# OakHall

## **Detailed Information – Mölltal 2021**

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 our friendly team and guests will very quickly help you to feel part of the group.

The details of your holiday to Molltal are in this document. It will be an important reference point as your holiday approaches. All options selected must be booked and paid for in advance.

Coach Travel				Flight/Independen	Notes	
Code	Departure	Arrival	Code	Departure	Arrival	Notes
М3	Mon-28-Dec-20	Tue-05-Jan-21	MA/X3	Tue-29-Dec-20	Mon-04-Jan-21	New Year
			MA/X10	Sat-13-Feb-21	Fri-20-Feb-21	Half Term
M17	Mon-29-Mar-21	Wed-07-Apr-21	MA/X17	Tue-30-Mar-21	Tue-06-Apr-21	Easter Children 3 & over welcome
M18	Mon-05-Apr-21	Wed-14-Apr-21	MA/X18	Tue-06-Apr-21	Tue-13-Apr-21	Family Week Children 3 & over welcome

## To the mountains

There are a variety of ways you can travel to our resorts from the UK, by using our scheduled coach and air travel (check the options for your chosen holiday), or by making your own independent travel arrangements.

#### TRAVELLING BY COACH

Our coach holidays begin at Folkestone (Stop24 Services), close to the Eurotunnel terminal, and for most holidays there is the option to board in London (at Victoria Coach Station) or Otford, Kent (Sainsburys overflow car park).

#### **FROM LONDON**

The optional return transfer from London Victoria Coach Station (SW1) costs £16.00 (or £8.00 one way). On arrival please refer to the departures display board in the main entrance hall for the Gate allocated to Oak Hall, usually displayed as 'Oak Hall – Molltal', where you will be met by one of our team. Occasionally our team member may accompany you from Victoria by train to meet the coach at Otford, at no extra cost to you.

#### FROM OTFORD

The optional return transfer from Otford costs £16.00 (£8.00 one way). Our meeting point is the overflow car park adjacent to the Sainsburys superstore on Otford Road (TN14 5EG).

If you need to park a car, you can use the 'Park & Ride' service from Otford Manor (TN15 6XL). Although TN15 6XF is our postcode, SatNav's often prefer TN15 6XL. Parking costs £17.00 per vehicle per trip. Parking is at the owners' risk and it is recommended that all valuables are removed. Please drop off your passengers and hand luggage at Sainsburys before driving to Otford Manor with your main luggage. Both Sainsburys and the

adjacent McDonalds restaurant have washrooms and serve hot food and drinks (check their websites for opening times).

#### FROM FOLKESTONE

As there is no pick-up facility at the Eurotunnel Terminal our Folkestone meeting point is the Stop24 Services at J11 on the M20 motorway. If you wish to park your car the charge is currently £9.00 for each 24hr period, payable on arrival via the self-service machine adjacent to the Bureau de Change.

A further travel option is by high speed train from London St Pancras to either Ashford International or Folkestone Central, before taking a local taxi to meet the coach at Stop24 Services.

#### THE JOURNEY

Most cross-channel journeys are with Eurotunnel, which takes 35 minutes. At peak times we sometimes use a ferry. You will be able to get off the coach during the crossing.

Most of our journeys include overnight travel, so for added comfort we recommend that you wear loose fitting, layered clothing and bring with you a small pillow and thin blanket along with a wash kit in your hand luggage. You may wish to bring food for the journey, but we will make regular stops at motorway service areas and our team will also serve complimentary hot drinks. It is our policy not to carry or permit consumption of alcohol in our vehicles and smoking is not allowed onboard or immediately adjacent.

You may like to note that we travel through France (currency is the Euro) and Switzerland (currency is Swiss Francs) before entering Austria (Euro).

#### LUGGAGE

We dress casually and our hotels and chalets are warm, so please keep your luggage light and to a minimum. Make sure your suitcase is robust and weatherproof as we cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

Luggage space on our coaches is restricted and the **weight limit is 20kg** per person. Please ensure your suitcase is no larger than 150 cm (60 inches) total dimensions (length + width + height), or a rucksack up to 75 litres cubic capacity. We cannot guarantee to carry luggage exceeding these limits. The exception is a pair of ski/walking boots if packed separately. Hand-luggage and clothing for the journey (which should also include your passport!) must be neatly packed and only occupy (along with you) the space comprising your seat and its footwell.

