

FRANZ & Friends

Skiing with Champions

Alta Badia, Italy

2015

Sunday, March 22 - Saturday, March 28



Champion Ski Guides and Social Hosts

Karen Putzer

Olympian & World Champion Medallist
Winner of 8 World Cup Races

Ivo Rudiferia

Snowboard World & World Cup Champion

Peter Runggaldier

Olympian, World & World Cup Champion

Franz Weber

Olympian & 6x Consecutive
World Speed Skiing Champion

Diego Zanesco



World Class Mountaineer and Off-piste Guide






Planned Agenda
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Level of Ability Recommended: Low-Intermediate to Expert





We can accommodate beginners with prior notice in order to hire qualified instructors.




<p>*Attire Recommendation:</p> <p>*C: Casual, Warm Layers, Outerwear, Gloves and Hats</p> <p>*S: Skiwear</p> <p>*ME: Mountain Elegant, Sports Coat, Business Casual</p>	<p>**T VIP Transportation</p> <p>Luxury Coach with Walk-In Humidor, Havana Room, Draft Beer and Fine Wines. Helicopter Transport.</p> <p>https://arlbergexpress.com/en/willkommen/</p>
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<p>Sunday March 22, 2015</p>	<p>Arrival at the Rosa Alpina /or Hotel Fanes and Welcome Dinner.</p>
 <p>Rosa Alpina Hotel & Spa Strada Micurá de Rù, 20 39030 San Cassiano T: +39 0471 849 500 http://www.rosalpina.it/</p>  <p>Hotel Fanes Strada Pecèi, 19 39030 San Cassiano T: +39 0471 849470 http://www.hotelfanes.it/en/hotel.html</p>	<p>Individual arrival at the Hotel in San Cassiano in Alta Badia from either Bolzano (1 hour by car), Innsbruck (1.5 hours by car), Munich (4.5 hours by car).</p> <p>We are pleased to provide you with recommendations for ground transportation and/or the most pleasant way to travel.</p> <p>Check-in at the Rosa Alpina Hotel & Spa or the Hotel Fanes.</p> <p>The Rosa Alpina Hotel & Spa is a luxurious hotel where traditional spirit meets contemporary style and is the ultimate 5-star hotel in the Dolomites. An excerpt from their website, <i>“The Hotel & Spa Rosa Alpina is a haven of discretion in the Dolomites. Discover the essence of quiet glamour, poised service and elegant interiors. “Their approach is both timeless and imbued with contemporary accents featuring informal and family dining as well as Michelin-starred cuisine.”</i></p> <p>The Hotel Fanes. “The atmosphere of this luxury hotel, set in one of the most beautiful spots of San Cassiano – Alta Badia in the Dolomites, is guaranteed to please. Alpine culture blended with true luxury, stylish décor and ultra-modern comfort. At the Hotel Fanes you will experience hospitality at its best: unobtrusive yet very personalized.”</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Welcome cocktails at Rosa Alpina Hotel Bar.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome dinner at Rosa Alpina hotel “bar and grill” restaurant hosted by Franz Weber and champions.</p>

<p>Monday March 23 2015</p>	<p>Ski the local region to Corvara or Holy Cross area – weather dependent.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Note: <i>Breakfast is included at the hotel and anything you could want is offered from fresh fruits, cold & hot cereals, jams, pastries & breads to specially prepared eggs, roasted/grilled meats and fish.</i></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Shuttle to Piz Sorega gondola to meet up and ski with our guides – weather depending, we will ski the region of Holy Cross or Corvara.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>  	<p>Lunch mid mountain at Rifugio Bioch Hütte, which has a large sunny terrace with bar and restaurant. Here you can enjoy aperitifs, simple dishes, Ladin, Tyrolean and Mediterranean cuisine, homemade desserts, and a great selection of wines.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski back to San Cassiano – we will have our first après ski at the local Hug's bar or you may wish to taxi back for some R&R.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Meet in the hotel lobby in ski clothes for a short shuttle transfer to La Villa.</p>
<p>7:45 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Snowcats will take us up the mountains to our dinner location the famous Club Moritzino – cocktails, dinner, dancing, thrilling snow cat rides – and possibly night skiing!</p> <p>Alternatively, we may go to the Las Vegas Hut high above San Cassiano to sled down after dinner.</p> 

