

Grand Rapids Ski Club – Europe, 2020

Grindelwald, Switzerland - February 14 to 22, 2020

(Optional) Extension to Costa Del Sol, Spain - Feb 22 to 26, 2020

THE DERBY HOTEL - GRINDELWALD

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Grindelwald has its own ski area that is reached by Gondola from the village. It takes you up to the sunny mid-mountain station of Bort. From Schreckfeld two drags provide high-altitude novice terrain and a couple of chairs continue up to Oberjoch at 8,206 feet. Most of the skiing is easy intermediate, but a long black run from the top of the Egg drag-lift follows the line of the gondola all the way back to the resort and is of considerable challenge.



The main ski area is Kleine Scheidegg beneath the north face of the Eiger. Grindelwald shares these slopes with Wengen and a train runs from the base station at Grund up the mountain and over the shoulder to Wengen on the far side. Halts along the way provide access to runs on both sides. From Kleine Scheidegg itself, on top of the shoulder, a further train or a drag-lift brings you up to the Eigergletscher, the high point of the joint ski area and starting point for two notorious black runs – Blackrock and Oh God.

A gondola also rises from Grund to the 7,317 foot Männlichen ridge that separates the two resorts. From here you can work your way through a sequence of chair lifts and easy pistes to the Lauberhorn, starting point for one of the classic World Cup downhill courses.

COSTA DEL SOL (Optional Extension) DON PABLO HOTEL

This shoreline region extends from the cliffs at Maro in the East to Punta Chullera in the west. It occupies a narrow coastal strip delimited by some ranges of the Penibaetic System, including the Sierra de Mijas, Sierra Alpujata, Sierra Blanca, Sierra Bermeja, Sierra Crestallina and Montes de Málaga to the north and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. The coast shows a diversity of landscapes: beaches, cliffs, estuaries, bays and dunes. The Costa del Sol is similar to southern California in scenery, climate and geography. Both areas have warm weather throughout the year and average annual sunshine hours of about 3,000 hours.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE HOTEL, COSTA DEL SOL

- Day trips to the nearby villages: Mijas, Marbella, Fuengirola, Nerja...
- Organized excursions to Seville, Granada, Córdoba, Gibraltar and Morocco.
- Cycling: Get to know the area via the different cycling routes (from Paseo Marítimo to Fuengirola)
- Water sports (water skiing, kite surfing, diving, snorkelling, surfing, windsurfing, sailing...)
- Fishing: Enjoy a day out at sea, learning new fishing techniques.
- Golf: There are 6 golf courses within a radius of 21 km. The closest is the 18 hole Parador de Golf.

Grindelwald One-Week Package \$2,300 Costa Del Sol Optional Extension \$675

Prices are subject to change due to changes in itinerary, currency, fuel surcharges, airport taxes or other fees. Prices will include round trip airfare from Chicago, roundtrip bus transfers, 7 nights lodging in The Derby Hotel, breakfast buffet and dinner daily. Package does not include lift tickets, ski rentals or trip insurance. Optional Extension includes 4 nights lodging 2/room, breakfast daily, round trip transfers to and from the Hotel.

Registration is made through the GGRSC web site: www.ggrsc.org Must be a 2020 ski club member.

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