One pair of skis or a snowboard can be carried in a separate bag if this has been pre-booked (at a cost of £20) and provided we have space available. The weight of this bag should not exceed **10kg**.

#### **COACH TIMES**

	Outbound Journey						Inbound Journey		
Code	London VCS Meet	London VCS Depart	Manor Meet (to park car)	Sainsbury Meet	Sainsbury Depart	Folkestone Meet	Folkestone Arrive	Sainsbury Arrive	London VCS Arrive
М3	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
M17	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
M18	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 of our flights you will just need your passport to check in. BA frequent flyer points can be added at check in. A meal will not be provided on the flight, but refreshments may be available for purchase.

Meeting point for BA flights from Heathrow: Heathrow Airport (LHR), Terminal TBC.

Meeting point for BA flights from Gatwick: Gatwick Airport (LGW), South Terminal, Zone A.

On arrival in Austria: 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. Please note car/booster seats will not be provided for children.

Transfer time from Vienna to Mölltal: 4 hours 45 minutes

Transfer time from Salzburg to Mölltal: 2 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.

Please note that flight tickets cannot normally be used for one-way journeys – if you do not fly out with the group, the airline will usually cancel your inbound flight.

#### **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 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**

	Outbound Journey						Inbound Journey				
Code	Flight	From	То	Meet	Dep	Arr	Flight	From	То	Dep.	Arr
MA3	BA2652	LGW South	SZG	08:10	10:10	13:05	BA2653	SZG	LGW South	18:05	19:05
MA10	BA700	LHR	VIE	09:00	11:00	14:20	BA701	VIE	LHR	15:10	16:45
MA17	BA2652	LGW South	SZG	12:50	14:50	17:55	BA2653	SZG	LGW South	18:45	19:50
MA18	BA2652	LGW South	SZG	12:50	14:50	17:55	BA2653	SZG	LGW South	18:45	19:50

#### TRAVELLING INDEPENDENTLY

If travelling independently to the resort, please ensure your mobile number is included with the contact details on your booking. If you would like to pick up our airport transfer coach it is usually possible to include this in your reservation. The cost is £75.00 return or £40.00 one way. Please note car/booster seats will not be provided for children.

For all X trips, please check the group flights for appropriate timings. The coach will depart from the relevant airport as soon as those on the Oak Hall group flight have passed through security and baggage reclaim.

On all transfers you will be met in the arrivals area either by a team member or by the transfer coach driver. At Salzburg this will be at Area B in Terminal 1. 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.

If you are making your own way to the resort, you should aim to arrive at the accommodation between **17:00** and **18:00**. If you are unable to arrive during this time, then please contact us to discuss your travel plan. You will usually need to vacate your room by 09:00 on the morning of departure. See details below for the nearest public transport links to the hotel/chalet. We cannot guarantee on-site car parking at our resorts.

## **Accommodation**

We will be staying at:

Sport Hotel Kleindorf 10 9831 Flattach

Austria

www.sporthotel.travel Tel: 0043 4785 8101

Nearest airport: Salzburg, Klagenfurt or Ljubljana Nearest train station: Oberfalkenstein or Mallnitz

To book train tickets: www.oebb.at/en

Chalet facilities: Wifi available. Hair dryer and safe in each room. Use of Wellness centre with sauna, steam bath, hot tub and gym are included. Please note that, in keeping with most other hotels in continental Europe, there are no tea or coffee making facilities in the rooms.

Bedding and towels are provided. The rooms are all spacious and en-suite and have Austrian-style beds with two mattresses in one frame. Most rooms are for 2 but some rooms have an extra single bed. There are also some rooms with an extra single bed and also a bunk bed in a partitioned area which are ideal for families.

Bedrooms are allocated by the office before departure. Mixed accommodation is only available for married couples or families. Generally, it is our policy to request that families with children under 18 share together. Please note on your booking if you require a family room or if you would like to share with a friend.

Breakfast and dinner are served in the hotel restaurant. The hotel can cater for most dietary requirements, but please make sure you have informed the office of your needs. Lunch is not provided, although there is a small supermarket in the village and also a large restaurant at the ski area.

