



# Oberlech, Austria Ski/Bridge Holiday 2016



## *4\* Superior Hotel Sonnenburg*

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

We are delighted to be returning to the 4\* Superior Hotel Sonnenburg in Oberlech, Austria, following the great success of the 2013/2014 holidays. The Sonnenburg is a ski-in / ski-out hotel, situated directly on the slopes and also offers excellent cuisine, an indoor pool and full wellness/spa facilities.

Jack Stocken and Lorna Heaton will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme and, as ever, the 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 we were fully booked by May last time and there has been a lot of initial interest in this holiday destination.

We have a wonderful team of ski leaders headed by Suzi McArthur and Paul Ubysz. They are current or ex Ski Club of Great Britain reps and bring all their charm and expertise to the slopes. **NEW for 2016:** We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight.

The villages of Lech - Oberlech, St Anton, Stubenbach, Zug and Zürs are connected by the skiing region. Guests do not even need to take off their skis to reach the Hotel Sonnenburg entrance. Winter sports enthusiasts will find a broad range of activities, while those looking for more relaxing recreation can enjoy Arlberg's scenic landscape during leisurely walks or a horse drawn sleigh ride.

**Resort:** Oberlech is a charming exclusive village, in the Arlberg area, where the rich and famous also enjoy skiing. It has been said that for location, Oberlech is very hard to beat and boasts a fantastic snow record and is made up of a group of hotels right next to the slopes, approximately 200 metres above Lech.

Oberlech enjoys peace and tranquility due to its car-free zone status. The village has a unique underground walkway system connecting some of the hotels and uses electric carts to move luggage and other supplies up and down the mountain. There is a cable car that runs late into the night so that visitors can also enjoy visiting Lech.

Neighbouring Lech and the small and popular resort of Zürs which stands at more than 5,600 feet, offer excellent skiing, along with Stuben and the larger, lively St Anton.

Enjoy the luxury of staying in a ski in/ski out hotel and relax, with a good glass of wine, on the sunny terraces whilst taking in the tranquility and peace amidst the beautiful snow-covered scenery.



**Skiing:** Oberlech is enviably situated at a height of 1750 m above sea level, which means that Oberlech can guarantee snow from November until early May. Staying at Hotel Sonnenburg enables you to walk through the front door directly onto the piste. The panorama of approximately 440 kilometres of ski slopes surrounds the hotel, providing innumerable descents of all difficulty levels and unlimited ski fun on the doorstep.

State-of-the-art ski lifts (and heated lift seats!) ensure a rapid ascent to the summits from where perfectly prepared ski slopes of different levels of difficulty take you down to the valley. Additional unprepared areas and tour routes are just waiting to be enjoyed. You will certainly find what you are looking for in Oberlech, Lech, Zürs, St Anton, Rüfikopf, Madloch, Kriegerhorn and Mohnenfluh.

Always up to date with the newest machines for mechanical snowing and track preparing will guarantee perfect conditions for skiers whilst protecting the beautiful alpine meadows and grasslands during the whole winter.

Lech is one of eleven resorts in five alpine countries that jointly promote themselves as "Best of the Alps".

**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 and Paul Ubysz, 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.  
**NEW for 2016:** We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight guests.

To join our ski 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 Congress Centre in the Landhaus 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. **NEW for 2016:** Supervised Rubber Bridge will be offered after dinner as an alternative to Duplicate (minimum numbers apply). 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 Sonnenburg [www.sonnenburg.at](http://www.sonnenburg.at) is a first class hotel in a prime position directly on the pistes in Oberlech. The hotel is run by the Hoch family who provide guests with impeccable hospitality and pride themselves on combining modern standards with art and Alpine tradition.

Hotel Sonnenburg is divided into the Stammhaus (main hotel) and the Landhaus (where the Bridge room is located). Both are connected by a mirrored tunnel. The tunnel is 150 meters long and takes less than 5 minutes to get between the main hotel and the Landhaus. This enables you to reach all parts of the hotel, such as the restaurant, the bar, the conference hall, the pool, sauna and spa area directly and in comfort from both houses.

The bedrooms, situated in both the Stammhaus and Landhaus, are very comfortable and a blend of tradition and modern comfort. All rooms offer a view of the snow-covered mountains (please see overleaf for more details).

