



# Saalbach, Austria

## 2024 Ski Bridge Holiday



### *4\* Superior Alpin Juwel Hotel* *Saturday 9 – 16 March 2024*

We are delighted to have found the luxurious 4\* Superior Hotel Alpin Juwel in the town of Hintertal, Austria which is 90 minutes transfer time from Salzburg airport. The hotel is just a two minutes' walk away from the nearest ski lifts.

Home to arguably the world's best ski lift system Saalbach Hintertal has links to Fieberbrunn and Leogang and forms one of Austria's largest ski areas with 270km of pistes and over 70 lifts with the highest peak over 2000m.

The hotel is 700 metres from the centre of Hintertal and has excellent cuisine, spacious bridge room and superb spa facilities which include indoor and outdoor swimming pools. We have also secured some cheaper accommodation at the nearby 3\* Hotel Gamshag, located just a three-minute walk from Hotel Alpin Juwel.

Jack Stocken (with co-host Bridget Rampton) will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme and, as ever, the bridge standard is friendly Intermediate and no partner necessary. Jack will be running all other aspects of the holiday including bookings. Please book early as this will be a popular new ski resort for ARB Holidays.

We have a wonderful team of ski leaders headed by Suzi McArthur and Paul Ubysz. The ski leaders are all current or ex Ski Club of Great Britain reps and bring all their charm and expertise to the slopes. We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight (or nine). **To join our ski leaders, skiers need to be able to ski red runs competently in any conditions.**

**Resort:** Hinterglemm is a mainly traffic free resort town set in picturesque alpine mountain area in the Saalbach valley which is orientated east west with ski slopes either side of the river Saalach. The hotel provides easy access to the nearest ski slope being about a 2-minute walk. The slightly larger resort town of Saalbach is situated about 2km downstream from Hinterglemm and is also largely traffic free. Regular ski buses run between Saalbach and Hinterglemm to service the ski lifts on both sides of the valley and there is fairly frequent bus service to the larger town of Zell am See.



**Skiing:** A four resort network of ski pistes and modern lifts links Hinterglemm to Saalbach, Fieberbrunn and Leogang giving access to 270km of pistes up to an altitude of 2044m with varying degrees of difficulty. The area is very scenic with many tree lined runs and has a good snow record.

The area affords extensive off-piste skiing for the suitably equipped and experienced skier looking for adventure.

The runs on the north side of the valley (south facing slopes) tend to be preferred in sunny weather. The pistes on the south side of the valley (north facing slopes) are more shaded and thus have better snow cover, particularly late in the season.

The ski lift pass covers the ski buses and lift systems needed to access the nearby resorts of Zell am See and the Kaprun glacier resort thus giving access to an extended ski terrain of a further 140km up to over 3000m altitude. The combined area is so vast that it is virtually impossible to ski all areas fully in a single week.

What's more, you can set out from nearest ski lift a short walk from the hotel, have a great day out exploring the vast area and return via the ski pistes to finish close to the hotel at the end of a great day's skiing.



There is also plenty to do for non-skiers: cross country skiing and snowshoeing to take in the beautiful scenery, dogsledding, tobogganing and ice-skating to name but a few. Please note that non-skiers get a £75 discount off the price. There is no discount for non-bridge players!

**Ski Leaders:** We are delighted to have the services of our team of ski hosts to cater for different ski standards and larger numbers, as this service has been so popular in recent years. Hosted 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. We will aim to keep the ski group size to a maximum of eight (or nine) guests.

To join our ski leaders, **skiers need to be able to ski red runs competently in any conditions**; 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 start 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 (every night apart from Wednesday), and after dinner, Gentle Duplicate, 8.45pm – 10.45pm, aimed at the friendly Intermediate player. Supervised 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 club duplicate. For further information please contact Jack.

**Hotel:** The modernised lifestyle hotel Alpin Juwel boasts a unique panorama location – directly on the ski slopes and in the heart of beautiful hiking country, modern and traditional architecture using only natural materials, panorama infinity pool, breakfast until noon, an individual wellness concept with local products, drive-in/check-in in the underground parking garage, the Alpinveda Spa with therapists from Sri Lanka, an 800 sqm sun bathing meadow, a 200 sqm roof terrace, three unique restaurants and much more. Two lifts also run directly to the centre of Hintertglen. "Exclusive, individual, different" is the hotel's motto, and can be seen everywhere you look. Alpin Juwel promises exclusive living, healthy Austrian cooking, a cosy atmosphere and a unique sleeping experience in an ideal location with a view of the entire valley all year round. The website <https://www.alpinjuwel.at/en/hotel-saalbach-hintertglen>

**Wellness:** Beside the indoor and outdoor pools you will find a sauna area, beauty and spa treatments as well as Ayurveda massages. You also can take part in the daily Yoga training which will upload your batteries for the rest of the day.



