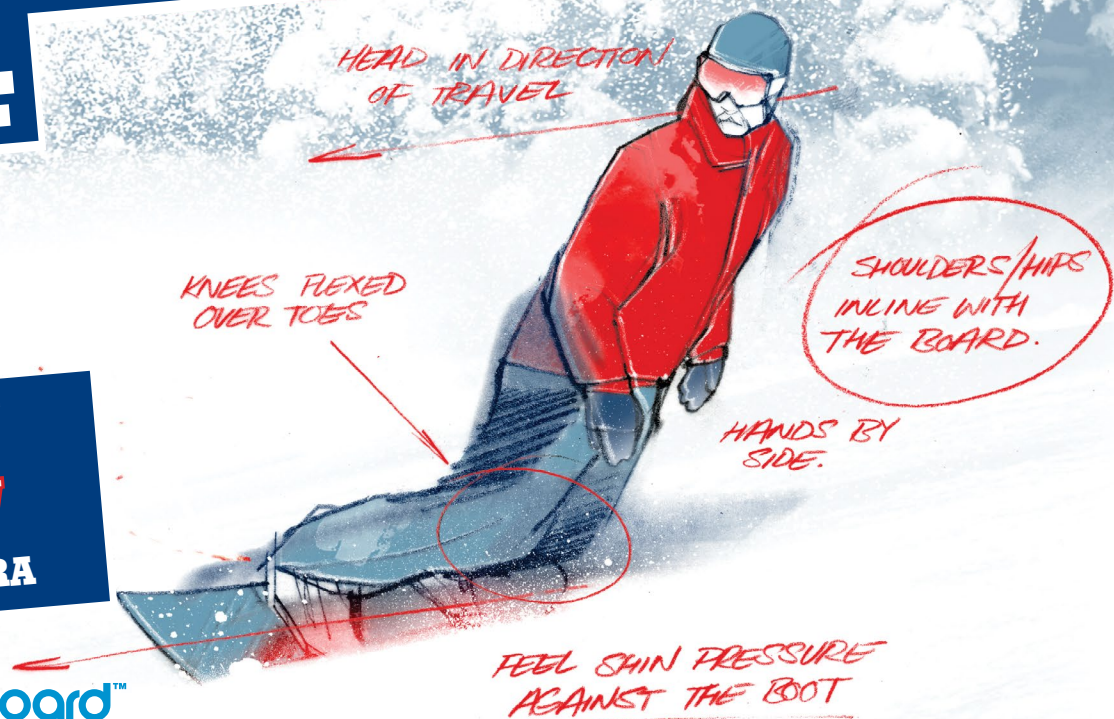


SNOWBOARD COACH EXPLORE ANDORRA WEEK 2024

EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT OUR **NEW**
COURSE OPTION
HERE IN ANDORRA



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WELCOME

New for 2024 is our new weekly program called Explore Andorra”.

The new Explore Andorra holiday option is aimed at customers old and new who want the chance to explore all of the resorts in Andorra and not just Arinsal.

So for the first time ever, this program allows you to ride not only Arinsal and Pal but also Arcalis, Soldeu, El Tarter, Pas de la Casa and Grau Roig resorts too....

This course has no formal teaching or coaching but one of the SBC crew will spend a morning riding with you at each new resort, so you can get your bearings, learn the secret spots and obviously how not to get lost! We will then leave you to explore for the rest of the day. **PRIVATE** transport is included to and from each new resort we visit with set return times back to Arinsal so we can all finish the day with a cold beer.

WHERE IS THE COURSE?

You will be based in Arinsal. 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.

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.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

ANY level of recreational rider is welcome on our courses. All we ask is that you can turn and can use lifts.

WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST?

As ever we try and keep our prices as low as possible without compromising the quality of your time with us. We have 2 main options for this coming season.

BED AND BREAKFAST FROM: £999

HALF BOARD OPTION FROM: £1065

We say "from" because single room supplements will be in place for single travellers who don't want to share. Also for different times of the season where the hotels are more expensive.

WHAT'S IN IT

WHAT DOES THIS INCLUDE?

All our options for the 2024 season will include the following:

- Accommodation from Sunday to Sunday
- Return transfers from Barcelona Airport
- Full Andorra area lift pass for the 6 day duration.
- Private transport for the days we "explore Andorra"
- SBCoach wristband giving you "locals" discount in selected bars in resort in Arinsal.
- **Special discount** voucher for The Snowboard Asylum.
- **SBC discount** on Salomon Snowboard and Volcom gear.
- **15% discount** on hire equipment in resort
- **FREE** board lockers in the Hotels for SBcoach clients.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE B&B OPTION:

- Full breakfast every morning.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE HALF BOARD OPTION:

- Full breakfast each morning
- 3 course meal each night

Also don't forget the Snowboard Coach crew will be on hand prior to your holiday to ask any questions so you'll get a more personal service than from a tour operator.

