

NEW - BASI LEVEL 2 3 WEEK PROGRAM 2024

A CONCISE PACK OF
WHAT YOU NEED TO
KNOW FOR OUR BASI
3 WEEK LEVEL 2 IN
ARINSAL, ANDORRA



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WELCOME

OUR PROGRAM

This is our 11th season of delivering this unique type of 3 Week BASI Level 2 Instructor course and we are constantly developing the way we run it so that you get the most out of it in terms of value for money and quality of training.

The course is ideal for people who cannot attend our season long program due to work or other commitments and for those who feel ready for the BASI Level 2 but want the extra week of input and training prior to the exam.

WHERE IS THE COURSE?

All of our winter courses take place in Arinsal in the Arinsal & Pal region in Andorra. Andorra has been a popular destination for UK riders since the mid 90's and has always catered for snowboarders with a great park and some great riding and everything you need for your BASI exam.

Andorra retains a duty free tax status so is great value for money meaning you can go out and enjoy yourself without breaking the bank. We have written a resort guide for Whitelines magazine so please email us if you would like a copy of this.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The course is open to all Level 1 qualified instructors. You will need to have your level 1 license BEFORE arriving in resort. You also need to have the extra 35 hours on top of the first 35 you did to get the level 1 license. In short this means that you have at least 70 logged teaching hours at the BASI office prior to attending this short course.

You will also have to have paid your BASI subscriptions for the season 23/24 and hold a valid license at the time of the exam.

That way we can concentrate fully on the level 2, the moment you arrive.

WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST?

As ever we are also keeping it as cheap as possible so that becoming a Level 2 instructor isn't going to cost you a small fortune. We know we are the cheapest out there for this type of course....and we've been delivering exams for BASI for 20 years; you are in good hands.

The cost of the 3 Week program is only...

£3,695

WHAT'S IN IT

WHAT DOES THIS INCLUDE?

Our package for the 2024 season will include the following:

- All in resort accommodation costs (shared room).
- All you can eat Breakfast each morning for the duration.
- **FREE Half Board Package for duration** - so that's a 3 course evening meal each night.
- Airport transfers on the specified start and finish dates.
- Lift pass for the duration.
- 5 mornings of pre exam training during week one.
- BASI level 2 course and exam fee.
- Mountain shadowing experience in your spare time.
- Employment opportunities for future seasons at the Mountain snowboard school.
- Discount on private sessions with the SBcoach in UK and in resort prior to the exams if you require extra input.
- Discount on snowboard equipment from our sponsors of up to 35% prior to the course.
- SBCoach wristband giving you special discount in selected bars in resort.

The Snowboard Coach crew will also be on hand as we spend the whole winter in resort. We will be around for advice or to chat about any issues you feel you need to talk to us about.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

The cost for the level 2 DOES NOT include the following:

- Flights
- Other Food and drinks (ie up the mountain during the day)
- Travel Insurance
- The **NEW tourist tax** which will be 22.50 Euro for the duration - This has to be paid to the hotel direct.



INFORMATION

START & FINISH DATES:

The dates for our 3 week course are as follows and flights should be booked for the following:

ARRIVAL: Sunday 25th February 2024
DEPARTURE: Saturday 16th March 2024

AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

These are included in the price on the specified arrival and departure days. Extra charges will be in place should you not be arriving and departing on the above days.

More information regarding the transfers will be supplied when booking onto the program.

Transfer time to Andorra is around 3.5 hours.

FLIGHTS:

Barcelona El Prat is the easiest airport for Andorra. There are many airlines from all over the UK that fly there.

Toulouse airport can be accommodated by prior arrangement but we always recommend Barcelona.

We recommend landing in Barcelona (or your respective airport) no later than 2pm in the afternoon. This means that with the transfer times taken into account, you get into resort early evening and have plenty of time for a drink and a bite to eat on the first night.

The same will go for return flights back to the UK. A later departure in the afternoon means you don't have to leave Arinsal too early.

Again more information regarding flight times will be sent to you upon booking onto the program.

LIFT PASSES:

All lift passes are valid for every day of the 3 weeks course including weekends. They are valid for the Arinsal, Pal and Arcalis region where your exams will take place.

Your lift pass will be waiting for you when you arrive.

Once you have your lift pass it is your responsibility and Snowboard Coach cannot be held responsible for extra charges incurred due to loss or theft of lift passes.

