



**skibuzz**  
by Y Travel

2024  
Italy & Austria

Monday 4 - Sunday 17 March

# The concept

Ski Buzz is an exciting concept in ski holidays for the passionate ski bum.

Experience everything you love about the alps - long days of hard skiing, brilliant blue skies and Spring sunshine, immaculately groomed pistes, fresh powder, tumbles, fast skiing and exhilaration.

Follow days on the slopes with après drinks, beer, wine and glühwein. Great stories, banter and fun.

Tomorrow rejoice as the sun rises over the mountains - a new day to do it all again.

The Ski Buzz concept was inspired by the sheer pleasure of sharing great skiing days with like-minded (and similar standard) mates; including partners, friends or new skiing buddies.

We invite you to join a small group of like-minded skiers to revel in a unique alpine experience on an escorted ski safari through the UNESCO listed Italian Dolomites before crossing the border into Austria to experience the well-known Arlberg region.





# Behind the concept

Ski Buzz is run by Australian siblings Yvonne Verstandig and Daniel Burger.

Growing up in Melbourne, winters were spent skiing at Mt Buller, and school holidays saw the Burger family skiing overseas as often as possible. During University years both Yvonne & Danny spent their weekends ski instructing at Buller, with Danny even having a gap year or two instructing in Austria.

Eventually careers and family took priority over life on the slopes and those carefree ski days became a distant memory.

With Yvonne a director of Y Travel and Daniel in development management, Ski Buzz is their passion project to help others experience their love of skiing, and a chance for them to get out of the office and onto the slopes once more!

Whilst Yvonne spent most of her childhood being tormented by older brother Danny, their love of skiing has brought them together as adults with a mission to create the perfect ski adventure for like-minded passionate ski bums.



## The experience

Ski Buzz 2024 will focus on two regions in Europe; first the renowned Italian Dolomites and then back to our Ski Buzz roots - the international resort of Lech am Arlberg (with the ski area incorporating nearby Zürs and St Anton).

Immerse yourself in regional Italian and Austrian mountain culture and enjoy the unique local hospitality that Ski Buzz offers whilst staying at beautiful boutique 4-5 star hotels.

Ski with our expert local guides on long groomed runs and off-piste adventures. Relish the opportunity to develop your skills in light European powder (subject to snow conditions), while sampling the local cuisine and partaking in some après cheer.

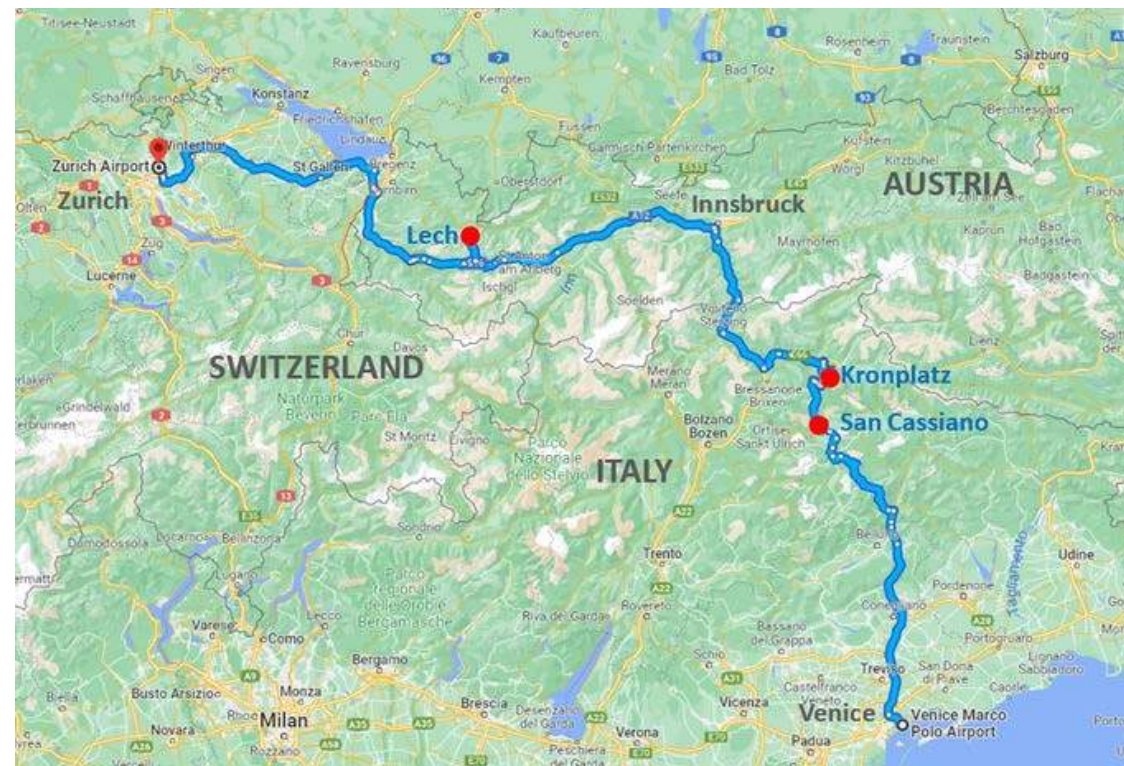
Ski Buzz 2024 is offering a 14 day escorted ski safari departing Venice on Monday 4 March and returning to Zürich on Sunday 17 March. You will not want to miss out on this one!







