

Goldington Academy
Andorra Ski Trip
February 2025

Luggage

- Luggage will need to be labelled
- Luggage is limited to 1 soft case/suitcase plus hand luggage for coach
- Small pillow/blanket/coat for the coach
- Pupils must travel with Ski jackets – please don't pack them!
- A pair of ski socks will need to be included in hand luggage
- Exact leaving times will be confirmed next term

Passports

- The UK Foreign Office recommends that adult and child passports should have at least 6 months' validity remaining on the date of travel.

The Journey

Bedford – Dover

Dover – Calais

2 hours 30 minutes

Calais - Andorra

Approximately -
12/15 hours driving
plus stops (2)

Arrive at Grandvalira,
Andorra

The Journey

- Toilets on coach
- You may eat on the coach but not messy food!
- We will drive through the night after Calais – this will be quiet, sleep time
- There will be two stops between Calais and Andorra – approx every 5/6 hours at services, you will need to have Euros with you for food
- You can bring phones/ipads etc. However, we accept no responsibility for loss/damage....

On Arrival

- Walk to the ski fitters to have boots, skis and helmets fitted
- A pair of ski socks will need to be included in hand luggage
- Walk ski equipment to Hotel for storage of equipment
- Inspect rooms and unpack
- Dinner

Hotel Coray

Hotel Coray has a picturesque garden containing virtually unrivalled views of the Encamp valley, cosy and comfortable rooms await your arrival. A delicious breakfast will set you on the ideal course to hit the slopes in the morning, which will only require a short walk to the main lift in the resort. The Funicamp cable station will take you up to 2700m in just 15 minutes, meaning getting going in the morning will be hassle-free.

Hand-picked for schools because:

- **Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel**
- **Incredible location to access over 300km of skiing**
- **Stress-free journey to the slopes every morning**
- **Comfortable 3* hotel with friendly staff**
- **180 beds available**
- **Beautiful mountain village to enjoy**

Food

Hot and cold continental breakfast

Hot buffet lunch on the slopes

Dinner

Andorra
style buffet

The Skiing

- ✓ **Grandvalira is the largest resort in the Pyrenees**
- ✓ **138 Runs covering 210 km of skiable terrain**
- ✓ **Variety of graded runs from green to black!**
- ✓ **3 ski parks**

The Ski Tuition

- The Grandvalira ski school has English speaking instructors
- Students will only ski during ski lessons
- 5 Hours of daily lessons

How ski groups will be arranged

There will be the same instructors for your group during your holiday, they will take 4 pre determined groups

In an ideal world there will be the following groups;
BEGINNERS– INTERMEDIATE 1 – INTERMEDIATE 2 - ADVANCED

Groups may change depending on how you ski

NEVER SKIED BEFORE

- Have never been skiing before!

BEGINNER

- May have been skiing once before but would like to start the week slowly to get back into it!
- May have had lessons but need a slower start

INTERMEDIATE 1/INTERMEDIATE 2

- May have been on a skiing holiday before
- Can do snowplough turns and have skied on green and blue runs
- Will have had indoor ski lessons

ADVANCED

- Have been on ski holidays
- Can ski on red and black runs
- Can parallel turn

A typical ski day

- **0700hrs:** Wake up and get ready
- **0745hrs:** Breakfast at hotel before walking to ski meeting point
- **1000hrs:** Ski lessons with local ski school (3 hours)
- **1230hrs:** Lunch
- **1400hrs:** Begin afternoon ski instruction (2hrs)
- **1715hrs:** Meet back at the Hotel
- **1900hrs:** Dinner
- **2000hrs:** Evening Activity

Weather

How cold is it in Andorra in February?

- Daytime temperatures usually reach 1°C in Andorra in February, falling to -7°C at night.

How sunny is it in Andorra in February?

- There are normally 5 hours of bright sunshine each day in Andorra in February - that's 45% of daylight hours.

What to pack for skiing

Provided for you:

- Skis
- Ski poles
- Helmet (legal requirement)

What to pack for skiing

- Waterproof ski jacket – travel in this!
- Waterproof ski trouser
- Goggles
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Waterproof ski gloves or mittens
- 2/3 x Thermal tops and Thermal bottoms
- Warm hat/beanie/head band/balaclava
- Fleece
- Neck warmer
- 3 x Ski socks
- Comfortable, waterproof shoes
- High factor sun cream and lip balm

Personal organisation

- We do not take spares!
- If you forget or lose something then you will be without it!
- Personal organisation makes a big difference on the trip to the smooth running of the day.
- Pupils need to be able to unpack and pack away properly – unhelpful to be living out of a suitcase.
- We will be doing room checks!

My secret tips

- Snow boots
- Thin pair of cotton socks
- Ear plugs
- Eye mask
- Small pillow
- Thin fleece Blanket
- Blister plasters

Après Ski

Evening activities:

Bowling, Thermal Spa and Pizza night

- Jeans/trousers
- Snow boots/waterproof shoes
- Jumpers
- T-shirts
- Gloves
- Warm socks
- **Swim suit/shorts - sensible + modest!**
- Goldington Hoodie

The last ski day

Friday 21st February

- **0800hrs:** Room inspections and check out of rooms / secure luggage storage is arranged with the hotel
- **1000hrs:** Ski lessons
- **1315hrs:** Enjoy a hot buffet lunch on the slopes
- **1400hrs:** Afternoon ski instruction
- **1630hrs:** Return equipment to rental shop
- **1700hrs:** Freshen up after final ski lesson & load coach
- **1800hrs:** Dinner
- **1900hrs:** Depart Resort

The journey home

Friday 21st Feb - Sat 22nd Feb

- Travel overnight on Coach
- Breakfast on route (will need money for this)
- **1155hrs:** Check in at Calais ferry port for **1325hrs P&O** crossing to Dover
- **1325hrs:** Ferry departs Dover for Calais
- Lunch on ferry (will need money for this)
- **1355hrs:** Depart Dover
- **1730hrs:** Arrive at Goldington Academy

Spending money

Whilst travelling-

- Ferry - sterling
- Through France - euros
- You need enough for refreshments/hot meal on the way

Whilst in Andorra

- Andorra is not a member of the EU but it does use the euro.
- We recommend no more than 100 euros which we will collect and Mr Atkinson will distribute in capacity of 'banker'. Money will be able to be withdrawn daily.
- Any money not used will be returned on arrival back at Goldington

Rules/Behaviour Expectations

- Behaviour expectations will be the same as we would expect in school
- Mobiles will be collected in nightly
- All pupils and parents will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct
- Failure to adhere to Code of Conduct will result in appropriate sanctions, in worse case scenario a pupil may be sent home

How will you know how your child is doing?

- Last time we were in Andorra calls and texts were expensive.
- We will give regular updates on twitter **@GoldingtonAcad**
- All tweets appear on home page of Goldington Academy's website

www.goldingtonacademy.org.uk

Ski lessons prior to going

- Not necessary.....but useful! Teach the basics and build a little bit of confidence.
- Please don't take any risks as we near the departure date.

Personal fitness

- Strength
- Stamina
- General fitness – all make a big difference to the experience!

Admin via email...

- **Medical information and permissions....**

Admin tonight...

- Please complete the letter regarding:
- Dietary requirements
- Swimming/spa permission
- Skiing ability

- Any questions?