

Florida Ski Council

March 13-21, 2020

Zermatt

Optional Excursions

For non-skiers

Non skiing optional excursions from Zermatt:

Mon, 16 March: Winetasting Visperterminen

Tue, 17 March: Bern

Wed, 18 March: No excursion. FSC Party night.

Thu, 19 March: Stresa /Italy

Fri, 20 March: Montreux

All tours include round trip taxi van service from station in Zermatt to Tasch and then private motorcoach with guide round trip from Tasch. Times indicated include the taxi vans from/to Zermatt.

MONDAY, 16 MARCH

St. Jodern Winery – Visperterminen

With 5,259 hectares, the Valais has the largest vineyard area in Switzerland. While the outermost points extend from the end of Lake Geneva to Visperterminen, the Valais vineyard stretches over the right bank of the Rhone between Martigny and Visperterminen, almost 120 kilometers away.

The vines thrive here at an altitude of 450 to 800 meters, with one famous exception: the vineyards of

Visperterminen, which reach up to 1150 meters. The highest of its kind in Europe, Visperterminen has achieved worldwide fame. In short terraces with high dry-stone walls, the vineyard overcomes 500 meters in height in a very confined space.



Get an overview of the products from the highest vineyard in Europe and discover the

Heida and other red and white wines according to your taste.

Guided cellar tour with tasting, 6 wines with bread and Valais plate included

After the tour it is still time to walk around the vineyards before heading to the town of Visp. There you have some more free time for lunch, shopping and strolling around town.

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| Minimum participants: | 25 persons |
| One-way drive: | 1 & ½ hour |
| Departure time from Zermatt: | 9:30AM |
| Departure time from Visp: | 4:00PM |
| Arrival time in Zermatt: | 5:30PM |
| Total Price per person: | USD\$135. |

TUESDAY, 17MARCH:

Bern

Albert Einstein, Paul Klee and Friedrich Dürrenmatt strolled under the arcades and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere on the cathedral platform. Because all three were for a certain time at home in the federal city. Whether luminaries, people from all over the world or locals - the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Bern's old town with its unmistakable sandstone buildings, charming alleyways and monumental buildings has always fascinated. The guided city tour takes participants to those places that inspire guests from near and far. On the way you will discover hidden testimonies of Bern's history.



The 90-minute walk takes you through the Lower Old Town - along cobblestone streets, past hidden corners and to places steeped in history. On the traces of the past, guests learn facts and anecdotes, cheerfulness and seriousness, the past and



the present: from the late Gothic Bern Cathedral to the Federal Parliament, via the granary with the "Chindlifresserbrunnen" to the cage tower and the oldest city gate of Bern - the famous Zytglogge (time bell tower) - there is much to discover on the walk. The tour provides background information on the medieval city of Bern and explains what shaped it in the past and what determines its character today.

After the tour you will have some free time for lunch, shopping or just strolling around.

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| Minimum participants: | 25 persons |
| One-way drive: | 2 & ½- 3 hours |
| Departure time from Zermatt: | 8:00AM |
| Departure time from Bern: | 4:00PM |
| Arrival time in Zermatt: | 7:30PM |
| Total Price per person: | USD\$140. |

THURSDAY, 19MARCH:

Stresa – Italy

The famous town of Stresa enjoys a splendid location on Lake Maggiore in the Gulf of Borromeo, where it overlooks the eponymous islands, the main attraction in the region. Its beautiful countryside, architectural gems and mild climate combine to make Stresa one of the most popular tourist attractions in Italy. The Borromean Islands, with their stunning palaces and ornamental gardens, are an unmissable destination for aesthetes.

Luxury villas and opulent Art Nouveau hotels line the elegant lakeside, which is ideal for a tranquil stroll. Since the late 19th century Stresa has been renowned for its sophisticated atmosphere and genteel visitors, and today still enjoys an impressive roster of cultural, musical and meeting events.



Optional:

Explore Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands at your own pace with a 1-day hop-on hop-off ferry tour from Stresa. Get on and off the ferry as often as you like as you admire the beautiful scenery of the lake and visit the superb sights on the islands.

Price per person: approximately: CHF 20.- (Optional and purchased in Stresa)

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| Minimum participants: | 25 persons |
| One-way drive: | 3 hours |
| Departure time from Zermatt: | 8:00AM |

Departure time from Stresa: 4:00PM
Arrival time in Zermatt: 7:00PM
Total Price per person: USD\$85.

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH

Montreux

During this private tour you will learn all about the history and culture of the charming town of Montreux, the Swiss Riviera, famous for its beautiful flora, due to the benefits of the special micro-climate we enjoy.

You will stroll along the lake shores where the summer Jazz Festival takes place, see the Freddie Mercury statue and the majestic 13th century Chillon Castle, (the most visited monument in the whole of Switzerland and inspiration to numerous poets,

novelists and artists over the past 300 years), on your way up to the old town to appreciate stunning views over the lake and pass by the oldest house in Montreux, dating back to the 16th century.



The tour takes around 2.5 hours and afterwards you still have enough time for some nice lunch, shopping and strolling around.

Minimum participants: 25 persons
One-way drive: 2 & ½ hours
Departure time from Zermatt: 8:00AM
Departure time from Montreux: 4:00PM
Arrival time in Zermatt: 6:30PM
Total Price per person: USD\$110.