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## The itinerary Part 1: Dolomites (The warm up)

### Day 1

Mon 4 March

Transfer from Venice straight to Ciasa Salares just outside the town of San Cassiano.

Afternoon at leisure and prepare to hit the slopes.

Welcome cocktails at Ciasa Salares and meet our local guides.

### Day 2-5

Tues 5 - Fri 8 March

Enjoy 3 days skiing in Alta Badia, taking in the famous Sella Ronda. We head due North for our fourth ski day as we discover a different part of the Dolomites and ski to Kronplatz.

We will be indulging in some unique dining experiences well known in the Dolomiti.

### Day 6-7

Sat 9 - Sun 10 March

Wake up in St Lorenzen, and enjoy a full day skiing in Kronplatz.

Enjoy a rest day from skiing on day 7, with lunch and a scenic drive en-route to Lech, Austria.

Welcome drinks at Hotel Kristiania and meet our local guides.





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## The itinerary Part 2: Arlberg (The main event)

### Day 7-13

Mon 11 - Sat 16 March

Ski Lech & Zürs. Apres fun in Lech.

Visit St Anton for a day skiing St Anton, St Christoph & Rendl. Finish with drinks at the famous MooserWirt.

Off-piste option for those keen to explore the magnificent Arlberg conditions\*.

Local skiing around Lech & Zürs with the option to finish early and enjoy some leisure time. (eg. head into St Anton for retail therapy).

Ski the Weißer Ring (Zürs, Zug, Lech) and finish at the Krone Bar for apres.

Enjoy a night out on your own at one of the many restaurants in the Arlberg.

### Day 14

Sun 17 March

Transfer to Zurich & bid farewell to the beautiful Alps & your fellow 'Ski Buzzers'.

Indicative itinerary only - Subject to change & reliant on weather and snow conditions

\* Off-piste, freeriding & ski touring is subject to snow conditions



# The Dolomites, Italy

We kick off our ski safari 'warm up' in the Dolomites; a UNESCO World Heritage site. Not only well known for its skiing, the Dolomites attracts the Italophile in all of us for its delicious cuisine, stunning panoramas and dramatic backdrops, making a ski trip to the region such a unique experience.

Named after the limestone rock that is found naturally in these spectacular mountains, the Dolomites ski region provides one of the largest and most mouth-watering ski networks in the world. The Dolomiti Superski offers more than 1,200km of pistes ranging between 950m and 3,269m in elevation and up to 12km long.

On this incredible ski adventure, you'll explore a wide variety of the finest ski resorts of the Dolomiti Superski, including Alta Badia, Val di Fassa and a new area for Ski Buzz, being Kronplatz. You'll have five full days of skiing to get to know these spectacular mountains well.







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# Lech, Austria

Lech am Arlberg is one of the most exclusive winter resorts in Austria, in what is regarded as the snowiest area of the Alps.

With the opening of the Flexenbahn in 2016, all ski resorts in Arlberg are now linked to create the fifth-largest skiing region in the world; extending from St. Anton & St Christoph in Tyrol via Zürs & Lech to Warth & Schröcken in Vorarlberg.

The area, with 88 lifts offers over 300km of high alpine diverse skiing with long runs, reliable snow and quality groomed pistes for intermediate to advanced skiers; and an abundance of off-piste terrain.

It is in Lech, Zürs and St. Anton that we aim to work on your powder skiing and off-piste ski touring\* and take on some more challenging runs.





# The hotels

Ski Buzz has selected two very special family-owned boutique hotels for your Italian & Austrian ski experience.

Ciasa Salares in San Cassiano and Kristiania, a member of “Small Luxury Hotels of the World” in Lech.

Complementing these two properties is a stay at Castel Maurn, a unique historic residence in the small village of San Lorenzen, at the base of Kronplatz.





# Ciasa Salares, San Cassiano

Immersed in nature, Ciasa Salares is one of the most celebrated South Tyrol gourmet hotels in the heart of the Dolomites.

Built in 1964, the hotel is now run by the third & fourth generations of the Wieser family, who for the last 100 years have had a rich history and love for the hospitality industry in the area.

This beautiful property prides itself on paying meticulous attention to detail, preserving ancient local traditions, conveying respect for mountain culture and admiration for the magnificent surrounding World Heritage Dolomites.

This luxury gourmet hotel offers three restaurants along with a cheese and chocolate room! There is also a gorgeous wellness centre offering a great range of treatments...yes please.



