

Tuesday, 1st December

Dear Parents & Students,

The International School of The Hague is pleased to announce details of the annual ski trip to Axamer Lizum, near Innsbruck, Austria, scheduled to take place from 19th- 27th February, 2010.

There are 68 places being offered on a first come first served basis. Initially, the trip will be offered to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Should any places still be available after this the trip will then be offered to students in the lower year groups of 7, 8 and 9.

The Resort

The resort is set in a fascinating high alpine mountain world with breathtaking panorama which was twice the venue of the Winter Olympics (1964, 1976). It boasts reliable snow from November to April and even has snow making equipment on all runs in times of shortage. There are ten modern lifts spanning 40km of well-groomed pistes of all levels of difficulty. Additionally, there is off-piste skiing for deep snow enthusiasts, breathtaking powder slopes and terrific firn snow runs. Furthermore, there is a snow park, a funway, a practice slope, race and training courses, speed measurement courses and numerous spectacular natural jumps. For further information, please visit www.axamer-lizum.at

Accommodation

The accommodation for the entire trip will be based at Hotel Olympia in Axamer Lizum. The hotel is ideally placed within the resort as guests are able to ski directly off the slopes into the hotel parking lot. The hotel boasts excellent facilities with two large restaurants (catering for everyone's dietary needs), a large games room, cosy seating areas and its own discotheque. For more information on the hotel please visit www.hotel-olympia-axams.at

The Price

Base Price = € 600

The price includes:

- 9 days trip
- Transport by tourist class coach (provided with the Dutch 'keurmark')
- 7 nights in 17 rooms (max. 6 persons in each room)
- 6 x breakfast buffet
- 6 x dinner buffet
- 7 x hot lunch in the Hotel Olympia
- Extra dinner on Friday 26th February before departure
- 6 days lift pass starting Sunday 21st February (year of birth 1994-2002)
- Travel insurance including Wintersports Combination B
- Annulations fund 'G2 Reizen'
- Qualified ski and snowboard instructors for every group (Group size 10 – 12)

Extra

- Rental material (from G2 Reizen rental division)

- Skis and Poles = € 40
- Snowboard = € 47
- Boots = € 16
- Additional charge for lift pass if year of birth is 1982-1993 = € 29

Additional Information

In order to participate in this trip your child must be equipped with the appropriate ski apparel and accessories. This should include:-

- Warm ski jacket
- Waterproof ski pants/ salopettes
- Waterproof gloves
- Warm layers/ thermals
- Hat
- Goggles/ sunglasses
- Thick socks
- Supportive wrist guards are recommended for snowboarding
- Helmets are **mandatory**

As previously stated, places will be offered on a first come first served basis. In order for your child to participate, the attached permission slip and medical form must be completed and emailed to **Mr. Herbert** at the following address:-

ishskitrip2010@googlemail.com

As soon as all 68 places have been filled, a reserve list will be created in the order that applications are received. If any student should drop out for any reason then the reserve list will take effect in numerical order.

Please do not send any monies at this time. Should your child be accepted, you will be billed directly for the trip at a later date. However, after billing, full payment must be received by **Monday, 11th January 2010.**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at school or by email.

Yours sincerely,

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