MONEY IN RESORT:

There are plenty of cash points in and around town, but be aware that your bank may charge you for withdrawing money. Credit cards are widely used in town but cash is always preferred in the local bars.

There is no actual bank facility to physically change money in Arinsal. If you intend to bring cash please change this in the UK prior to coming out.

*** PLEASE NOTE: The currency in Andorra is still the EURO ***



OUR WRISTBANDS

OUR "LOCAL" WRISTBAND:

Over the past few seasons we have had other people not on our courses trying to get our SBcoach discount in bars and cafes in town and up the mountain. Because of this we introduced our SBcoach Wristband with different colours for each season.

Our SBcoach wristband tells all the bar staff in our favourite places that you are with us and that you get local seasonaires price straight away. Some of these places even offer us a special SBcoach only price, that not even the locals get. We try and make you feel part of the great local scene here in Arinsal from day one.

The idea sounds cheesy but it works!

It also saves asking about discount - as soon as the staff see it they will know.

The band itself is fully waterproof and shower proof so is fine to wear every day.

This band is only available for you and for what you buy. It wont cover any other friends and family that travel separately ie not with us. That's why everyone on a Snowboard Coach course gets this band and no-one else.



WHERE IT WORKS!

POLAR BAR:

These guys look after us all winter and offer discount on their daily specials to all SBcoach clients. They are our favourite mountain cafe in Arinsal. We eat there every day as its too cheap not to. With our wristband you will too....Here is what we get:

BREAKFAST SNACKS 3/3.50 EURO:

- Croissant & Coffee
- Nepolitana/Pan Raisin & Coffee

PLATE/PASTA OF THE DAY FOR 7.90 EURO:

- Main meal (with Pasta option) and soft drink

SANDWICH CHOICE FOR ONLY 6.90 EURO:

- Bacon/Cheese/French omelette "Bocadillo"
- Coffee OR soft drink

Anything else on the menu you will get a discount of 20% should you not wish to take these specials.

The Polar bar is located up the mountain on the middle floor of the complex when you get off the gondola and is where we start and finish most days. Look for the Snowboard Coach flag.

CISCO'S BAR: A favourite of ours over the years of being here. They do us an amazing SBC only discounts ALL THE TIME. Free nachos and chili in Apres ski as well.

EL MOLÍ: Specials during apres, local prices on all drinks.

FUGAZZETA: Our local coffee and chilled bar run by our good friend Joaquin. Daily deals and local prices on all drinks and food with a 10% discount.

DERBY DELI & IRISH PUB: A fast take away style deli up the hill that gives us great discounts on food - plus local prices on all drinks in the bar in the village.

360 EATERY & BAR: Burger and a beer deals and local prices on all drinks.

A full list of discounts will be emailed prior to the course....

There are of course other bars in the village but we like to promote the ones we drink and eat in...and in turn allow us save you money on your time with us.



THE HOTEL

WHAT'S THE ACCOMMODATION LIKE?

Everyone is located in the same Hotel in Arinsal, a short 5 min walk to the main gondola. The rooms are a mix of twin and triples. We do endeavour to keep 2 to a room where we can, but be prepared to be in a triple room depending on course numbers.

EVERY room is En-suite and has TV and coffee/tea making facilities. Bedrooms have under bed storage and wardrobes. Being honest the only time you will spend in the bedroom is when you're sleeping!

The hotel has a nice bar and lounge area for a coffee in the afternoon and a beer in the evenings. Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and in your rooms.

BREAKFAST: You have and all you can eat breakfast every morning INCLUDED as part of the course fee. Please don't steal any items to take up the hill, it makes the hotel a bit angry and with our discount wristband you can have a plate of the day uand a drink for under 7 Euro up the mountain.

3 COURSE EVENING MEAL (FREE UPGRADE)

For our 3 week course in 2024 we are still also including a 3 course eveing meal every night. This saves the added hassle of trying to eat out during what is a very hectic 3 weeks.

This is included in the course fee at no extra cost.

BILLS:

All bills are obviously included. As winter people using the mountain we should be concerned about global warming and energy saving. Simple things like turning the lighting off when you go out will make a big difference.

SHEETS, CLEANING & WASHING: Bed sheets and towels are obviously provided and will be changed every 2 days. It does not include a personal laundry service. But you can pay to have all you washing done at a local laundrette.