### **Travel Essentials**

#### PASSPORT AND VISAS

You will need to carry a valid passport in your hand luggage to be able to leave the United Kingdom. For those who hold a British Citizen passport you will not require a visa for Austria. Currently your passport need only be valid for the duration of your holiday. However, after 31st December 2020, the regulations concerning passport validity may change and you may need to have additional validity remaining. It would be a good idea to check your passport now to ensure that it is valid for the duration of the trip, and if you are due to travel after December 31st, it may be a wise precaution to have an additional 6 months validity beyond your travel date.

If you have a passport of a different nationality or status, it is your responsibility to check whether you require any visas for your journey and any additional validity. We strongly advise you to check this at the time of booking, as there can be delays in issuing visas.

#### **EHIC CARD**

We ask all of our guests (resident in the EU) to obtain and carry a free European Health Insurance Card (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. If

you have an EHIC that expires before the Brexit deadline it would be sensible to renew it, in case the EHIC can still be used after this date. There is no charge for obtaining or renewing the EHIC.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We require everyone travelling with us to have travel insurance. Please make sure your policy includes full winter sports 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
- Swimming gear for spa

#### **COACH AMENITIES**

Onboard amenities include comfortable reclining seats, adjustable footrests, arm rests (aisle seats only), individual reading lights, toilet cubicle with handwash and mirror, solar tinted double-glazing and window curtains, chilled drinking water on request, hot drinks served at intervals by our Courier, USB charging points (cable not provided). The heating and air conditioning are of necessity a shared amenity, but the upper and lower decks are separately zoned and can be adjusted by the Driver. Occasionally you may travel on, or transfer to a hired coach with amenities that may differ slightly.

Your comfort is important to us, but the aisles, staircases and door entry areas must always be kept clear. It is a legal requirement throughout Europe that seat belts are worn. Children must be restrained by ageappropriate seats or boosters. Oak Hall does not provide additional safety equipment but these bulky personal items (including mobility equipment) must be notified and authorised in advance. Also note that our seats are fitted with lap-belts but have no Isofix anchors.

# 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 season (2019/2020) for a lift pass in Euros (€), excluding 5€ deposit:

New Year and February half term (M/MA/MX3 and M/MX10):

	5 days	6 days	7 days
Adult	€ 224	€ 250	€ 277

Child (6 – 18)	€ 112	€ 125	€ 138.50
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Easter (M/MA/MX18):

	5 days	6 days	7 days
Adult	€ 208	€ 232	€ 250
Child (6 – 18)	€ 104	€ 116	€ 125

Families travelling with three or more children only need to pay for the first two child passes.

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 local hire shop where you can arrange to hire the equipment you need.

#### 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 snow sports experience so we can ensure suitable equipment is available.

#### **PAYMENTS**

All hire charges for Oak Hall equipment are payable with your final payment, due two months before the 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 then make a claim on your travel insurance.

#### HIRE PRICES

- Ski boots, skis & poles £75
- Snowboard & boots £75
- Skis & poles only £65
- Snowboard only £65

- Ski boots only £25
- Snowboard boots only £25
- 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. Learning in a group is fun and you will receive plenty of personal tuition and feedback.

We are very passionate about using our own Christian ski and snowboard instructors, but sometimes we are unable to find enough instructors to meet the demand for lessons. When this happens we will get in touch to let you know, cancel your lessons, refund you the full amount that you paid and help you book in with a local ski or snowboard school.

#### **SKI INSTRUCTION**

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

#### SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTION

We are unable to provide snowboard instruction in Molltal. However, you may be able to arrange your own lessons with a local school. Please contact the office if you need any help.

# **Family Week**

We welcome families with children above 7 on all of our holidays. On week M/MA/MX18, we welcome families with children as young as 3 to join us and we will have late afternoon activities in the hotel especially for them. We arrange lessons for the smallest children with an English speaking instructor from the local Austrian ski school (at a cost of £108 for 5 lessons). Parents do not need to accompany their children during the lesson but they will need to drop off and pick up promptly before and after the session, and take responsibility for them at all other times.

# 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**. You may find the FAQs section particularly helpful.