

You will need a Valid Passport in your personal possession for this trip, without one you cannot board the aircraft, leave the U.S or enter the country of destination. Please do not forget or misplace your Passport.

It is suggested that you make photocopies of important documents and a list of any travelers checks and keep them in a separate place from the originals. Bring copies of any important prescriptions or medical information if applicable. A mini first aid kit, Band-Aids, antibiotic cream, aspirins, antacid, etc. is not a bad idea. To combat jet lag, in flight drink lots of fluids, avoid alcohol, and try to sleep. Due to new security measures allow extra time for check-in at the airport. Please be understanding and patient; your safety requires it. **Do not pack anything that could even remotely be considered a weapon in your carry-on luggage; metal nail files, pocket knives, etc.,etc. These items should be put in your checked baggage. Cigarette lighters can no longer be placed in carry-on or checked luggage, and no liquids or gels of any kind in your carry-on luggage unless for medicinal purposes in a clear plastic bag and in an amount not more than allowed by TSA regulations.**

Departure Information: Depart designated airport for flight to Europe. On arrival claim baggage and clear Customs. SKI IT Travel Host will be at the destination airport in Italy to greet you and will be holding a small SKI ITALY sign. You will then be transferred to your Hotel via Motorcoach. See your Itinerary for departure/arrival date, times, etc.

Return Information : Early morning transfer from Hotel to departure airport. On arrival at first U.S. Airport claim baggage and clear Customs. See your Itinerary for departure/arrival date, times, etc.

Check In:

U.S. Departure, Please check in at your airline ticket counter at least 2 hours prior to departure. Be prepared to show a valid Passport, and to provide the ticketing agent with a personal phone contact in case of emergency. When leaving U.S.A. your baggage will be checked through to destination airport. When returning to U.S.A. your baggage will be checked through to first port of entry only. You must claim your baggage, clear customs and re-check your baggage if traveling beyond your first port of entry. We usually enclose two copies of your flight itinerary and airline E-Tickets. We suggest you leave one copy at home with anyone you may want to have this information. **It is our policy not to give out any information by phone to anyone regarding your whereabouts or travel schedule.**

Italy Departure, Check in at departure airport in Italy will be at least 2 Hours prior to the scheduled return flight this requires an early morning Hotel departure.

IMPORTANT-- Baggage Allowance: Depending on the airline each person is entitled to one or two pieces of checked baggage not more than 40 lbs. each and a carry on bag that will fit under an airplane seat, and a personal item such as pocketbook, etc. Many airlines are now charging for a second piece of checked baggage. A ski bag or hard ski case will count as one piece of checked baggage. **(Quality Ski/Snowboard rentals are available in "Val di Sole" at reasonable prices. and will save you from carrying heavy gear. The choice is yours.)** You are responsible for the handling of your own baggage, and we ask that you keep that in mind when packing. **A good rule for packing is to lay out everything you want to bring, reduce it by half, and you should have more than enough of everything you will need. Believe us it's true! IMPORTANT NOTE: Many airlines on both domestic and international flights are now charging for any and all checked baggage, and any overweight baggage, various in-flight services and any special seating requests. Such Airline charges, if imposed are the passengers sole responsibility and are not included in SKI ITALY trip pricing.**

Baggage Handling/Porterage: SKI ITALY does not include baggage handling or porter services in any of its vacation packages, nor is SKI ITALY responsible for locating any baggage lost or mishandled by any airline.

Currency: Italian currency is the Euro Dollar. You will arrive in Italy on a weekend so you may want to consider purchasing some Euros from a U.S. bank before leaving so you will have money available for immediate use until you can change your U.S. Dollars/Travelers Checks into Euros at an Italian bank or at the hotel on Monday. A commission is usually charged by the bank, hotel, etc. when exchanging foreign currency. There are ATM machines close to the hotel. Not all local retail vendors, and on mountain restaurants accept credit cards

Clothing: Ski/Winter Casual. This is a Ski Vacation and Apres Ski dress is generally comfortable and casual. Since temperatures can vary, for skiing a good ski jacket, or ski suit, polar fleece vests and layered clothing are a better choice than heavy sweaters, etc. although a sweater is always nice to have for lounging around in the evening. Outdoor temps. usually run between 18F and 32F. Back packs are a good idea, they are the in thing for traveling and can be used as a carry on, or to take things with you while day tripping or skiing. P.S. Don't forget to bring the Long Johns and some plastic bags to separate any soiled clothing. Laundry and Dry Cleaning services are available at the Hotel.