DAMAGE: Any damages, major cleaning, breakages etc, will be billed at the cost to put right and this will be split between everyone in the room.



SCHEDULES

TRAINING SCHEDULE

The day after arriving will see us jumping straight into training, starting with a QA up the mountain on the Monday. This is our ideal itinerary. Please note the actual Level 2 exam is now 8 days long from the original 10 days.

Shorter time = harder work, so be prepared.

WEEK 1: PERFORMANCE COURSE - MON TO FRIDAY

We will be working either within our own group or with the candidates training with us on the season long course. There will be 5x3 hour (min) training sessions during the week.

The idea behind this week is to re-affirm the fundamental's learned on the Level 1 Instructor Course and how it all applies to the mountain. It includes coaching on piste & off piste so steep slopes, carving blues and riding choppy terrain.

One of the sessions will see us working in the park so you know what freestyle level is expected for level 2 students. You then have a long weekend of practice prior to the exam.

WEEKS 2 & 3: BASI LEVEL 2 EXAM

An extra training session on the Monday to get your legs and brain into exam mode. Then Tuesday to Friday will be the first 4 days of the Level 2 exam.

You will have a weekend off in between to take some practice time, but also take some well earned rest.

You will then be ready for the final 4 days of the Level 2 in week 3 which runs Monday to Thursday.

Friday will be a free (recovery) day and Saturday will see you leaving Arinsal back to the airport.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of £1,000 is needed to secure a place on our program. This is paid via BACS/Internet direct to our Andorran account.

- The balance is then payable by the 30th November 2023.
- Anyone booking in September/October 2023 will need a £1500 deposit. Then the balance settled no later than 15th December 2023.
- Anyone booking in or after December 2023 will need to pay the course fee in full.

This schedule is in place because we have to arrange and allocate accommodation as much as we can prior to the start of the season.

TRAIN HARD, RIDE HARDER

This 3 week option isn't the easy way to pass. If you haven't had a lot of mountain time then maybe consider our longer 13 week course. If you are pressed for time and can't do the longer course, then prepare as much as you can in the UK and then use the week prior with us to train hard and ride hard.

PLEASE NOTE: The course is not a guaranteed pass.

THE BASI SNOWBOARDING ETHOS:

The ethos of BASI snowboarding is about flow and output it's what the board is doing. This depends on the snow we are riding and the task at hand. It's not, do this and do that - we don't spoon feed you on the Level 2 course. As you become more aware of your riding, you will need to become more aware of how you personally use the fundamentals that you are being taught. The more aware you are of this, the nicer your riding will feel and the better rider you will become. 'Snowboarding isn't black and white'

Of course we are going to tell you what you need to fix and give you exercises to improve these weak areas, but part of the course is you figuring out and feeling what works best for you from the information that we give you. How much fore, how low to ride, how high to ride. We can't tell you this, you need to feel this. You will notice the way your coaches ride, we all use the same fundamentals of snowboarding but in varying amounts, yet the outcome - the riding - looks smooth and flowing. This is what we want to teach you.

EVERYBODY is different, we bend, move, stand and sit in many different ways and you will find that you may use a different fundamental more or maybe less than somebody else.

During the exams the trainers will continue to push your riding and may use new exercises and drills that you not have done, using different explanations of the same fundamentals....Its all about the above - making YOU think and FEEL more - "What suits me the best?"

This course is not only about preparing you to take the exams but to train you to be responsible for yourself and prepare you for the role of a developing Instructor in seasons to come.



TESTIMONIALS

Over the years of doing these course we have developed a great Snowboard Coach family and we all keep in contact. Many of the previous course candidates are now living and working all over the world. Here is some feedback to help you make up your mind.

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I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the 3 week program in Arinsal, with Ash and the SBC crew. I wanted to do the 3 week course to give me a heads up on what I needed to work on for the exam.....

The prep week was perfect for helping me not only improve my technical snowboarding skills but also develop my teaching skills. Despite the fact that I have been snowboarding for more than 10 years, this was such a valuable course to progress my snowboarding. I would NOT try and do the BASI Level 2 without at least this preparation week.

Arinsal itself is great because it's very simple to get around, finding bars, restaurants and supermarkets which were all cheaper than ANY other winter resort I've been too.

I'll be returning next winter for more training towards the L3.

Brett Harris

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I was fortunate enough to do my Level 1 with Ash and Snowboard Coach a few years ago, so choosing to go with them again for the Level 2 was my first choice...

