



Ski Trip to Sugarloaf Mountain, Maine, East Coast USA

Sat 6 April to Sunday 14th April 2019

We are delighted to once again launch our extracurricular school Ski Trip (open to all years) which next year will take us to Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine, USA. Always anticipated with great excitement, this ski trip is perfect for beginners as well as advanced skiers and is a great way to make new friends. As our ski trip only runs every two years, this trip is the only one of its type we will run until 2021.

As advertised by our travel provider: *“Providing the only above tree-line skiing on the east coast and the most continuous vertical in New England, Sugarloaf Resort mountains high standards to match its impressive statistics. Set in the heart of the Carrabassett Valley, Sugarloaf stretches out across 1,056 acres including Maine’s second highest peak. 161 runs provide long groomed trails supported by a 50% snowmaking capability and over 5 metres of average annual snowfall.”*

Our accommodation will be the Sugarloaf Mountain Inn located at the foot of mountain where we will stay for 6 nights on half-board basis (drinks only included for breakfast) in multi-bedded rooms. There will be 5 days of skiing to enjoy with 5 full day lift passes, 5 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets as well as 5 hours of ski tuition per day included. A further night will be spent in Boston featuring dinner at the Hard Rock Café. The après ski schedule has not yet been fully confirmed. Return flights and coach travel to UK airport, transfer to/from the resort as well as insurance (with the exception of personal items such as mobile phones, cameras and iPods) is included.

We are able to cater for students of all abilities, from absolute beginners (usually 20-30 each year) to advanced skiers. Students always ski with a qualified instructor and we have a very strict code of conduct which ensures the safety of all our students and others on the mountain. Students need not worry if their friends don't go on this trip, as they will ski in ability groups, providing a ready-made friendship group. We do not offer a snowboarding option.

The **cost of the trip is estimated at approximately £1,585 depending on interest**, and is subject to fluctuations in flight costs and the final excursion programme. In accordance with the Governors' policy on charging, this cost must be met through voluntary contributions from parents/carers. Please note that if they have not already got one, your son/daughter will also need to have a valid US Visa (ESTA charge currently \$14; available online). *Students who are 16+ at the time of travel will unfortunately also have to pay the UK Government's Advanced Passenger Duty which currently is £78 and will be invoiced separately.*

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip, please confirm by providing your permission and making your deposit payment of £150 by no later than Wednesday 19th September.

You must ensure that your daughter/son's CareMonkey profile is current and you forward a copy of your child's passport and ESTA (can be submitted in Jan 2019)

The remaining balance will be due in a further three instalments

Interim Instalment 1: £500 by Wed 17th October 2018

Interim Instalment 2: £600 by Monday 12th November 2018





Final Balance: approx. £335 (TBC) by Friday 14 December 2018

Once we have been able to secure bookings and finalised our après ski schedule, we will provide you with the exact details and cost of the trip as well as an equipment hire form to complete.

If your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you will be liable for any cancellation costs. Please be aware that any cancellation must be put in writing and sent to the Finance Office. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

If you have any queries relating to this trip please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Henshall.

With kind regards,

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