



Guilsborough Academy Ski Trip 2026

Alpe D'Huez

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About SkiBound



SkiBound is our trusted partner for this alpine adventure, bringing over three decades of expertise in school ski holidays.

- Over 30 years' experience providing school ski holidays
- Sent over half a million students on memorable skiing holidays
- Offering resorts across Europe and North America
- Exclusive French ClubHotels managed specially for school groups
- Dedicated health and safety team overseeing every aspect of operations
- LOTC Quality Badge holders, STF members, and fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL

Don't Forget Your Passport

Passport Requirements

Your passport must be **issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country** (check the 'date of issue').

It must be **valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave** (check the 'expiry date').

Safekeeping

A member of staff will keep passports safe upon students' arrival for the start of the trip.

GHIC Cards

It is advised for everyone to apply for a GHIC Card in replacement for the EHIC Card, for use in the EU. Many state hospitals and doctors will accept this if a member of the group seeks medical assistance.



Luggage Guidelines



Weight Limit

20kg maximum per person. There is a charge for exceeding this limit.



Electrical Equipment

Brought at your own risk. Remember, different plugs are used in France.



Spending Money

Recommended amount: 100 euros for additional drinks and snacks.



Staff Bank

You may give your young person's money to Miss Easton upon arrival to keep safe if you wish.





Travel Arrangements

1

Departure Day - Saturday 7th February 2026

Arrive at school at **2:10am**, depart at **2:30am**. Aiming to reach Birmingham Airport 3 hours before departure time of **06:45**.

2

Important Notes

Please ensure someone is available to be contacted if students are late. No meals provided during travel time—bring breakfast and lunch snacks or money for the airport.

3

Meals Included

European air tours include 7 nights full board catering. Your first included meal is the evening meal on arrival day. Your last meal will be breakfast on departure day.

4

Return Journey - Saturday 14th February 2026

Landing at **11:35am**, estimated arrival time at school is **13:50**.



Flight Details



Outbound: LS1231

Birmingham departure: 6:45 AM

Grenoble Arrival: 9:40 AM Local time (+1 hour)



Inbound: LS1232

Grenoble Departure: 10:40 AM

Birmingham Arrival: 11:35 AM UK Time



Ski-Specific Kit List

Essential Ski Wear

- Ski jacket
- Salopettes or board pants
- Thermal tops and leggings (at least 2 sets)
- Ski gloves or mittens (take spare gloves—these are easily lost)
- Ski goggles
- Neck scarf/Buff
- Thick ski socks, not wool (at least 3 pairs, including 1 pair easily accessible for ski fit on arrival)

Additional Clothing

- Long-sleeved tops
- Hoodies or sweatshirts
- Suitable outdoor/waterproof shoes or boots
- Suitable shoes or slippers for inside
- UV protective sunglasses
- Hat and scarf
- Lip balm and high protection sun cream

Complete Luggage List

Regular Clothing

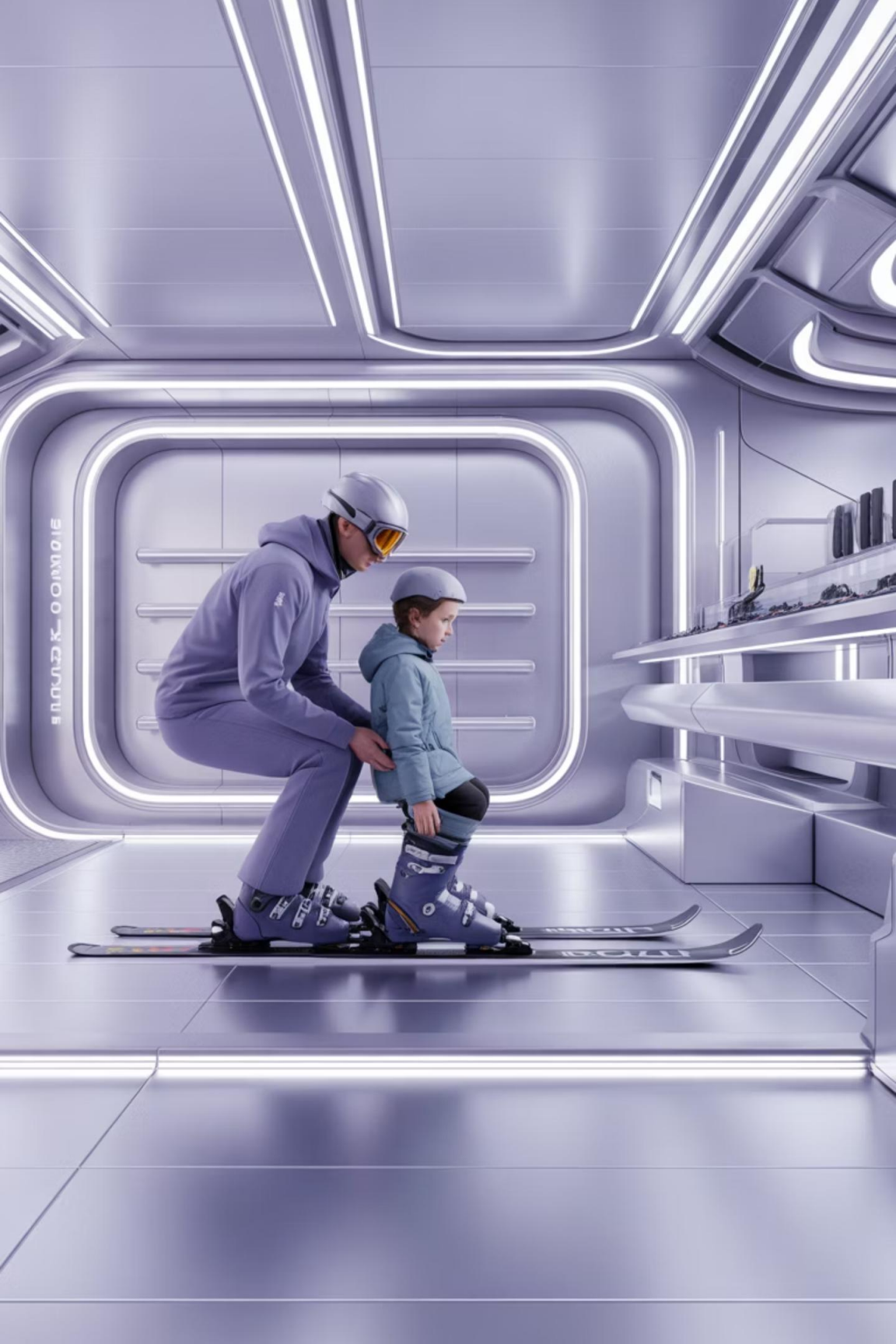
- Jeans/Trousers
- T-shirts
- Jumpers
- Underwear/PJs
- Socks