The 3 week program was ideal for me, giving me the weeks' training before the 2 week assessment.

The exam itself was great, I learned a huge amount and improved a lot.

The learning environment is always a bonus with Snowboard Coach, they make it fun and enjoyable throughout the process....they are great guys and great coach's.

Aaron Crowder

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I had an awesome time on the 3 week course with Snowboard Coach....

I originally contacted Ash after hearing only good things from the other guys that I worked with at Castleford Snozone. Also having the convenience of all the important stuff being included in the package, it was a no brainer to go anywhere else.

Instructions on booking everything and arriving in Andorra were really easy to follow and made the whole thing stress free. The week of training before the exam was really valuable and meant we got to know the mountain as well as understand our own areas for improvement prior to the actual exam.

I wouldn't hesitate to recommend booking with Ash and Snowboard Coach, whether it's just for a riding week to improve your skills or to try and get your instructors qualifications....these guys know their stuff!

I'm now off to New Zealand to teach and work and stay there for as long as I can. Thanks to Ash and the SBC crew for the help.

Dom Parker

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If you're looking around to book a BASI course, i cannot recommend Snowboardcoach enough. Ash & the team are extremely knowledgeable & professional (& bloody good fun!). You're not just getting a qualification, you're getting an education too

I recently completed my BASI 2 with them after coming to Arinsal in 2015 to do my BASI 1 & I'm so glad I opted to go back.

Snowboardcoach will guide you through all the technical & theory aspects, improve your riding, your understanding of snowboarding & give you the tools to deliver better lessons so that your clients can get the most out of their experience.

The camaraderie & support encouraged amongst the group really helped me on both occasions too.

Arinsal itself is an ideal area to learn/ride in & Snowboardcoach make getting there easy too - they can help you sort accommodation, transfers & lift passes, making the whole process super easy. If you're thinking about doing a course don't hesitate, just book it. I guarantee you will not regret it"

Teige Maddrell

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SBC CREW OF 2023

BIG THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT GUYS....



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

We ask every candidate to be professional and respectful at all times not only to your trainers but also to your peers - the people you will be living with for the 3 weeks. Understanding other people's needs and being able to manage them as a team is a big part of being an instructor. Even though you will only be with us for the 3 weeks, you will get to know a lot of people in Arinsal and will be known as part of the snowboard coach crew. It's a small friendly town so creating the right impression is paramount.

Remember we are not just looking at your snowboarding skills but also how you would represent BASI as a working instructor in a resort environment in the years to come.

The courses are not to be taken lightly and you will be pushed hard with your riding and your teaching but you will learn loads of things that you would never even think of and WILL ride the mountain better than you ever have done.

The course is not a guaranteed pass. We will give you all the tools and feedback you will need to pass the course. We are not in control of how much effort you put it...that bit is up to you. We encourage you to use the time in resort wisely. The more you practice around our training program and take charge of your own riding and learning the more chance you have of success.



A BIT MORE ABOUT US

Snowboard Coach hold the highest qualifications attainable in teaching snowboarding.

We hold the highest accreditation from the ISIA which is the worldwide governing body for snow sport instructors as well as the ISTD status which is only given to the highest level snow sports instructors.

We also have full trainer status from ALL the snowboard governing bodies within Great Britain - This means that the UK Governing bodies use Ash and Snowboard Coach not only to deliver training and assess standards but also to qualify instructors.

This isn't to show off or trying to prove how good we are, it's to assure you that you are in good hands and are getting what you pay for. Teaching snowboarding is our full time profession.

This is also what makes us the first choice for TV production companies from the BBC to ITV to programs like Channel 4's "The Jump".

A MESSAGE FROM ASH - OWNER OF SNOWBOARD COACH

At the end of the day it's all about enjoying what we do and I wouldn't be here today if I didn't. I've spent 30 years of my life snowboarding and over 25 years teaching this sport that I love. I've been an examiner for BASI for over 20 years so we know how to get you ready for an exam.....

Thanks for enquiring about the Level 2, I hope you can join us out in Arinsal for the 3 weeks this coming winter ;).

SNOWBOARD COACH : APPROVED BASI PARTNER

Snowboard Coach was the first FULLY APPROVED BASI PARTNER. This is an accreditation that BASI are only issuing to approved companies with a proven track record of delivering a quality BASI product.