Electrical Appliances, Hair Dryers, Battery Chargers, etc.: Hotel rooms have hair dryers. If you should bring your own the Italian current is 220 Volts and the plug ends are different. Be sure that any U.S. electrical appliance you bring will also operate on 220 Volts and that you have the proper plug end adapters. If it is not a dual current appliance a transformer will be necessary in addition to the plug end adapters. If a transformer is required be sure it is the correct one. You can obtain plug end adapters and transformers from places like Circuit City, Radio Shack, and most large department store luggage depts.. They should also be able to help you select the type you will need for Italy. There is an Internet point in the Hotel Lobby at reasonable cost and the Hotel is set up for both LAN and Wireless Internet connections.

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Hotel: You will be staying at the *** **Superior, Hotel Dimaro**. The Hotel is owned and operated by the Ramponi Family. The address is as follows:
Hotel Dimaro, Via Campiglio 78, 38025 Dimaro, Val di Sole, Trentino, Italy.
Phone: from U.S. 011-39-0463-974375 or 973186
Fax: from U.S. 011-39-0463-973204
Website: www.dimarohotel.it
Email: info@dimarohotel.it

Dining: Breakfast at the Hotel (Albergo) Dimaro is served between 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. Dinner is served between 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
You can charge items such as spa services, massage, etc., alcoholic beverages, bar tab, bottled water, etc. to your hotel room and settle your account with a major credit card prior to your departure.

SMOKING IS UNLAWFUL IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN ITALY INCLUDING HOTELS, HOTEL ROOMS, RESTAURANTS, AND RETAIL STORES

Laundry /Dry Cleaning: Services are available to guests of the Hotel at reasonable costs. There are no local Laundramats.

Computers: The Hotel has an Internet Point and WiFi in the Reception Area, and all of the rooms are LAN wired for Internet connection.

Skis and Boots: The Hotel has a private locked Depository for Skis and Boots, with heated Ski Boot Racks. etc.

NO SKI BOOTS ARE TO BE WORN WHILE WALKING WITHIN THE HOTEL OR RECEPTION AREA, SKIS MAY NOT BE STORED IN HOTEL.

Transportation: The Hotel Dimaro provides guests with free transfers each morning to and from the new main lift station at Daolassa between 8:30 a.m and 10:00 a.m. and returning in the afternoon between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The trip takes approx. 5 Min. Transportation to other ski areas is available via local ski bus, taxi, or auto rental. Auto rentals in the immediate area are somewhat limited. Auto rentals are available in the city of Trento, the provincial capital located about 60Km/37Mi. East of Dimaro. Trento is accessible via bus or local train service. Public transportation is good, and unless you are staying for an extended period you probably would have no use for a car, in fact we recommend against renting a car because of the short time you will be there. Italy does recognize an American drivers license. It would be wise to also carry an International drivers license with you. You can obtain one at almost any AAA office in the USA. Note: Auto rentals booked from the U.S. are usually much cheaper than when they are booked in Italy.

Lift Tickets: **An electronic SUPERSKIRAMA Unlimited Ski Pass is included as part of your vacation package.** The Ski Pass allows you full unlimited use of all Val di Sole and affiliated lifts systems consisting of approx. 160 Lifts and 360 Km of groomed terrain including Madonna di Campiglio, the glacier at Passo Tonale and more. When you arrive at the hotel your passport picture will be used to obtain your Ski Pass. You will not have to provide a separate photograph for that purpose.

Optional: Venice Day Tour, Dolomite Mtn. Tour, and Northern Italian Cooking Class are subject to populating and will usually be on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Day Trip Buses will depart the hotel early A.M. a light breakfast snack will be packed for you. Cooking class usually begins at 10:00 a.m. in a private home kitchen in the village. Lunch, wine and copy of recipes prepared are included. Exact dates and times for foregoing to be determined.

Other: Swimming is available in the hotel Wellness Center's heated pool. Bathing suit, bathing cap, flip flops/slippers and robe are required and can be rented or you may bring your own, sauna and steam room are also available. If you plan to visit the Mineral Health Spa at Pejo during your stay you will also need a bathing suit, flip flops, and arrange for private transportation. Val di Sole also offers some excellent cross country terrain. There is dog sledding available near Passo Tonale. Alpine guided off piste skiing is available by special arrangement only, depending upon weather and safety conditions. The provincial capitol of Trento is a historic Northern Italian city which hosted the famous Council of Trent and is the home of the medieval "Castle of the Bounconsiglio." Trento is accessible via local train service and makes for a great day trip of shopping, exploring, and enjoying great Northern Italian cuisine

Finally, to quote a good friend and seasoned traveler; "The three most important items you need to take along on your vacation require no special packing and take up no room in your luggage. They are an open mind, a sense of adventure, and a smile." Bring that and you will truly enjoy your stay in "Val di Sole"

We hope the foregoing will be helpful concerning your hosted SUPERSKIRAMA vacation to Italy. If you have any questions please contact us any time prior to departure. Dick and Ann Ramponi will once again be your SKI ITALY and More, Inc. Travel Hosts during your stay in Italy.

Ciao e Buon Viaggio.

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