

SNOWBOARD COACH SEASON'S RIDING 2024

WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW FOR OUR
SEASONS RIDING
PROGRAM IN
ARINSAL, ANDORRA



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WELCOME

This is our 10th season of putting a great value package together for anyone that wants to come with us and just ride for the season.

It is simply aimed at riders who want to spend a season away in the mountains with like minded people. Maybe you're fed up with the rat race and need a change for a few months or you fancy doing a season away and want to get something out of it. The common goal is gaining the ability to do something we love and there is no better way than being able to snowboard every day.

Our season riding program is aimed at any level of recreational rider. You will be out with us for the winter and riding with all the local snowboarders and skiers and even the guys training for our Level 2 and 3 Instructor courses. This will be a great way to improve your skills.

We will have options for you to join in on any of our riding weeks throughout the season at a greatly reduced price and the option of having discounted private coaching with us.....

So not only can you receive training and get to ride with an awesome group of friends but you also get to experience what it's like to be a "local" and part of the snowboard scene in a thriving winter village.

WHERE IS THE COURSE?

All of our winter courses take place in Arinsal in the Vallnord 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.

Andorra has 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 and the World Snowboard Guide so please email us if you would like a copy of this.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

As we mentioned earlier, the season riding course is open to **ANY** level of rider. Even if you have only just started what better way to improve than spend the winter away and with the help of the optional training sessions, you'll get everything working the correct way, right from the start.

If you have never been snowboarding before, we would advise you to take lessons prior to coming out or we can arrange a weeks beginner class (19 hours) with the Vallnord Mountain School upon arrival. This will be an extra cost of £150.

WHAT'S THE COST?

WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST?

As ever our prices are hard to beat and doing a season with us is cheaper than some 4 week courses we have seen from competitors. For this coming season we also have 2 accommodation options. Self catering apartments and hotel inclusive option.

Both options see you arriving 6th January and leaving 31st March.

3 MONTHS SEASON - JAN-MARCH - SELF CATERING

£3,995

3 MONTHS SEASON - JAN-MARCH - INCLUSIVE OPTION

Our new hotel option where an all you can eat breakfast buffet and a 3 course evening meal are included EVERY DAY of your stay. Your room will also be cleaned and sheets and towels changed every other day. The hotel rooms are all en-suite and have tea and coffee making facilities and TV's and wi-fi. Basically you will only need to spend money on beers and food up the hill if you feel you need it. The hotel is located a short 5 min walk from the gondola as well.

£5,695



WHAT'S IN IT

WHAT DOES THIS INCLUDE?

Over the years we have learned to include the things you need and take out the things you don't need so doing a season becomes affordable. Our package for this season will include the following:

- All in resort accommodation with bills included.
- Airport transfers on the specified start and finish dates.
- Season Lift pass valid every day for Pal/Arinsal & Arcalis
- A mornings of orientation in week 1.
- Riding weeks discounted by £100 to just £250.
- Discount on snowboard equipment from our sponsors of up to 50% prior to the course.
- SBCoach wristband giving you "locals" discount in selected bars in resort.
- Special SBCoach T-Shirt and sticker pack on arrival.
- **Inclusive Option:** Includes all you can eat breakfast every morning and 3 course evening meal every night.
- **Inclusive Option:** Room cleaning and sheet and towel changes every day.

The Snowboard Coach crew will be on hand **ALL** season as we too spend the winter in resort. But the idea of the program is for us to leave you to it and for you to enjoy being away for the winter without any hassles. But we are here if you need anything.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

The season program DOES NOT include the following:

- Flights
- Food (Inclusive includes breakfast and evening meal)
- Drinks
- Travel Insurance
- Coaching (available at discounted rate)
- Spending money
- Laundry service (payable extra locally)



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Booking is really simple once you have decided to join us on the season program.

- A deposit of £1,000 is needed to secure a place on our season program. This is paid via Internet to our Andorran account.
- Then an interim payment of £1000 is needed by the 31st August 2023 with the balance settled no later than 30th October 2023.
- The balance is payable in £ sterling payable to our Andorran account, so you have no exchange rate issues.
- Anyone booking in September/October 2023 will need a £2,000 deposit and the balance settled no later than 15th November 2023.

Once we have received your deposit payment we will send you the transfer information PDF and you can book your flights around this.

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



OTHER INFORMATION

START & FINISH DATES:

The dates of our season program are detailed below.

SEASON PROGRAM

Arrival: Saturday 6th January 2024
Departure: Sunday 31st March 2024

EARLY ARRIVAL:

Arrival: Saturday 16th Dec 2022

OPTIONAL EARLY ARRIVAL COST: £800

Fancy joining us early...before Christmas?