WHAT ARE THE HOTELS LIKE:

OUR HOTELS: Depending on your chosen B&B or HB option we use 2 different hotels. The B&B Hotel is located a 5-7 min walk from the main Gondola. The HB Hotel approximately 3 minutes.

Both hotels have big rooms, all with full on suite bathrooms and TV's. There is a 24 hour reception, free wi-fi, restaurant with a small bar. English is fully spoken as well, so no translation worries.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: Extra charges will be in place if you would like your own room for the duration of your stay.

BOARD LOCKERS: Another benefit of coming with us here at Snowboard Coach is that all our clients get free board locker use in the respective hotels. This is usually charged for so yet another saving on our package price.

NEW: ANDORRA TOURIST TAX

Just introduced is a new tourist tax of 1.5 euro per person per night. **This has to be paid direct to the hotel on arrival** as we are not allowed to include it into our pricing.

THE B&B HOTEL



THE HB HOTEL



THE DATES

DATES FOR WINTER 2024

We run one "Explore Andorra" course each month. We have the following dates for winter 2024:

JAN 14TH - 21ST

FEBRUARY 4TH - 11TH

MARCH 17TH - 24TH

Please note the above dates are the arrival and departure dates ie the days that you will be arriving and departing Arinsal.

We have a limit of only 8 people per course so please get in touch to secure your place.

If you are a group of 4 or more looking for a week away and these dates don't work for you, let us know and we can tailor a bespoke package for your group.

BOOKING A COURSE

Booking is really simple, you tell us the week you intend to come and if we have space then we pencil you in.

Then a non-refundable deposit of £300pp is required to secure your place on the week with the balance being paid 6 weeks prior to arrival. Or you can pay in full at the time of booking which we prefer as it saves a lot of hassle.

You then book your flights on the specified dates and let us know both the arrival and departure times. We can then arrange the transfers.

Then during the week prior to your arrival we will email you our arrival PDF detailing all the information you need to know about getting here and checking into the hotel.

We will obviously help you in regards to flights and anything else you need to know along the way.



INFORMATION

AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

Return airport transfers are included in our package price. We will book them the specified arrival and departure days for the specific course you are on.

Our programs run from Sunday to Sunday as this is the "change over" day in Arinsal. So you will arrive and depart on Sundays.

Once we have booked your transfers then **ANY** change to the date or time will incur a £10 admin charge imposed on us by the company we use.

More information about the transfers will be supplied when booking on the program.

Transfer time to Arinsal is about 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 and train station can also 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 matching flight times and transfers will be sent to you upon booking.

LIFT PASSES:

All lift passes are valid for every day of your holiday. They are valid for the whole of Andorra

Your lift pass and wrist band will be waiting for you when you arrive/check in as part of your welcome pack.

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

LIFT PASS INSURANCE:

This can be added to cover the loss of lift pass for £1.50 per day - so a cost of £9 extra for the week, Please let us know if you would like this.

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 town. 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 Snowboard Coach wristband with different colours every 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 Snowboard Coach clients.



WHERE IT WORKS!

POLAR BAR:

These guys look after us all winter and offer special Snowboard Coach only discount on to all our clients. They are our favourite mountain cafe in Arinsal. When we ride in Arinsal we eat there all the time as its too cheap not to. With our wristband you will too....Here is what we get:

BREAKFAST SNACKS (9AM-11AM)

- Croissant & Coffee - 4 Euro
- Neapolitana/Pan Raisin & Coffee - 4.50 Euro
- Scrambled Egg on Toast - 4.95 Euro

PLATE OF THE DAY FOR 9.50 EURO:

- Main meal and soft drink/coffee

SANDWICH CHOICE FOR ONLY 8.50 EURO:

- Bacon/Cheese/French omelette/Tuna "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. When you order/pay you will need to show your SBC wristband else you will be charged the full price.

CISCO'S BAR: A favourite of ours over the years of being here. They do us an amazing SBC only 2 EURO pints 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 and special SBC deals.

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.



THE ITINERARY

THE ROUGH COURSE ITINERARY:

MONDAY AND TUESDAY:

Day 1 will be spent riding Arinsal and Pal and getting you legs back in shape. We will meet you in Polar bar and show you around Arinsal and then how to get over to Pal and back again.

Tuesday will be a free day for you to ride at your own pace with the others in the group and explore more of what Pal and Arinsal have to offer.

WEDNESDAY:

We will arrange a trip to Arcalis today, the freeride capital of Andorra and an actual stage of the freeride world tour. Again one of the SBC crew will be with you for the morning to show you around and where's good and not so good to go. We'll take a coffee with you and then leave you to your own devices for the rest of the day.

