

# Potomac Ski & Adventure Club



## Tour Portugal & Ski La Plagne

January 21-28; Jan 28-Feb 5

Complete Package Price: \$3,010\* (revised)

Ski Trip Only Price: \$2,460\* (revised)

- \* Price per person, double occupancy: Some Singles available at additional cost
- \* Guaranteed Euro exchange up to \$1.18 for the land portion

### Trip Includes:

- Dulles to Lisbon via Frankfurt, returning from Geneva after Ski trip
- Air from Portugal to Geneva to join Ski Trip
- R/T Dulles to Geneva for Ski Trip only
- All ground transfers between resorts, hotels and airports
- 3 nights in Lisbon at the Bessa Hotel Liberdade
- 3 nights in the Algarve Coast at the Hotel Mar e Sol in Albufeira
- 7 nights at the Hotel Araucaria in La Plagne
- 1 night in Geneva. Noon flight to Dulles next day
- Breakfast daily in Portugal
- Breakfast & Dinner daily at the Hotel Terra Nova in La Plagne

### Not Included:

- Ski Passes or Rentals
- Sightseeing Excursions in Portugal
- Additional cost of airline surcharges or Euro exchange rate
- Full Trip Cancellation coverage. Strongly suggested but not mandatory. Premiums based on age and trip cost

PSAC Trip Leader: Frank Peñaranda (301) 593-6472. To register, download Registration Form.

Please scroll down to view additional information and links to various trip flyers

Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Member.

PSAC is a member of the BRSC, and as such, any member of a BRSC club is entitled to the same privileges as a PSAC member.

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## [Welcome to our Portuguese – La Plagne Skiing and Relaxation Adventure.](#)

This is clearly a “Bucket-list” trip, combining a relaxed, cultural & recreational getaway to the edge of the Iberian Peninsula, which is Portugal, with a ski resort such as La Plagne, France.

We’ll do the Portugal portion as a pre-ski trip “extension”, touring the capital city of Lisbon and its vicinity, then Portugal’s more remote southern coast of Algarve where we’ll get to enjoy coastal villages, pristine beaches and walking/biking paths.

### Portugal:



[Lisbon](#)

We’ll spend a week in Portugal: 3-days in [Lisbon](#) at the [Bessa Hotel Liberdade](#) where we’ll be free to tour its many attractions and enjoy a group outing to a “Fado Show”, and see the “Cabo Fin de Mondo”, the farthest southwest point in all of continental Europe; and 3-days in the southern tip of Portugal in the Algarve region.

The [Algarve](#) is a picturesque area of coastal and mountain villages criss-crossed by walking/biking paths, plus high quality beaches framed by golden cliffs and virtually deserted islands. And there are small cities bursting with history and culture dating during and before the Arab occupation. Of course there’s also that most enticing and alluring element of its cuisine and it’s emphasis in all that is seafood. It was from this southern coast that the 15<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese set off to discover and explore the then known world. We’ll enjoy it all from our lodgings in the city of Faro from where we’ll fly to Geneva and our skiing adventure.



### Cycling and walking in the Algarve

**If you enjoy cycling and walking, then the Algarve offers a vast network of routes and trails.**

Not only will you have an unforgettable experience but you are sure to have the **sun** for company because the Algarve has sunshine almost all year round. As a result the **climate** is very pleasant, especially from September to June, the best months for cycling and walking. And as an added bonus,

the **scenery** is very varied: winding trails through hills and valleys **inland**; a steep and almost completely unspoiled western coast; and to the south and east, flatter routes alongside the **seashore** or in the tranquil settings of the Ria Formosa and River Guadiana. We’ll stay at the seaside [Hotel Mar e Sol](#) in Albufeira

## Skiing La Plagne, France:



La Plagne is an intermediate skier's paradise, while offering the experts a huge area of off-piste skiing. The region consists of two distinct areas with different characteristics: A group of "real" villages in the lower elevations, and a group of dedicated mini ski resorts at the higher altitudes in a broad bowl above the tree-line.



At the heart of the high-altitude area is Plagne Centre, the focal point for shops, restaurants and après-ski activities, and the general location of our hotel.

The entire ski area is known as the **Paradiski** region which encompasses nearby ski venues such as Les Coches, Montchavin, rustic Champagny and Montalbert. A cable car from Montchavin links to Les Arcs, another vast ski venue. Additionally, day trips by car or buses to Val d'Isere or even Trois Vallées are possible.

## Hotel Araucaria

The Araucaria is a ski-in ski-out 4 stars hotel located in the heart of the La Plagne Centre ski resort in Savoie, at the foot of the ski slopes of Paradiski domain. It is a family friendly hotel with 72 charming rooms of contemporary décor. It has a Spa with saunas, steam room, pool and Jacuzzi. There is free WiFi throughout the hotel, and private ski storage. Daily breakfast buffet is included, featuring: Bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages, wide choice of fruits, pastries and bread. After a day in the mountains, share a good time at the bar and discover the fine dining restaurant where main course dinner choices of fish or meat are served at the table, while starters, cheeses and desserts are available buffet-style.



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## Airline Schedules

### With Portugal Extension

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|------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 21 - LH 419  | 6:15 PM  | Dulles to Frankfurt | Arrives 7:50 AM next day |
| Jan 22 - LH 1166 | 9:15 AM  | Frankfurt to Lisbon | Arrives 12:15 PM         |
| Jan 28 – TP 956  | 8:10 AM  | Lisbon to Geneva    | Arrives 11:35 PM         |
| Feb 5 - UA 975   | 11:40 AM | Geneva to Dulles    | Arrives 3:30 PM          |

### Ski-only Trip

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|-----------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 27 – UA 974 | 5:50 PM  | Dulles to Geneva | Arrives 7:35 PM next day |
| Feb 5 – UA 975  | 11:40 AM | Geneva to Dulles | Arrives 3:20 PM          |

### For all Participants

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| Jan 28 – Feb 4 | Skiing in La Plagne, France                                  |
| Feb 4 – Feb 5  | One night in Geneva to catch early flight to Dulles next day |