Arrival on the 16th December 2023, enjoy Christmas and New Year with us in Arinsal, get to know the mountain and the locals....and get your riding legs.

*Price for extension options will be more if taking the inclusive hotel option - please email us to discuss this.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

These are included in the price on the specified arrival and departure 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. Other airports can be accommodated by prior arrangement such as Toulouse but we always recommend Barcelona.

We recommend landing in Barcelona 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.

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 winter including weekends. They are valid for the Pal, Arinsal and Arcalis region.

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 ***



DISCOUNT'S

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS?

The earlier you book the more you can save. Everyone on our season program will be entitled to a discount on any of our summer recreational courses in the UK including private sessions.

One Day Course:	Only £120
Weekend Course:	Only £230
Private Sessions:	10% discount

On top of this all candidates will be entitled to special discounts on kit from all of our sponsors. This is ordered direct through Snowboard Coach. For this coming season we have the following deals:

SALOMON SNOWBOARDS, BOOTS AND BINDINGS:

25% off on all boards and bindings.

ELECTRIC GOGGLES:

35% discount. We carry a small stock in resort. If you need a pair ask us for our stock PDF.

THE SNOWBOARD ASYLUM:

15% discount from the whole store. We have a special one use code we send you for anything in the store that is not already on sale!

VOLCOM SNOW:

20% off the entire Volcom collection.

POW GLOVES:

A small glove company from the USA. We wear the Storm Series Stealth Gore-Tex glove and we use them all year round. Awesome gloves. POW offer a cracking 20% off RRP.

BERN HELMETS:

A brand that needs no introduction. The best looking lids out there and you get 20% off the entire collection.

SLIDEWAYZ:

Need anything while you are with us in Andorra or need your new boots fitted properly, then you will receive 10% discount from one of the longest running dedicated rider owned snowboard shops in Andorra. Ash has personally know Merlin, the owner, for nearly 25 years! (Yes that's his name).



TRAINING DISCOUNTS?

Not only do you get these awesome discounts prior to the course but you also get a discount IN RESORT!

RIDING WEEKS: A Monday to Friday training week with 3 hours each day of coaching. You can drop in with other guests we have and spend the week learning to ride better with other like minded snowboarders. This will cost £249 for any week you wish to join. This is £100 saving on our usual price.

PRIVATE SESSIONS: You will also have a discounted price on any private lessons you wish to have with us over the winter of only 50 Euro per hour.



OUR WRISTBANDS

OUR "LOCAL" WRISTBAND:

Previous seasons we have had people not on our courses trying to get our discount in bars and cafes in town and up the mountain. So we introduced our SBCoach wristband so only you get this discount. Its a thank you from us and makes you part of the Snowboard Coach crew from the day you arrive.

Our wristband tells all the bar staff in our favourite places that you are with us and that you get locals price straight away. We try and make you feel part of the great local scene here in Arinsal from day one of your holiday.

For 2024 bars like Polar and Ciscos are giving us MORE than local discount with amazing offers that just make your time here with us that bit more cost effective.

This wristband idea sounds cheesy but it works!

It also saves you guys 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 for the duration of the season

This band is **only available** to you as Snowboard Coach clients.



WHERE IT WORKS!

POLAR BAR:

These guys look after us all winter and offer discount on their daily specials only to SBcoach clients. This is 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 (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 SC APARTMENTS

WHAT'S THE ACCOMMODATION LIKE?

The apartments are located a short 2 minutes walk to the top chair lift in the village. So a great location. The accommodation is either 2 bedroom or 3 bedroom. Each apartment has a big lounge/diner with TV for relaxing and kitchens for cooking. Depending on the size you either have 1 or 2 bathrooms with showers.

Unlike other companies, we do not cram people into our apartments. You WILL NOT be sharing 4 to a room with us. Accommodation will be 2 per bedroom. If it's a 2 bed apartment then it will sleep 4 people max. 3 Bedroom apartments will sleep 6 max. Couples are obviously allocated a room together. Bedrooms have under bed storage or wardrobes. Being honest the only time you will spend in the bedroom is when you're sleeping!

Wi-Fi is available throughout each apartment and in every single bar in town and of course up the hill.

DEPOSIT

A £250 damage deposit is payable on top of the course fee by every candidate. If the apartment is left **as it was found** then this will be returned after course, once the apartments have been inspected. Any damages, cleaning, breakages etc...will be billed at the cost to put right and this will be split between everyone in the apartment. You will also be responsible for your own keys. If you lose them, you will need to replace them at your own cost.