THURSDAY:

With your legs fully in winter mode we will make our way over to El Tartar - part of the Grandvalira side. This is the biggest linked area in Andorra. Again you will benefit of having one of the SBC crew with you for most of the day to show you how to get to Pas de la Casa and back, taking in the sights of Soldeu and Grau Roig in between. We'll take a beer in Pas before heading back to Soldeu where we will have a few runs before ending the day and returning back to Arinsal.

FRIDAY:

Group choice day. We will offer it out to the group for a return to either Grandvalira or Arcalis. Either option will see you having a free day as you know where you are going at all the resorts by now.

SATURDAY:

Free day in Arinsal and Pal. You will be tired by this time after a week of exploring so take it easy on the last day and enjoy a lie in and then a slide in Arinsal

SUNDAY:

Your departure day. Have your breakfast and shop for that cheap bottle of gin and duty free cigs and get on the bus back to your chosen airport.

Please note: This itinerary is obviously subject to change due to weather but we will endeavour to stick to it. But we may alter the days to keep you safe.

TRANSPORT:

Private transport to the resorts is included in the price. On days where we are exploring the other resorts, you will be picked up at your hotel at a group decided time. The same goes for the journey back to the hotel at the end of the day.



TESTIMONIALS

Over the years of doing all our courses, holidays & camps and we have developed a great Snowboard Coach family and we all keep in contact. Below is some feedback from the guys who came with us over previous winters, to show you'll be in good hands

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Just wanted to thank you for a brilliant course. The whole week was great and the structure to the course was spot on. I learnt loads and my boarding has improved so much, I can't thank you enough.

Steve Stacey

Thanks for a great weeks snowboarding with new friends and superb support.

Mark Maryan

Absolute fire of a week. Cheers to Ash and Oly....it can be truly said I'm less sh!t than I was hahahahaha!

Steve Buckland

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I had a fantastic week...I felt my snowboarding came on so much down to you guys. I had some painful falls when I was a beginner (always heel side falls on greens!) and I'm sure a lot of that was down to bad technique.

I'm finally enjoying snowboarding – it's been some time coming.

Mark Sheraton

I have had an absolutely cracking week, got lots out of it and I'll be out again next year. Thanks ever so much for all the time and advice you have given us this week, keep up the great work!!!

Jamie Riley

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THIS IS ANDORRRA!



A BIT MORE ABOUT US

Snowboard Coach hold the highest qualifications attainable in teaching snowboarding.

We hold the highest accreditation from the ISIA (International Snowsports Instructor Association) which is the worldwide governing body for snow sport instructors as well as the "ISTD" accreditation - the International Snowsports Teaching Diploma - considered to be the PHD of snowsports instruction.

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 companys from the BBC to ITV to programs like Channel 4's "The Jump" who have used the services of Ash and Snowboard Coach many times over the years.

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 25 years teaching this sport that I love. I live in Arinsal summer and winter and I love this place. I reckon you will too.

Thanks for enquiring about our new course, I hope you can join us out here in Arinsal.

SNOWBOARD COACH : APPROVED BASI PARTNER

Snowboard Coach is also a FULLY APPROVED BASI PARTNER. This is an accreditation that The British Association of Snowsports Instructors are issuing only to approved companies with a proven track record of delivering quality training and instruction. We were one of the first companies to be awarded this.

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 stringent criteria with flying colours. We have worked hard to achieve this and are proud to carry this accreditation.

When looking for any snowboard instruction this is the accreditation that shows you are getting trained by a team of solid teacher of a sport they love.



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



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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 Explore Andorra Course.

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.

1a. If applicant is not of the recreational standard expressed in this PDF - they can be removed from the course at any time without refund. This will be solely at the discretion of Snowboard Coach if we feel that the candidate is restricting the enjoyment of other students who have met this standard.

2. The application will only be accepted and secured provided:
a) The application is accompanied by a £300 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.

3. The remaining balance of your course fee must be received in full by Us at least 6 weeks prior to the course start date.

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

5. All changes to bookings must be received in writing by email. Any changes will incur administration costs to cover our costs.

6. All courses require a minimum number of clients to run a full schedule as described. If numbers aren't met a reduced schedule will be in place and will be advised prior to arrival.

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 the deposit paid **WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE/TRANSFERABLE**. If paid in full then the balance minus deposit will be refunded except when:

a) Client cancels within 6 weeks of the course start date – **NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN**.

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 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 client 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.

16. In the event that an applicant is refused/unable to train on the basis of paragraph 1a, 12, 13 or 15 you, the client, agree that no monies will be refunded.

17. 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.

18. It is the 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.

19. We will not be responsible for any damage caused by you, the 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.

20. 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**.

21. In the event of point 20; Our limited responsibility is to ensure that the client is given contact with the British Embassy.

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



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