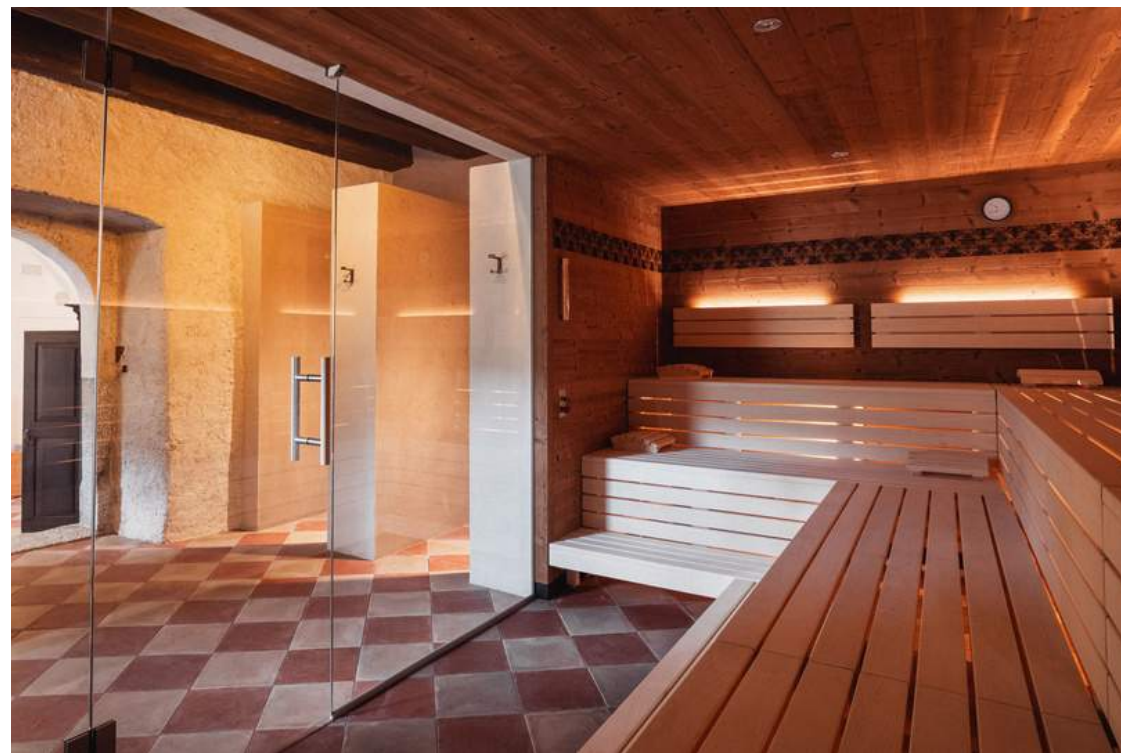
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## Castel Maurn, St Lorenzen

Nestled in the heart of the Dolomites, a very special experience awaits us at our next stop - the magnificent Castel Maurn.

This unique experience grants us exclusive access to an ancient aristocratic residence with roots dating back to the year 990. Situated in St. Lorenzen, it provides a gateway to the neighbouring Kronplatz ski area and charming village of Brunico.

Owner Walter Peintner has meticulously restored this historical gem, blending original features such as frescoes and antique furnishings with modern design elements to create a property that fuses past & present harmoniously.

There's a fantastic spa area, a Mediterranean garden, and a myriad of culinary delights in this fairytale-like location.





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## Kristiania, Lech

Kristiania Lech Hotel is a charming Alpine retreat that feels more like a private residence than a hotel, with original artworks and stunning views.

The hotel offers exceptional services, including a ski valet and even a bath butler! You will enjoy a range of experiences here that will have you immersed in Austrian culture.

Gertrud Schneider's approach as an "Independently Minded" hotel owner is rooted in creating a boutique-style, personality-filled establishment with bespoke service. The inspiration for Kristiania Lech came from her father's vision of a private club for friends.

This unique mountain house offers unlimited gourmet delights, personalized service, and a sense of staying at a friend's home, making it an extraordinary destination for us in Lech.



# Cost & Inclusions

- Euro €8,990 per person land package (Based on double share - single supplement at €1,850)
- 13 nights in family owned and unique boutique accommodation in twin/double rooms
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Transfers throughout
- Ski passes throughout
- Ski guides for 11 skiing days
- Training in powder and ski touring (subject to snow conditions)
- Welcome drinks at each of the three hotels
- EUR90 Spa credit at Ciasa Salares
- USD100 F&B credit or spa services credit at Kristiania
- Experiencing the special charm of village life and unique insights with our fantastic local guides

\* Alcohol excluded (other than welcome drinks)

\* Ski & off-piste equipment not included

\* Ski Buzz Ski safari subject to minimum group size of 12 ski bums



## Join the buzz

If you are a passionate skier, looking for an unforgettable ski adventure, join our 2024 tour.

Please contact Yvonne Verstandig at Y Travel on +61 3 9670 1185, +61 418 561 352 or [yvonnev@ytravel.world](mailto:yvonnev@ytravel.world) to learn more about the Ski Buzz experience.

There are only limited places available for our March 2024 ski safari, so reserve your place as soon as possible to avoid missing out on this extraordinary journey.





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