



## Potomac Valley Skiers Ski Trip to Bormio Italy

### Summary Trip Details:

- Participating with the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) 2010 Bormio *Eurofest*.
- Dates: March 6-14, 2010.
- Price: **\$1895** double occupancy.
- Transportation:
  - Airfare: Round trip airfare to Milan from Dulles Airport on Air France (Dulles-Paris-Milan). Air France still offers free wine, cocktails, and baggage.
  - Ground: Round trip charter bus from the Milan airport to the hotels in Bormio, with two hour stop at Lake Como on the way.
- Lodging: Seven nights lodging, double occupancy at the (4 star) Baita dei Pini hotel centrally located in Bormio.
- Food: Full breakfast and dinner included daily.
- Insurance: Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance provided at no extra cost.
- Around Town:
  - Discount at Bagni di Bormio and Terme Bormio, the ancient and the modern town hot springs and spa.
  - Complimentary welcome card entitles each guest to Free public transportation throughout the ski valley.
  - Optional day trips and trip extension are available.
  - 3 Blue Ridge parties with drink coupons. Friday night party includes DJ for dancing. (Total of 4 drink coupons per person for the week)

### Bormio town and Ski Area:

Nestled amid snowy peaks of the Italian Alps, not far from the Swiss and Austrian borders, [Bormio](#) is a medieval town from Roman times, yet very convenient to cosmopolitan Milan. The combination of challenging Alpine skiing, après-ski relaxation and the aesthetics of a medieval Italian town provide all the ingredients for a trip to be remembered.

Bormio is a beautiful historic town located in the province of Sondrio, Lombardy region of the Italian Alps. In addition to modern skiing facilities, the town is noted for the presence of a hot spring spa. Due to its thermal baths Bormio has always attracted tourists. It is well known that members of the Roman aristocracy traveled to Bormio in order to enjoy warm baths in the mountainous scenery. Most of these thermal baths are still in use today. The town is centered around the historic Piazza Cavour and Via Roma. This used to be a main trading point on the route from Venice to Switzerland. Bormio nowadays retains its unique medieval town centre, attracting many tourists from Milan and other, mainly Italian, cities.

The village hosted the Alpine World Skiing Championships in 1985, and again in 2005. There are 50 km of marked ski runs, 14 lifts and several ski schools. The longest run is 6 km. Bormio regularly hosts various [World Cup skiing](#) events. The Pista Stelvio is one of the most challenging downhill on the World Cup. While the ski area can be a challenge for World Cup downhillers, there is a milder side. The vast majority of the ski slopes is rated intermediate and offers plenty of opportunity for all level of skiers.

## Payment Schedule:

Deposit ----- \$295

October 1-----\$800

December 1--- \$800

(Cancel with full refund by 11/15/09)



## Baita dei Pini Hotel

The [Hotel Baita dei Pini](#) has a richly deserved 4 Star rating situated in a superb location, just a short walk to the historic centre or to the lifts, and with a wonderful view of the valley which opens to the south. The Hotel will also serve as the BRSC headquarters and is the location of the scheduled parties and dance. In addition to the well appointed individual rooms, there is also a fitness centre with Turkish bath, sauna, Jacuzzi, solarium and a well equipped gymnasium.

One of the reasons for the Hotels 4 Star rating is its restaurant. The Hotel is reported to offer the “best food in the valley”. Thanks to its first class cuisine, either the special local or international dishes, great service and excellent selection of wine, you are guaranteed to be pleased. An after dinner drink at the piano bar isn’t bad either.

## Day Trip Examples

[Livigno](#) and [Santa Caterina Valfurva](#) are two ski areas within easy commuting distance. Livigno, however, offers something in addition to good snow. It is an International Duty Free Shopping zone, probably as many people come to shop as they do to ski.

[Lake Como](#) (we will have a two hour stop here to wet your appetite for this beautiful area.), Bergamo, Citta alta, Bellagio, Varenna, Milan (if you want to see the “Last Supper” you need reservations in advance) can keep you traveling if that’s your wish.

## Trip Extensions

If you need a little more Italy, I’m thinking of a 3 or 4 day extension to the Riviera, if there is interest I’ll work it up.

## Not Included and Ect.

Lift tickets are not included. The tickets are relatively inexpensive by American standards. For 2008 the prices for a 5 day pass covering Bormio, Livigno, and Valfurva is 179 euros for an adult, someone born before 1950 the price is 125.50. We can possibly get a discount by ordering early as a group.

Euro/dollar conversions must be taken into account. The price is based on a rate of \$1.50 per euro. Today the rate is about \$1.41 per euro, so we may get a small refund, but if the euro goes up we pay more. Stable airline taxes and fuel surcharges are assumed (if it changes the price changes).

Single supplements add \$260, room upgrades are available at extra cost – call if interested.

**Contact me if interested,**

**Or send the Release**

**Agreement with deposit:**

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RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE SKI TRIP

(1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.

(2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leaders, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit or payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.

(3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.

(4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Trip \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Room-mate (if not listed above) \_\_\_\_\_