



SKIBACS Dolomite Trip 2025

We have all returned from an unforgettable adventure in the breathtaking Dolomites, and what a journey it was! Our group convened at the Marco Polo Airport in Venice on March 8th, buzzing with excitement as we boarded the bus that would take us to Corvara for a week of exploration and skiing. Our stay at the Sporthotel Panorama was an exceptional choice made by our travel agent, a charming, family-run establishment that perfectly embodied traditional alpine hospitality. Nestled right next to the enchanting slopes of the Alta Badia ski area, it offered unparalleled convenience for our daily adventures.

Our package featured a delightful Euro-style full breakfast that set us up for the day, followed by exquisite five-course dinners each evening, allowing us to indulge in the culinary delights of Italy after long days on the slopes. Every night, we found ourselves unwinding in the hotel's wellness area, complete with a refreshing pool, soothing saunas, and a tranquil relaxation area—perfect for rejuvenating after a full day skiing and boarding.

On our first day on the slopes, we were greeted by beautiful weather, with the Dolomites revealing their magnificent splendor—the picturesque scenery left us in awe. Many in our group chose to explore various ski areas and tackle the famous Sellaronda, a route renowned as one of the finest in the world. This remarkable journey wound through the valleys of Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arabba, and Val di Fassa, spanning a total of 44 kilometers, of which 23 kilometers were dedicated purely to skiing! Although the lower

areas experienced a bit of slushy spring-like snow, conditions in the higher elevations remained much drier and skied excellent, delighting our adventurous spirits.

In the days that followed, we encountered a mix of conditions, everything from fog and soft snowfall to moments of clearing skies. This variability was characteristic of spring weather in the region. Still, nothing could diminish our enthusiasm since the Italians truly excel in taking care of their mountains! Each day, our group naturally divided, with some embarking on day trips to neighboring towns like Cortina (which featured a horse-drawn ski "lift") while others took on the extensive First World War ski route. Still others discovered fresh powder amidst the higher elevations of Arabba, eager to chase the thrill of untouched snow. Each day was presented a different flavor of adventure with the only constant the natural beauty of the landscape and camaraderie.

During our trip, we had a couple of enjoyable SKIBAC outings. One was "Sommelier on the Slope," where we spent an afternoon skiing from hut to hut with the guidance of an expert sommelier and a ski instructor. Another memorable experience was snowshoeing through the World War I trenches.

On our final day on the mountain, we gathered at a mountain hut for an après gathering. We shared stories and toasted to our wonderful trip.

It was an excellent experience!

Wendy Welch, Dolomite Trip Leader