BILLS:

All bills are included. This includes water, heating and electric. As winter people using the mountain we should be concerned about global warming and energy saving. Just because the bills are included doesn't mean you can forget about them. Simple things like turning the heating and lighting off when you go out will make a big difference. There will be rules in place to help combat this and will be discussed prior to the course.

SHEETS, CLEANING & WASHING: 2 sets of bed sheets are provided and used how you wish. It does not include a personal laundry service. But you can pay to have all your washing done at a local laundrette.

FRIENDS STAYING POLICY: Only 1 friend can stay in the apartment for a max of 7 days - as long as it is cleared with Snowboard Coach and the rest of the people you share with. The cost per week is £200 payable in advance to Snowboard Coach.

If you have more than 2 friends, then we can arrange a discounted package for them in a hotel in the village and include lift pass and all the other SBC benefits.

If you have been on holiday in France then you will be pleasantly surprised with where you stay, if however you are used to staying at the Ritz in 5* accommodation, then we can arrange this but the program will cost you considerably more ;).



THE INCLUSIVE HOTEL

WHAT'S THE HOTEL LIKE?

We use a 3* hotel located a 5-7 min walk from the main gondola in Arinsal. It's actually one of the hotels we use for our weekly riding courses - So it's not some cheapo motel ;).

The hotel has an awesome all you can breakfast and a 3 course meal EVERY night. So all your food is taken care of.

You will be allocated a double or triple room (depending on course numbers) which will be cleaned every day and sheets and towels changed every day too. The room has tea and coffee making facilities and TV and wifi throughout. All rooms are en-suite with showers and baths. Basically everything you want.

Single rooms are available but charges will obviously be higher...please get in touch if you are thinking of this.

The hotel has a bar and area's for relaxing as well as a 24 hour reception for any problems/questions.

DEPOSIT

A £200 damage deposit is payable on top of the course fee by every candidate. Any damages, cleaning, breakages etc...will be billed at the cost to put right.

BILLS:

Obviously again, all bills and taxes are included.

SHEETS, CLEANING & WASHING: Your room will be cleaned every day and sheets and towels changed. It does not include a personal laundry service. But you can pay to have all your washing done at a local laundrette.

FRIENDS STAYING POLICY: If you have friends that want to come and visit, then we can arrange a discounted package for them in the same hotel and include lift pass and all the other SBC benefits, so they feel like part of the crew and can drink and eat with our discounts. It goes without saying that friends are not allowed to stay with you in the hotel room!

BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL: As mentioned this option includes an all you can eat breakfast with unlimited juice, tea, coffee. The evening meal is 3 course with a starter, followed by a choice of 3 main courses and ending with a choice of 3 desserts. You won't go hungry.



TESTIMONIALS

Over the years of doing these course we have developed a great Snowboard Coach family. Mike and Tim have been with us on the Season only programme on previous seasons.....here is what he had to say:



What can I say about the season program to sum it up. Great season. Great people. Great organiser. I had a blast.....

I was in Arinsal for 3 months with SBC. If you're like me, you'll probably be thinking Arinsal is all there is....it's not.

Truth is Vallnord is a bit of a hidden gem - Parks, powder fields, trees and a bit of trekking too, it's got everything.

The SBC guys are really friendly, and actually go pretty far out of their way to help you if you need it. More so than any of the companies I've been skiing and snowboarding with before.

I think the biggest advantage is the social aspect. The seasonaires and the locals all know each other, so going with Snowboard Coach gets you fast tracked to meeting them all.

I can honestly say that my season was amazing and worth every penny :)

Mike Korzillabob



Having narrowly missed out on the technical side of my Level 2 Instructor course, I decided to return for the season option programme.

I just wanted to ride and iron out my faults and basically have another 3 months away in Arinsal.

Even though I wasn't on any training course, Ash and Olly were always on hand and helpful for any advice and riding tips.

It's a brilliant area to ride in, with a great variety of terrain. Freeride on the Capa and a brilliant park in Arinsal and the trees of Pal for when the clouds roll in.

Snowboard Coach make it all so simple and I can't thank them enough for a couple of incredible seasons!

Slide on!

