

# Oak Hall

## Detailed Information – Mölltal 2019

We are pleased you are travelling with us this winter and are confident you will have a great time. Don't worry if you are coming alone as with our friendly team and guests, you will very quickly feel part of the group.

In this document you will find important details about your holiday to Mölltal. Please keep it and refer to it as your holiday approaches.

Coach Travel			Flight/Independent Travel		
Code	Departure from UK	Arrival back in UK	Code	Departure from UK	Arrival back in UK
<b>M3</b>	Fri 28-Dec-18	Sun 06-Jan-19	<b>MA/X3</b>	Sat 29-Dec-18	Sat 5-Jan-19
<b>M10</b>	Fri 15-Feb-19	Sun 24-Feb-19	<b>MA/X10</b>	Sat 16-Feb-19	Sat 23-Feb-19
<b>M18</b>	Mon 08-Apr-19	Wed 17-Apr-19	<b>MA/X18</b>	Tue 09-Apr-19	Tue 16-Apr-19

## To the mountains

Guests reach Oak Hall destinations by coach, by air or using their own independent travel arrangements. Please read the section below which suits your own travel plan.

### TRAVELLING BY COACH

You can usually begin your coach journey from London, Otford or Folkestone as detailed below. Please arrange to be at the meeting points ahead of the departure times indicated here. There are no other possible boarding and disembarking points.

#### FROM LONDON

On most trips we offer an optional return coach service from London Victoria Coach Station (VCS) for £16. Please refer to the display screens in the entrance area for your departure gate, eg Oak Hall – Mölltal. Occasionally one of our team may bring you from Victoria to Otford by train at our expense.

#### FROM OTFORD

We offer an optional return coach from Otford in Kent for £16. You can meet our coach at the Sainsbury's overflow car park in Otford (TN14 5EG). If you need to park a car, you can use our "Park and Ride" service from Otford Manor. Please aim to arrive at the Manor 45 minutes before the Sainsbury meet time. There is a charge of £17 per car, payable in advance. Please note that vehicles are left in the car park at your own risk. For directions to the Manor visit [www.oakhall.co.uk/directions](http://www.oakhall.co.uk/directions) (NB: Sat Navs often give incorrect directions for our postcode). Please drop off any passengers at Sainsbury's before you drive to Otford Manor with your main luggage still on board. (For M10 all luggage should be dropped at Sainsburys with your passengers). Sainsbury's and McDonald's both have a café and washrooms.

#### FROM FOLKESTONE

As there is no pick-up facility at Eurotunnel, our Folkestone meeting point is the motorway services "Stop 24", just off junction 11 on the M20. It can be accessed in both directions on the motorway. At the time of printing, Stop 24's parking charge was £6 per 24 hour period. Full details can be found online. To pay, use the self-

service machine in the main building (by bureau de change). If you would like to travel by train to meet us at our Folkestone pick-up, there is a fast and frequent service from London St Pancras to Ashford International or Folkestone Central.

## THE JOURNEY

We usually use the Eurotunnel train to travel to Calais, which takes 35 minutes although during peak times this journey is sometimes made by ferry. You will be able to get off the coach during the journey. Most of our journeys are overnight so we recommend wearing layered clothing, and bringing a small pillow/thin blanket and your wash kit in your hand luggage. You may wish to bring packed food with you for the journey but we do make regular stops at motorway service areas and our team will serve you with complimentary hot drinks during the journey. It is our policy not to carry alcohol on board or in the baggage trailers and smoking is not permitted in our vehicles. To reach Austria, we travel through France and Switzerland.

## LUGGAGE

As a group we dress casually, and our hotels are warm, so please keep your luggage light and to a minimum. Please make sure your case is robust and weatherproof as we cannot accept responsibility for any damage.

With limited space for luggage available on our coaches, the weight limit is **20kg**. Please ensure that your suitcase is no larger than 150cm (60 inches) total dimensions (length + width + height) or 75 litres. We cannot guarantee to carry luggage in excess of this size or weight. A pair of ski boots may be brought in a separate bag.

One set of skis or a snowboard can be carried in a separate bag at a cost of £20 per person, provided we have space available and you have pre-booked. The weight of this bag should be kept to a minimum.

## COACH TIMES

Code	OUT						IN		
	London VCS Meet	London VCS Depart	Manor Meet (to park car)	Sainsbury Meet	Sainsbury Depart	Folkestone Meet	Folkestone Arrive	Otford	London
M3	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
M10	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
M17	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

## TRAVELLING BY AIR

### AT THE AIRPORT

If you have booked your flights with us we will be waiting for you at the check-in area of the relevant airline two hours before your flight departure. Please make contact with us, so that we know you have arrived. Be aware that with group travel it is important to meet and check-in on time. For all our flights you will just need your passport to check in – there are no printed tickets. BA frequent flyer points can be added at check in. Meals are not provided on short haul flights.

