



Grindelwald 2015



5* Hotel Schweizerhof

Wednesday 7th - Wednesday 14th January 2015

We are delighted to be hosting our ski/Bridge holiday to the 5* Hotel Schweizerhof in Grindelwald, Switzerland. The Schweizerhof is very proud that it has recently been upgraded to a 5* Hotel and has an imposing backdrop of the world-famous Eiger. The hotel is only a two to three minute walk from the centre of Grindelwald and offers excellent cuisine, an indoor pool and full wellness/spa facilities. Grindelwald offers excellent skiing and is easily connected with nearby Wengen.

Jack Stocken and Lorna Heaton will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme and, as ever, the bridge standard is friendly Intermediate and no partner necessary. Jack and Annabel Stocken will be running all other aspects of the holiday. Please book early as there has been a lot of initial interest in this new holiday destination.

We have a wonderful team of ski leaders headed by Suzi McArthur, Sean Macarthy and Sheridan Killwick. They are all current or ex Ski Club of Great Britain reps and bring all their charm and expertise to the slopes.

The Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch World Heritage Site stands for the splendid natural beauty of the Alps. At its heart lies the impressive Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau rock massif and the glacial landscape surrounding the Great Aletsch Glacier. Grindelwald in a unique alpine landscape offers sights and events for all interests. The world-famous backdrop of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau set the scene for Grindelwald.

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Resort: In the heart of the Jungfrau region, the picturesque village of Grindelwald can be found. Grindelwald is part of the Jungfrau's "famous three" of Wengen and Murren which, combined, enjoys over 200km of pistes.

Covering an area of 824 square kilometers, the Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch UNESCO World Heritage Site contains nearly all of the Bernese High Alps, with their monumental rock massifs, in the Cantons of Berne and Valais. At its heart lies the impressive Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau rock massif and the glacial landscape surrounding the Great Aletsch Glacier.

Grindelwald features in the "Best of the Alps" list of top ski resorts from five alpine countries.

Grindelwald is served by the Railways of the Jungfrau Region which means you can access Kleine Scheidegg by train and then ski across to Wengen before returning by train to Kleine Scheidegg and skiing back to your resort. Or take a lift to the fantastic ski area at Mannlichen which is also connected to the ski region at Kleine Scheidegg. Alternatively, take the train to Murren via Lauterbrunnen and enjoy a day skiing adventure at mount Schilthorn.



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The most impressive landscape of the Jungfrau Region is the perfect place for a highly diverse winter holiday. An extensive network of more than 44 mountain railways, aerial cableways and ski lifts takes you up safely to over 200 km of perfectly prepared slopes with downhill runs of 6 to 12 km in length. 40% of the slopes are equipped with snow-making machines.

There is also plenty to do for non-skiers: over 100km of winter hiking trails to take in the beautiful scenery, well-marked snowshoe paths, curling, tobogganing and ice-skating for those wanting an active holiday!

Ski Leaders: We are delighted to have the services of our team of ski leaders to cater for different ski standards and larger numbers, as this service has been so popular in recent years. Led by Suzi McArthur, Sean Macarthy and Sheridan Killwick, the team have kindly agreed to ski guide for the week on a voluntary basis. There will be a number of groups, catering for different standards.

To join these leaders, skiers need to be able to ski red runs competently; our ski leaders reserve the right to swap people between groups and if necessary, tell a skier that they must make their own arrangements with ski school at their own expense.

Bridge: The Bridge will be played in the Wetterhorn from 5.30pm onwards. The Bridge programme will follow its regular format, namely a pre-dinner tuition session with Andrew Robson's set hands, 5.30pm – 7pm, and after dinner, Gentle Duplicate, 9pm - 11pm, aimed at the friendly Intermediate player. The Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board duplicate. For further information please contact Jack.

Hotel: The Hotel Schweizerhof, www.hotel-schweizerhof.com, is peacefully nested in beautiful gardens and is only two or three minutes' walk from the centre of Grindelwald. This exclusive location, with imposing backdrop of the world-famous Eiger and Lauberhorn, always thrills guests from all over the world. The ambience is luxurious and comfortable.

All rooms, suites and chalets are spacious and tastefully furnished. Connoisseurs of traditional perfection also appreciate the friendly first-class service and culinary highlights, as well as the stylish seminar and banqueting facilities (please see overleaf for more details regarding bedrooms).

The Wellness & Spa facilities include bio-sauna, Finnish sauna and steam bath. There is a fantastic heated indoor swimming pool, beauty centre and massage facilities. The Beauty Centre offers a large variety of treatments using excellent products. It is recommended to book treatments early.



Head chef Alexander Dissauer creates a unique combination of Swiss and Alpine cuisine, offering modern variations of regional specialties using locally sourced ingredients. There is an extensive wine list to complement the excellent cuisine. Our group will dine in the Alpterrassen restaurant, with the impressive Eiger as backdrop and the well maintained hotel gardens.

The lobby/lounge is very much a focal point after skiing; enjoy relaxing in the heart of the Schweizerhof. There will be a Welcome Drink for our group on the first evening in the lobby/lounge in the open fireplace corner.

Breakfast is eaten in the Alpterrassen between 0730 and 1130. The daily breakfast buffet is a veritable feast: croissants and breads, fruit juices, yoghurt, cereals, cold-cuts, select cheeses, sausages, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, boiled eggs to name but a few.

There will be afternoon tea served in the lobby/lounge for our group. This will include tea, coffee and cake from 4-5 pm daily.

Please ensure that all luggage is clearly labelled so that porters can deliver them directly to the bedrooms.