Toiletries

- Prescriptions and other medications
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap/Shampoo
- Hair brush
- Towel
- Aftersun

Basics

- Wallet or purse and cash (Euros)
- Glasses
- Backpack for day use
- Large bag for laundry
- Book/non-digital entertainment
- Water bottle



Pre-Ski: Equipment Fitting

Professional Ski Equipment

In-house ski fit is carried out by a Salomon-qualified ski technician, ensuring the right skis, boots, and helmets are fitted for each student.



- Skis, boots, and helmets are stored in-house after a day on the slopes
- Large investment made each year to stock the right sizes and ranges
- Salomon ski technicians are on-hand throughout the week should skis need changing or waxing

Our ski rentals, boots, poles, and helmets are from the world's leading ski equipment manufacturers—**Salomon.**



Ski School Experience

6 Days of Skiing

Included in your package with 4 hours of instruction per day.

Expert Instruction

You will be met by your instructors at the ski school meeting point.

Skill Development

Expert instructors from the local ski school will develop your skills over the week.



Ski School Groups



Instructor Ratio

Ski instructor ratio is 1:13, ensuring personalised attention and safety for all students.



Ability Assessment

Ski instructors will teach to the lowest ability of the group. They will assess all student abilities on the first day of ski school to ensure students are allocated to the correct groups.



Flexible Grouping

There will be space for moving groups if deemed suitable, ensuring everyone progresses at the right pace.



Accommodation: Clubhotel Vallée Blanche

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Prime Location

Centrally located in Alpe D'Huez and only a short walk to ski lifts, providing easy access to the slopes.

2

Full Board Accommodation

7 nights full board accommodation based on multi-bedded rooms. Drinks with meals other than breakfast are not included.

3

Room Allocations

Rooming allocations and the itinerary will be sent before we travel, so will be confirmed at a later date.

Evening Entertainment

We will have a mix of these activities - confirmed in January



Pizza Night

Includes pizza and soft drink



Crêpe Night

Includes crêpe and soft drink



Movie Night

With drink and popcorn



Quiz Night

With prizes or snacks



Awards Evening

Celebrating achievements

Our Experienced Staff Team

- **Mr Mills:** Assistant Principal, Trip Leader. 20 years of ski experience running ski trips and sports tours. First Aid trained.
- **Mrs Drewett:** Exam Officer. Experienced in snow sports.
- **Mrs Swan:** Experienced skier with extensive mountain knowledge.
- **Mr Sharp:** History Teacher and previous Trip Lead with proven experience.
- **Miss Easton:** PE Teacher and First Aid trained, ensuring student wellbeing.

Behaviour Whilst Away

Our expectations are exactly the same as if you were at school. This trip represents Guilsborough Academy, and we expect all students to uphold our values throughout the week.

→ Punctuality

Be on time for all meet times and activities.

→ Represent the School

Behave appropriately at all times, representing the school with pride.

→ Respect

Treat others how you wish to be treated yourself.

→ Zero Tolerance

No smoking, vaping, or drinking under any circumstances.

→ Safety Rules

Stay in groups, don't leave the hotel or slopes without permission.

→ Curfew

In your rooms when told—curfew will be strictly enforced.

→ Full Participation

This is a ski trip—students will be expected to be up and ready for a full day skiing every day (4 hours).

Medical Information



Initial Information

When you initially signed up for the ski trip, all medical information was gathered from you.



Medication Requirements

It is important I receive any medical information and details of any medication that your son or daughter may be carrying. If you need myself to have extra medication for your child on the trip, I need to know.



Parental Consent

We are unable to give paracetamol, ibuprofen, etc., to students without parental consent. If they wish to take some, or you prefer for us to hold it for them, please state on a consent form (will distribute nearer the time of trip).



Allergy Awareness

No nuts to be consumed on the coach, plane, or in confined spaces.





Emergency Contacts Procedure



School Trip Mobile

Whilst we are away, the emergency contact number is the school trip mobile.

07946 068 525



24/7 Availability

Staff will be available around the clock to respond to any concerns or emergencies.



Communication

We will keep you informed of any important updates throughout the trip.

Important Information

School Trip Phone Contact - 07946 068 525

Link to SkiBound App - includes itinerary so you can follow us every step of the way!

<https://web.vamoos.com/preview/ad1c655f-e11c-4c42-bc89-bc9d47eaf276>

Thank You for Coming

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the members of staff here tonight or email me at a later date.

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We're looking forward to an incredible week in the Alps with your children.
This will be an experience they'll remember for a lifetime.