**Meeting point for BA flights:** Heathrow Airport (LHR), Terminal 5, Zone C.

**Meeting point for Air France flights:** Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4, zone F

**On arrival in Munich (MUC) and Venice (VCE):** proceed through passport control, collect your bag, and wait for the leader at the luggage carousel, who will provide information about the rest of the journey. If there is not a team member on your flight, our representative will meet you in the arrivals area and travel with you on the transfer coach to the hotel.

**Transfer time from Munich to Mölltal:** 4 hours

**Transfer time from Venice to Mölltal:** 4 hours

On the return journey, transfer coaches will be booked to take groups to the airport to arrive three hours before the flight departure time to avoid groups missing flights due to bad weather or traffic delays. Please be careful about return travel reservations, as we cannot accept responsibility should there be delays.

## LUGGAGE

**Luggage allowances for BA:** 23kg of hold luggage and 23kg of hand luggage. Please check their website for detailed information about size limitations and prohibited items, etc.

At the time of printing, BA are charging £130 return from Heathrow for an additional ski bag however a ski bag can be carried free of charge as your one piece of hold luggage if it weighs up to 23kg. Any payments will need to be made at the airport as airlines are unable to process advance payments for a group flight.

**Luggage allowances for Air France:** 23kg of hold luggage and 12kg of hand luggage. Please check their website for detailed information about size limitations and prohibited items, etc.

At the time of printing, Air France are charging £122 return for an additional ski bag however a ski bag can be carried free of charge as your one piece of hold luggage if it weighs up to 23kg. Any payments will need to be made at the airport as airlines are unable to process advance payments for a group flight.

Occasionally airlines may change their policies mid-season. Please make sure you check up to date baggage allowances for your airline before you travel.

## FLIGHT TIMES

Code	OUT						IN				
	Flight	From	To	Meet	Dep	Arr	Flight	From	To	Dep.	Arr
MA3	BA952	LHR T5	MUC	10:10	12:10	15:10	BA953	MUC	LHR T5	15:55	17:00
MA10	AF1581	LHR T4	CDG	10:10	12:10	14:25	AF1623	MUC	CDG	15:30	17:10
	AF1822	CDG	MUC	-	15:45	17:15	AF1080	CDG	LHR T4	18:05	18:20
MA18	BA578	LHR T5	VCE	06:55	08:55	12:05	BA579	VCE	LHR	13:00	14:20

## TRAVELLING INDEPENDENTLY

If you are travelling independently then please ensure that you have included your **mobile number** in your contact details on your booking. If you have booked your own flights it may be possible for you to use our airport transfer coach (£70 return, £40 one way). This must be booked prior to departure. **Please check the group flights for appropriate timings and meet the Oak Hall group in the airport arrivals area.** The transfer coach driver will usually be holding an "Oak Hall" sign. The coach will depart as soon as those on the Oak Hall group flight have passed through security and baggage reclaim. If you miss the coach, the onward journey to the resort will need to be made by public transport at your own expense. With this in mind we advise you to book flights arriving well in advance of our group flights or meeting time.

At **Munich Airport**, where our groups are flying with **BA** and **Air France** into Munich then please meet at Area B in the arrivals area of Terminal 1.

At **Venice Airport** please meet the group in the arrivals area as they come through customs.

If you are making your own way to the resort, please aim to arrive at the accommodation between **17:00 and 18:00**. If you are unable to arrive during this period, then please contact us to discuss your travel plans. Please note that you will need to vacate your room by 10:00 on the morning of departure. See details below for the nearest public transport links to the hotel.

# Accommodation

We are still compiling information about the accommodation in Molltal and will update this document with further information when it becomes available, but in the meantime you may find the following information helpful.

We will be staying at two hotels - Action Hotel and Sport Hotel, Flattach. You will have selected your hotel and room choice when you made your booking. Please check your receipt for details and contact us if you wish to change your selection.

At the Action Hotel, the rooms are all en-suite bunk rooms for 4, 5 or 6. Bunk rooms for 2 or 3 are available at a supplement. At the Sport Hotel, the rooms are all en-suite and have Austrian-style beds with two mattresses in one frame. Bedrooms are normally allocated by the office before departure.

Mixed accommodation is only available for married couples or families. It is our policy to request that families with children under 18 share together. Please let us know now if you require a family room or if you would like to share with a friend.

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotel's restaurant but you will need to buy lunch while you are out each day. Please note that tea and coffee are not provided in the rooms, in keeping with most other hotels in continental Europe.

Linen and towels are provided at both hotels.

Nearest airport: Salzburg

Nearest train station: Oberfalkenstein

To book train tickets: [www.oebb.at/en](http://www.oebb.at/en)

# Travel Essentials

## PASSPORT AND VISAS

You will need to carry a valid passport in your hand luggage in order to be able to leave the United Kingdom. It would be a good idea to check your passport now to ensure that it is valid for the duration of the trip. If you have a non EU passport and are travelling to Austria, you will need at least three months validity after the date of your return.

If you do not hold a UK passport, it is your responsibility to check whether you require any visas for your journey. We strongly advise you to check this at the time of booking, as there can be delays in issuing visas. No visas are necessary for British Citizens.