Bedrooms: All rooms are non-smoking, charmingly decorated and comfortably equipped offering LCD-TV/radio, phone, free WIFI throughout the hotel, safe, minibar hairdryer and bathrobes.

Important: The hotel has allocated our group a number of rooms in both the main hotel and a few in Chalet Ostegg (connected to the main hotel). As always, all rooms will be allocated on a "First come, first served basis" and rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion. Please note that twin bedded rooms are "Austrian doubles" so one wooden bed frame with mattresses inches apart!

- Single North:** These rooms have Queen sized beds and are en-suite with shower over bath and loo.
- Single South:** These rooms have Queen sized beds and are en-suite with shower over bath and loo. Views over the Eiger.
- Double North:** These rooms have either twin or King size double beds. These rooms are en-suite with shower over bath and loo.
- Double South:** As above with views over the Eiger.
- Junior Suite:** This luxurious room is much larger and also has a seating area. It is also en-suite with shower over bath and loo. All Junior suites overlook the Eiger.
- Chalet Ostegg:** These rooms have either twin or King size double beds with views over the Eiger (south facing) and are adjoined to the main building by a covered sideways lift. Rooms are en-suite with shower over bath and loo. The hotel informs us that these rooms are finished to a higher standard and in a more contemporary finish, than doubles in the main hotel.



Double room facing north



Double room, Chalet Ostegg

Transport, Prices and Booking Conditions

- Booking:** Bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a £250 non-refundable deposit cheque (or preferably an online payment) and booking form. Please try to book early so we can accommodate any requests you may have.
- Transport:** Scheduled flight Heathrow – Zürich on Swiss International Airlines. Swiss Airlines still allow one piece of ski equipment free of charge (based on 2014).
- Please note:** If you would like to travel independently then you may deduct £150 from the package price below.

Package includes:

- Swiss flight Heathrow – Zürich, depart Wednesday 7th January Heathrow at 0850 (arrive 11.40am) and return 14th January 2015 at 1525 arriving Heathrow at 4.10pm (times subject to change).
- Coach transfer to the hotel (approximately 2.30 hours).
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening.
- Afternoon tea.
- All Bridge as outlined on page 3.
- Daily ski programme led by Suzi, Sean and Sheridan, all current or ex-Ski Club of Great Britain reps, exclusively for our group. Number of ski leaders is subject to final group numbers.
- Accommodation as detailed below.

Accommodation: Hotel Schweizerhof: half-board accommodation and rooms as described on page 4.

Please note: Rooms do vary in size and style and are in both the main hotel and Chalet Ostegg within Hotel Schweizerhof. Yorkshire Bridge will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted, but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

Package price: please see page 4 for details of rooms. All rooms in main hotel apart from Chalet Ostegg.

Single room, North	1 person	£1895
Single room, South, Eiger view	1 person	£1995
Double room, North	2 sharing 1 person	£1745 per person £1995
Double room, South, Eiger view	2 sharing 1 person	£1845 per person £2095
Junior Suite, South, Eiger view	2 sharing	£2095 per person
Chalet Ostegg, South, Eiger view	2 sharing 1 person	£1945 per person £2195

Money:

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Swiss Franc before the beginning of October 2014, a surcharge appropriate to the fall will be charged to all clients.
- Group flights are non-changeable and non-refundable and deviations should be booked independently.
- The deposit is non-refundable
- The full balance is payable **no later** than early October 2014 (we will email a reminder).

Insurance: Everyone must have adequate travel insurance, to **include winter sports** if necessary. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the necessary arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Lift Pass: In 2014 the Jungfrau region adult six-day pass was CHF 323 (£222). This price is subject to change depending on the exchange rate and the new rates for 2015. There is a 10% discount for seniors (born in or earlier than 1951). The ski pass covers Grindelwald, First, Kleine Scheidegg, Mannlichen Wengen, Murren, Schilthorn.

It will be possible to pre purchase your 6 day ski pass when you pay your balance and be collected from reception at the time of check-in.

Ski Hire: We shall be using Intersport, for which there is a 10% discount for our group.

Cancellation: The deposit is non-refundable and a cancellation charge will be made to cover any costs incurred. Once the balance has been paid, no refunds can be given.

Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL):

Your flights are covered by ATOL licence 4013, Switzerland Travel Centre. ATOL exists to protect the public from losing money or being stranded abroad because of the failure of air travel firms. It gives comprehensive financial protection to 28 million people in the UK who buy flights or air holidays each year.

Yorkshire Bridge – Liability:

In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions (e.g. ash cloud), acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

ARBC, Yorkshire Bridge and our ski leaders accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident, or death that may occur on this ski trip.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JACK AT YORKSHIRE BRIDGE



BOOKING FORM

GRINDELWALD SKI & BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2015



Please fill in this form together with a deposit cheque for £250 per person made payable to "Yorkshire Bridge" (**or preferably pay online – email for bank details**). Please return completed form and deposit to Jack Stocken at Yorkshire Bridge, 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire DL8 4SL.

- I would like to book _____ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)
(if flying, please enter Title, Christian name and Surname as on passport)

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Room type (see page 4)
Single - North or South
Double – North or South (twin or king)
Junior Suite or Chalet Ostegg (twin or king)

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- Insurance:** Please sign below to state that you have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday, including Winter Sports, and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as on the holiday's page of our website www.yorkshirebridge.co.uk

Name

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Signature

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- Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name: Main Contact Number:

- Own travel and dietary needs etc:** Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. independent flights and/or transfers, vegetarian meals, allergies etc

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- Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address

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Telephone

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Email