pm - 3.00pm - afternoon lessons

3.00pm - 5.30pm - return to
hotel/shower/relax

5.30pm - 6.30pm - dinner

6.30pm - ? - après ski activity.



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Après ski:

1. Bowling
2. Caldea Spa
3. Pizza night in town
4. Shopping
5. Quiz



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Kit list - skiing

It is imperative that pupils have the correct ski wear - a school coat won't suffice. Temperatures fluctuate drastically at times and being cold/wet can lead to serious illnesses.

Not of the items listed below need to be costly and sales are the best times to buy them.

Essential ski items:

- Ski jacket (waterproof of c)
- Ski trousers (salopettes)
- Sweatshirt/hoodie
- Thermal base layers x3
- Ski gloves
- Hat
- Ski socks x3
- Neck warmer
- Goggles
- Sunglasses



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Attending the trip

- A letter will be sent out to you soon asking for you to pay an initial deposit of £100 by 30/06/2025 if your child would like to attend.
- Places are limited to 45 pupils.
- If we have over 45 pupils who wish to attend - all names go into a hat and are drawn at random.
- Any child who does not get a place from the draw will be put onto the waiting list and deposits returned.
- Names on the waiting list are drawn from a hat if a place becomes available.
- A payment schedule will be set up for increments to paid over time, however it can be paid in one go if parents would prefer.



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Payment schedule

1. 30/6/25- £100 deposit (non refundable)
2. 31/7/25- £100
3. 31/8/25- £100
4. 30/09/25 £100
5. 31/10/25 £100
6. 30/11/25 £100
7. 31/1/26 £100
8. 28/2/26 £100
9. 31/3/26 £100
10. 30/4/26 £100
11. 31/5/26 £100
12. 30/6/26 £100
13. 31/7/26 £100
14. 31/8/26 £100
15. 30/9/26 £100
16. 31/10/26- £45.00 (final payment)



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Final thoughts....

- Fantastic opportunity - for many a once in a lifetime!
- For skiers and non skiers...
- Skiing only - no snowboarding
- Outdoors a lot!
- Fitness and co-ordination
- Resilience + growth mindset - a necessity



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Questions?