There is a "Wellness" facilities include saunas, steam bath, Laconium and hay bath, not to mention a fog cabin! There is a fantastic 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 Wilfried Andermann has led the international kitchen team for over 30 years. A total of 15 cooks, two assistants and one breakfast chef are busy each day catering for the culinary needs of the Sonnenburg guests. Great importance is put on quality at the four star superior Hotel Sonnenburg and all ingredients are freshly prepared in the main restaurant, terrace and Schüna. There is an extensive wine list to complement the excellent cuisine.



The bar is very much a focal point after skiing and there is live piano music on a Monday evening. There will be a Welcome Drink for our group on the first evening in the lounge above the bar, known as the "Obere Halle".

Breakfast is eaten in either/or the Stammhaus or the Landhaus, between 0700 and 1000, whereby the same breakfast selection is offered.

There will be afternoon tea served in the lounge (next to the bar) exclusively for our group. This will include tea, coffee and cake from 4pm daily.

Oberlech is a 'car free zone' and therefore the coach will drop our group at the Cable Car station, for which passes will have been pre-booked. The luggage will be taken up separately and delivered to the bedrooms, so please ensure that your cases are clearly named.

**Bedrooms:** All rooms offer a view of the snow-covered mountains. All rooms are non-smoking, charmingly decorated and comfortably equipped offering satellite TV, ISDN phones, free WIFI over The Sonnenburg guest internet, safe, hairdryer and bathrobes. Smokers are able to go to the hotel's specific smoking lounge.

**Important:** The hotel has allocated our group a number of rooms in both the Stammhaus (main hotel) and the Landhaus (where the Bridge room is), but the hotel will not make final room allocations until July. 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.

**Single:** These rooms have single beds and are en-suite with shower over bath and toilet.

**Double:** These rooms have Austrian twin beds, known as doubles (this means two mattresses in one wooden frame, so there are no twin beds available in the hotel). These rooms are en-suite with shower over bath and toilet.

**Comfort-Double:** These rooms are larger than the double rooms as there is also a small, cosy seating area. They are en-suite with shower over bath and toilet. A few of the Comfort-Double rooms have a balcony facing south and a view of the majestic Omeshorn and these are subject to availability.

**Junior Suite:** This luxurious room is much larger and has a separate living area and bedroom. It is also en-suite with bath, separate shower and toilet. Most suites are equipped with a balcony facing south, subject to availability.



Single Room



Double Room

## ***Transport, Prices and Booking Conditions***

**Booking:** Bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a non-refundable deposit cheque 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 2015).

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January Heathrow at 0850 (arrive 11.40am) and return 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 1520 arriving Heathrow at 4.05pm (times subject to change).
- Coach transfer to the hotel (approximately 2.45 hours).
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening.
- All Bridge as outlined on page 3.
- Daily ski programme led by Suzi and Paul, 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 Sonnenburg: half-board accommodation and rooms as described on page 4.

Please note: Rooms do vary in size and style and are in both the Stammhaus and Landhaus within Hotel Sonnenburg. Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays 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.

Single room	1 person	£1995
Double room	2 sharing	£1795 per person
	1 person	£2495
Comfort Double	2 sharing	£1945 per person
Junior Suite	2 sharing	£2295 per person

### **Money:**

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before mid September 2015, a surcharge appropriate to the fall will be charged to all clients.
- Group flights are non-changeable and non-refundable.
- The deposit is non-refundable
- The full balance is payable **no later** than 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 (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 2015 the Arlberg region adult six-day pass was Euro 245 (£182). This price is subject to change depending on the exchange rate and the new rates for 2016. There is a 10% discount for seniors (born in or earlier than 1950). In addition there is a Senior Active ski pass, for senior citizens born 1940 and earlier (photo required for this pass). The ski pass covers Lech, Zurs, St Anton, Stuben and St Christoph.

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

**Ski Hire:** We shall be using Sport Huber, which is based in Hotel Sonnenburg, 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.

**Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd – 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.

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays and our ski leaders accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident, or death that may occur on this ski bridge holiday.

**IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JACK STOCKEN**

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## BOOKING FORM

### OBERLECH SKI & BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2016

Please fill in this form together with a deposit cheque for £250 per person made payable to "Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd" (**or pay online - preferable**). Please return completed form and deposit to Jack Stocken at 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire DL8 4SL.

1. 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)**

**Room type (see page 4)**  
**Single OR Double OR**  
**Comfort-Double OR Junior Suite**  
**Preference: Stammhaus / Landhaus / Don't mind**

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2. **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.com](http://www.yorkshirebridge.com) under "Bridge Holidays", drop down menu "About Holidays"

Name

Signature

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

Name: ..... Main Contact Number: .....

4. **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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5. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Mobile .....

Email .....

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