<p>Tuesday March 24, 2015</p>	<p>Heli-ski to sunny Seceda with lunch at the Comici Hut.</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Note: Breakfast is included at the hotel and anything you could want is offered from fresh fruits, cold & hot cereals, jams, pastries & breads to specially prepared eggs, roasted/grilled meats and fish.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>We will helicopter from the heliport outside of Hotel Fanes over the Langkofel Region/Dolomites to Seceda mountain. We'll enjoy the morning sun on the sunny side of Val Gardena and then cross over to Campinoin mountain where our Champion host, Peter Runggaldier, will have a slalom course ready for practice and our race prior to lunch. You will enjoy a unique <i>Franz and Friends</i> race format where everyone has a chance to win regardless of gender, ability, snowboarder or skier. It promises to be a lot of fun!</p>
<p>1:30 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch at the Comici Hut. The best fish restaurant in the Alps. Fresh fish is delivered daily directly from Venice. Quite a culinary experience!</p> <p>Comici Hut is a favorite of many F1 drivers and is a great location for photos. Fernando Alonso, F1 World Champion, met our group in the past.</p>
<p>2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>After lunch, we may ski the Saslong World Cup ski race track and then back to Corvara via the villages of Wolkenstein and Colfosco over the Gardena Pass.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Après ski at Corvara's L'Murin and taxi back to the hotel for some R&R.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>Dinner at Hotel Fanes.</p>

<p>Wednesday March 25, 2015</p>	<p>Sella Ronda Day!</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Note: Breakfast is included at the hotel and anything you could want is offered from fresh fruits, cold & hot cereals, jams, pastries & breads to specially prepared eggs, roasted/grilled meats and fish.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Meet up with our guides to ski the southern Sella Ronda – with a possible side kick to the Marmolada for the fast skiers.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch at Rifugio Salei located in an idyllic location at the foot of the Sassolungo, directly on the slopes of the Col Rodella Ski Area, at the crossroads of the famous Sella Ronda or "tour of four steps."</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Ski all the way back to San Cassiano or Corvara and taxi back to hotel.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Time for some R&R!</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Meet in hotel lobby for a cocktail.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p> 	<p>Dinner at the Wine cellar and Bar Siriola in Armentarola (next to San Cassiano) with an alternative option for a private hut dinner.</p>

<p>Thursday March 26, 2015</p>	<p>Helicopter to Cortina D'Ampezzo area with a run to Scotoni followed by dinner and night skiing or hike back to San Cassiano.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Note: Breakfast is included at the hotel and anything you could want is offered from fresh fruits, cold & hot cereals, jams, pastries & breads to specially prepared eggs, roasted/grilled meats and fish.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m (*S)</p> 	<p>Like on Tuesday morning we are dressed ready to ski and will helicopter to Cortina D'Ampezzo. Envision the helicopter being your first lift ride! This is a 15 minute heli-ride and group departures will be announced.</p> <p>Much of the 1963 classic <i>The Pink Panther</i>, the progenitor of the series, was filmed in Cortina. One of the memorable James Bond stunt sequences in 1981's <i>For Your Eyes Only</i>, gunners on spike-wheeled motorcycles chasing Roger Moore on skis, was filmed on its slopes, as were several scenes in the film <i>Cliffhanger</i>.</p> <p>In the morning, we will enjoy the world cup race tracks of Cortina D'Ampezzo and also enjoy a great lunch!</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Lunch at sunny Il Meloncino al Caminetto in Cortina – a local treasure!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Shuttle and ski back through part of the Giro della Grande Guerra enjoying the quaint, relaxed atmosphere of this region. After two hours of nostalgic skiing, via the Falzarego (false king) Pass, we will move to the top of Lagazoi mountain and descend a 7.5 km scenic run to our après ski and dinner spot.</p>
<p>5:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Après skiing at Scotoni hut.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Dinner at Scotoni hut or similar (this will depend on special night skiing permit). Night skiing, a horse drawn “people lift” or taxi will transport us back into the present and back to our hotels. On the way, we might drop in at the Club Sieia for a night cap or two.</p>

<p>Friday March 27, 2015</p>	<p>Ski to Marmolada region of the Dolomites.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Taxi to Piz Sorega gondola - ski to Corvara and further on to the Marmolada region.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Lunch at La Perla Hotel in Corvara.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski all the way to La Villa down the Gran Risa - yet another world cup race track and back to après ski at Las Vegas mountain hut.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Après ski at Rifugio Las Vegas. Here we will change from skis to sleds to challenge ourselves on the toboggan run down to San Cassiano.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Meet at the hotel bar for a cocktail and some “surprise greetings from the kitchen.”</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p>  	<p>Dinner at the "Two Michelin Star" Restaurant Hubertus</p> <p>A quote from Italy's top Chef Norbert Niederkofler:</p> <p><i>“When I was 18 years of age, I wanted to see the world, and I have seen it. At least I have visited the interiors of all the big kitchens - but this I did very accurately. For the last few years, I have been resting because I have returned home. My home is South Tyrol.</i></p> <p><i>Nowhere else in the world am I surrounded by this exciting symbiosis of the northern "precise" mentality and the southern "Mediterranean" easy-going nature. Only rarely, has a chef had better prerequisites. In my dishes, I try to communicate this mix exactly.”</i></p>
<p>Saturday March 28, 2015</p>	<p>Departure Day</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and check-out by noon. Please make sure to settle all personal charges (ski shop charges, massages, telephone, etc.). <u>If you prefer to ski that day, we will provide you with a ski pass.</u></p> <p>Alta Badia is an area where all of our past participants can't wait to return!</p>