## EHIC CARD

We ask all our guests (resident in the EU) to obtain and carry a free European Health Insurance Card ([www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)). This card facilitates medical care in the EU and Switzerland and is becoming a standard requirement by most travel insurance companies for EU citizens. Please ensure that your EHIC is still valid.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We require everyone travelling with us to have travel insurance. Please make sure your policy includes full wintersports cover. Please record your policy number, insurance company and their emergency telephone number in your online booking.

## HOLIDAY MONEY

In most situations you can pay with a debit or credit card. You can also buy local currency (Euros) before you leave.

## OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

You will need suitable footwear for walking on snow and also indoor shoes for the evening. Medical items such as tubi-grips, cold remedies etc may be difficult to find at the resort, so you may want to bring some with you. If you sleep lightly and are sharing a room you may find ear plugs useful.

### A Quick Checklist

- Passport
- EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
- Winter-jacket and ski trousers
- Ski gloves, socks and hat
- Fleece or warm layer
- Sunglasses or goggles
- Helmet (or hire from Oak Hall)
- Wrist guards (if snowboarding)
- Sun cream
- Water bottle
- Bible for evening study talks

## Lift passes

Your lift pass is not included in the basic cost of your holiday.

The cost of the lift pass depends on your age and the number of days it covers. Prices for last year (2017/18) for a lift pass in Euros (€), including 5€ deposit:

	5 days	6 days	7 days
Adult	218 €	242 €	269 €
Child (6 – 18)	111.50 €	123.50 €	137 €

Lift pass prices will be updated one week before departure, in line with the exchange rate on the Post Office website. We ask you to pay for your pass online before your holiday departs so that it can be ready for you on the first morning of your holiday. Please take a photo of your pass (or note the reference number) as soon as it is issued to you as this will be required if a replacement is needed.

On all coach options, the last day will not be a full day on the slopes due to coach departure time.

## Equipment Hire

We recommend that you use Oak Hall winter sports equipment which will be fitted for you.

The minimum age for Oak Hall ski and snowboard kit hire is 12 years. If you require equipment outside the sizes we offer (including children's sizes) or if our equipment is unsuitable for you we will arrange to return any hire payment you have made to us and introduce you to a hire shop where you can arrange to hire equipment locally.

### SKI EQUIPMENT HIRE

Our ski equipment consists of very good quality carving skis, boots, ski poles and a boot bag - all available at an economical cost. Our stock of equipment provides ski lengths 125 - 172 cm and adult UK boot sizes 4 - 12. If you are using your own boots then please note that our kit bindings will accept boots with sole lengths between 26 and 38 cm.

### SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT HIRE

We offer excellent adult boards with bindings and soft boots for hire. Our stock of equipment provides snowboard lengths 138-166cm suitable for those weighing between 45kg and 120kg. Boots are available in adult UK sizes 4-12.

## HELMETS

We strongly recommend that you use a helmet when skiing or snowboarding. In some resorts helmets are a legal requirement for children. All under 16s in Oak Hall lessons must be wearing a helmet. We are able to provide some adult helmets for hire and they can also be hired at local ski shops or from UK based suppliers.

## LET US KNOW!

Please inform us of your equipment requests in advance, including your height, weight, shoe size and snowsports experience so that we can ensure that suitable equipment is available.

## PAYMENTS

All hire charges for Oak Hall equipment are payable with your final payment, due two months before your holiday departs. Should you lose or damage the hired ski or snowboard equipment, we ask you to pay the replacement cost at the resort and make a claim on your travel insurance.

## HIRE PRICES

- Ski boots, skis & poles £69
- Snowboard & boots £69
- Skis & poles only £59
- Snowboard only £59
- Ski boots only £22
- Snowboard boots only £22
- Helmets £16

# Ski and Board Instruction

Our standard instruction package normally consists of 5x2 hour sessions for a total of £78. Occasionally small groups (4 or less) may receive shorter but more personalised lessons in order to best match ability.

## SKI INSTRUCTION

We offer ski instruction for all levels of ability from beginners to advanced. Whilst instructors are willing to instruct children, parents or guardians must be prepared to accompany their children during their lessons and at all other times - this may affect parents' own lesson arrangements.

## SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTION

We offer snowboarding instruction on all our Mölltal trips for beginner to intermediate snowboarders. Please note our minimum snowboard instruction age is 12 years.

# Families Week

For week M18 only, we welcome children as young as three to join us and we will have activities in the hotel especially for the young children. Although we will arrange lessons for the smallest children with the local Austrian ski school (at a cost of £108 for 5 lessons), parents or guardians must be prepared to accompany their children during their lessons and at all other times - this may affect parents' own lesson arrangements.

# Final payment: When?

The balance of your holiday payment is due two calendar months before departure. Please make a note of when the payment is due, as you won't necessarily be sent a reminder. If you are no longer able to travel then please let us know.

# Finally...

Please upload your travel insurance details and also a head and shoulders photo in the guest area of our website. For details of our full booking conditions and more information about this winter with Oak Hall, please visit [www.oakhall.co.uk](http://www.oakhall.co.uk). You may find the FAQs section particularly helpful.