Breakfast is in the Ellmau Stube restaurant between 0700 and 1030. There is a daily breakfast buffet and a snack buffet available from 2.30pm – 4.30pm daily. There will be a welcome drink for our group on the first evening in the bar.

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

**Bedrooms:** All rooms are non-smoking with minibar, safe, telephone, bathrobe, alarm clock, wireless from 7am to 11pm, balcony with chairs. 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” but the hotel can make up separate beds. Please specify on your booking form if you would prefer a bath or shower.

**Kristall Double:** 20 - 25 m2 Living room, some with light therapy, exclusive bathroom (with bath, shower, toilet, partly double sink, magnifying mirror, hair dryer, some music), cable TV

**Rubin Double:** 30 - 35 m2 Living room with Samina pine beds, partly panoramic loggia, partly Grander water fountains, exclusive bathroom (shower, cosmetic mirror, hairdryer, music), cupboard, radio, digital TV. These rooms are more expensive as they are more modern than Kristalls.

**Junior Suite Rubin:** 38 m2 Living room with Samina pine beds, panoramic loggia, Grandewasser fountain, exclusive bathroom (bathtub with panoramic window, shower, cosmetic mirror, hair dryer, double sink, music), separate WC, cupboard, radio, digital TV



Kristall Room



Rubin Room

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

**Booking:** Bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a non-refundable deposit and completed online booking form. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have.

**Travel:** **You will need to book your own flights** but if you book the British Airways flights below then you can join our coach transfer to/from the hotel for a small additional cost. BA also fly from Heathrow but the flights are too late in the day for the group flight.

09.03.2024	BA 2628	d Gatwick 11.40	a Salzburg 14.35
16.03.2024	BA 2627	d Salzburg 13.25	a Gatwick 14.25

### **Price includes:**

- Daily ski programme led by Suzi and Paul, all current or ex-Ski Club of Great Britain reps, exclusively for our group. Number of ski leaders is subject to final group numbers.
- All Bridge as outlined on page 3.
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening.
- Snack Buffet in the afternoon
- Half Board Accommodation as detailed below.

### **Accommodation:**

#### **4\*S Hotel Alpin Juwel cost:**

Please see page 4 for details of rooms.

Kristall double room	1 person	£2795
Kristall double room	2 sharing	£1995 per person
Rubin double room	2 sharing	£2295 per person
Junior Suite Rubin	1 person	£3095
	2 sharing	£2495 per person

NB Kristalls have showers over baths, Rubins only showers and Junior Suites, bath and shower

**3\* Hotel Gamshag:** situated just a 3-minute walk away from the Hotel Alpin Juwel. We have secured a limited number of cheaper rooms for single or dual occupancy at the Gamshag on a bed and breakfast basis. Most rooms have baths and all have balconies. Dinner and bridge will take place at the Alpin Juwel and are included in the price. Website: [www.gamshag.at/en/](http://www.gamshag.at/en/)

#### **3\* Hotel Gamshag cost:**

Single bedded room	1 person	£1995
Double room	1 person	£2395
Double room	2 sharing	£1995 per person

*Please note: Rooms do vary in size and style and not all rooms have baths, some are shower only. Please stipulate on the online booking form if you would prefer a shower only or bath. 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.*

### **Money:**

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, a surcharge appropriate to the fall will be charged to all clients.
- The deposit is non-refundable
- Non-skiers receive a £75 discount
- The full balance is payable **no later** than 8 December 2023 (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 2023 the six-day pass is EUR 338 (£300). This price is subject to a rise in 2024 and also subject to change depending on the exchange rate and the new rates for 2024.

### **Ski Hire:**

We shall be using Intersport Breitfuss for which there is a discount for our group.

### **Cancellation:**

The deposit is non-refundable and a cancellation charge may be made to cover any costs incurred. Once the balance has been paid, no refunds can be given but you can claim on your insurance.

ARB Holidays are not responsible for independent flights so if you cancel the holiday then you would need to claim a refund/voucher from your airline or claim on insurance.

### **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, pandemic, COVID, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

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



## SAALBACH 2024 BOOKING FORM

Please **pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking** (email Jack for details) or use telephone banking or visit a branch. One booking form per person (unless a couple) and book online on our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk) Please do not post a booking form.

1. I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

**Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)**

**Room type (see page 4) – please circle below**  
**Kristall Room (twin or double – bath or shower)**  
**Rubin Room (twin or double – bath or shower)**  
**Junior Suite (twin or double)**  
**Gamshag Hotel (Single or double)**

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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 home page of our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

Name

Signature

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

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

4. **Dietary needs etc:** Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. 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 .....