Tim Wright



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

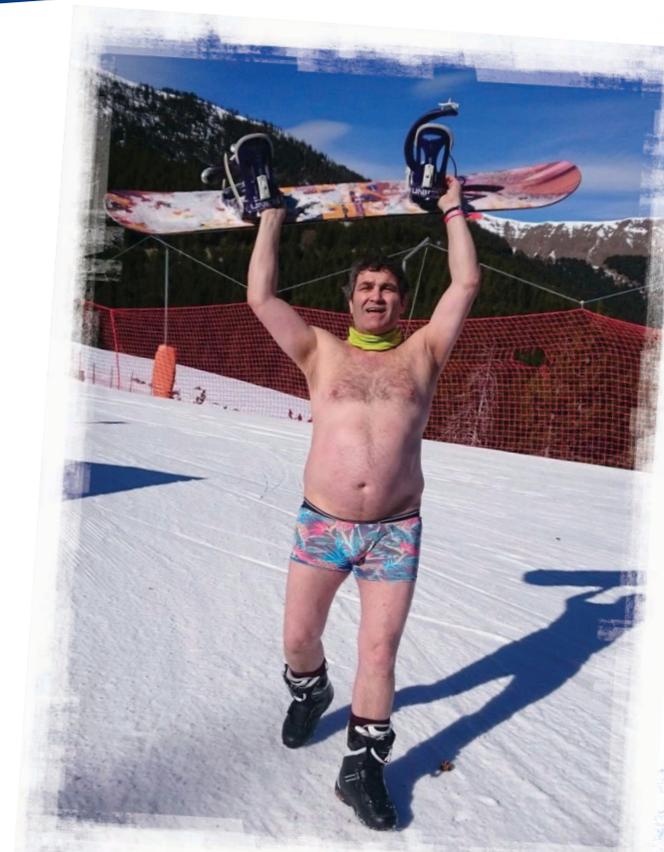
We ask every candidate to be professional and respectful at all times not only to the people you will be living with for the season but the locals who you will get to know in resort.

They will be from all over the world so understanding other people's cultures is a big part of doing a season away.

You will also 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.

Around that, the season is yours to enjoy, relax, go riding and explore Andorra and everything it has to offer.

But please do not wear budgie smugglers on the hill.....



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 from the ISTD which is the standard set by France, which allows us to work there....but we choose not to due to the price of a pint ;).

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.

A MESSAGE FROM ASH RIDER AND 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 live full time in Arinsal summer and winter and I love this place. I reckon you will too.

Thanks for enquiring about doing a season with us, I hope you can join us out in Arinsal and look forward to riding with you next winter.

SNOWBOARD COACH : APPROVED BASI PARTNER

Snowboard Coach is also a FULLY APPROVED PARTNER. This accreditation is from the British Association of Snowsports Instructors and only issued 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 this stringent criteria with flying colours. We have worked hard to achieve this and are proud to carry this accreditation and we were the first snowboard company to achieve this.

When looking for any snowboarding course package this is the accreditation you need to look out for 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 Season Only Programme

1. The client must have fulfilled all of the course prerequisites as detailed in our course info pack. The client must also 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 costs incurred for failure to declare this.

2. The client will only be accepted and secured provided:

- The application is accompanied by a £1,500 non-refundable or transferable initial deposit.
- The booking confirmation is signed and returned.
- The client unconditionally accepts these terms and conditions of booking when confirming via email that a place on the course is required.

3. The second instalment of £2,000 + half of any extras requested must be received by Us by 31st August paid to our Andorran Account in GBP Sterling or Euro at prevailing rate that will be given at the time of booking confirmation.

4. The remaining balance must be received in full by Us by the 31st October, paid to our Andorran Account in GBP Sterling/ Euro (at prevailing rate) except when:

- Clients enrolling in September, October of the current year will be required to pay a £3,000 deposit and the full balance to be settled by 15th November of the current year.
- Clients enrolling in November or December of the current year will be required to pay the full balance.

4a. 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.

6. Other BASI Courses offered require a minimum number of clients to run. If minimum numbers are not met these courses will be cancelled and course fee returned to the client by BASI. In this instance we can not be held liable for secondary loss/ expenses due to course cancellation.

7. All clients must be insured for our courses. We advise every student 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 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. We reserve the right to refuse training to any client who, in the opinion of the Us or the BASI trainer is unsuitable for snow sport instructor training.

16. Any client found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during course contact time (ie a training session or shadowing time) will be removed from the course **permanently** and with **NO REFUND**.

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

18. 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/ 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**.

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

20. You the client agree that except for death or personal injury arising through the negligence of Us or BASI, We or BASI 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 for anything on our program.

21. It is the client's responsibility to ensure that all accommodation, transport and any other facilities provided or organised by Us, is treated with respect and appropriate consideration as if their own.

22. 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.

23. 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, regardless of whether you have signed and returned the requested booking form.



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