This means that we have been through a rigorous quality control process assessing everything from our training and delivery methods to our course structure and organisation. We have surpassed all these stringent controls with flying colours.

We are not just a company selling instructor courses, we are the trainers, the examiners...we are the ones here with you and the ones who have been through the whole process.

When looking for an instructor course package these are the questions you need to ask...to ensure you are getting the training you expect.



Snowboard Coach has earned the highest levels attainable from the following Worldwide Snowboarding Governing bodies:



And is sponsored by:



Please read our terms and conditions on the following page...

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Snowboard/Snowsports Coach are trading names under All Mountain Training SLU - an Andorran registered company - from herein referred to as "Us" and "We". You will be referred to as the "client". All applicable under Andorran Law.

Terms and Conditions for our 3 Week Programme

1. You the client must be safe and medically sound to travel and to be in a winter resort and have appropriate insurance cover for Andorra. We will not accept any clients travelling against medical advice and you must state this in the booking form you receive from Us. We can not be held responsible for any costs/loss/damages incurred for failure to declare this.

2. The client must also have fulfilled all of the course prerequisites as detailed in our course info pack.

3. The application will only be accepted and secured provided:
a) The application is accompanied by a £1,000 non-refundable /transferable initial deposit.
b) The booking confirmation is signed and returned.
c) The client unconditionally accepts these terms and conditions of booking when confirming via email that a place on the course is required.

4. The remaining balance of the course fee must be received in full by Us by 30th November 2023 except when:

- Clients enrolling in September, October or November 2023 will be required to pay a £1500 deposit and the full balance to be settled by 15th December 2023.
- Clients enrolling after December 2023 will need to pay the course fee in full at the time of booking.

5. If payments are not made within 7 days of these deadlines then We reserve the right to re-allocate your place **without refund**.

6. All changes to bookings must be received in writing by email or letter.

7. All clients must be insured for our courses. We advise every client to buy insurance **AS SOON AS YOU CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING WITH US**. Please do not wait until the week before you travel.

8. Cancellation – in the event of cancellation by the client neither the deposit or any subsequent instalments that have been paid are refundable or transferable.

9. We strongly recommend that all clients embarking upon ANY of our courses take appropriate insurance which covers both cancellation and curtailment and course reimbursement/cover.

10. Proof of insurance or similar will be required prior to attending the course.

11. We will refund appropriate monies (pro rata) if the decision is made by Us to cancel all or part of the training program.

12. No monies will be refunded by Us in the event of an injury sustained whilst participating in ANY of our courses, where injury leads to missed sessions, curtailment of the course; then in this instance it is necessary to make an insurance claim. We will provide the necessary receipts.

13. If the venue of the course is adversely affected by snow, weather, force majeure or **any other circumstances beyond our control** that cause cancellation of any/all parts of our course and package offered - NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN. Again We insist on a suitable insurance policy as detailed in point 7.

14. In the event of the above in paragraph 13: You, the client, agree that We cannot be held responsible for refunds.

15. Any student found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during course contact time (ie a training session) will be removed from the course immediately with no refund given.

15a. We also reserve the right to refuse training to any client who, in the opinion of Us is unsuitable for snowsport Instructor training.

16. In the event that you, the client, is refused training on the basis of paragraph 12, 13,15 & 15a **no monies will be refunded**.

17. In the event of any arrest or infraction between the client with the local Police in relation to drink, drugs or ANY circumstance that see's YOU the client arrested/detained or removed from the country. We will not be held responsible. We will stand by the decision of the enforcing agency. Again **no monies will be refunded**.

18. In the event of point 17; Our limited responsibility is to ensure that the client is given contact with the British Embassy.

19. You, the client, agree that except for death or personal injury arising through the negligence of Us, We shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising whether in respect of death, bodily injury, illness suffered or contracted, loss, costs, damages or expenses incurred.

20. It is the individual clients responsibility to ensure that all accommodation, transport and any other facilities provided or organised by Us, are treated with respect and appropriate consideration as if their own.

21. We will not be responsible for any damage caused by a client. You, the client, will be held liable for any costs incurred in such a way and will agree to settle any costs immediately to 'make good' any and all damage caused.

22. As an applicant to be a client on a course or package organised by Us and BASI, whether applying by telephone, email or letter you agree to abide by these conditions when confirming your booking with us, regardless of whether you have signed and returned the requested booking form.



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