



April, 2009  
Newsletter



Welcome to our April Newsletter. Snow seems to have taken everywhere by storm; we even had good skiing and sledging in North Wales in February!

The Portes du Soleil continues to get regular top ups of snow and currently boasts some of the best snow conditions throughout the Alps. Avoriaz has a base of over 200cms on the lower slopes, Les Gets 100cm and Morzine around 90cm all at village level!

The Portes du Soleil is a fabulous ski area, 215 lifts open up 650kms of marked pistes which link 13 villages across the French Swiss border. The area is quite unique, fabulous skiing but with one of the shortest airport transfers available—Geneva Airport is just 1 hour away!



Geilo over in Norway is one of the best places we have found in all our years of skiing to introduce family and friends to the joys of skiing and snowboarding. Wide open pistes, friendly English speaking instructors, wonderful nursery areas, lift queues are virtually non-existent and the whole area offers a wonderfully relaxed approach to your winter holiday. The pictures below were taken this February half term—quiet wide open pistes—perfect for whiz kids!



## Chalet Eira

Chalet Eira is situated in the centre of Morzine, 300m from the nearest lift on Le Pleney and you can ski back through Nyon and along the cross country track to within 75m of the chalet. A ski bus stops right outside and the chalet has 3 minibuses that operate a ski shuttle service in the mornings and evenings. There are 19 ensuite bedrooms—a mix of doubles, twins, family rooms and family suites, on the ground floor is a wellness area with a large hot tub, the dining room is on the third floor while the lounge and bar on the top floor have glorious views over Morzine and the Pleney ski area. There is an area with a pool table and childrens play area.



We offer a large hot and cold buffet style breakfast, mouth watering cakes to replace those calories lost during the day up on the mountain(!) and a 4 course evening meal with wine. Children can eat early, crèche and baby sitting services are also available.

## Chalet Chantelle

Chantelle is a beautiful 6 bedroom chalet situated just 25 yards away from Chalet Eira. The chalet sleeps 14 in 6 bedrooms; 2 twins, 2 doubles and 2 triple rooms. The chalet has a large hot tub on the deck outside the lounge, a sauna on the ground floor, heated ski boot dryers as well as satellite TV.



## Skiing in Norway

Skiing in Norway offers a refreshing alternative to the Alps. It is relaxed, the slopes are quite—all the pictures on this page were **taken during February half term....!**

Geilo is a traditional resort situated half way along the Oslo to Bergen railway line. There are 22 lifts serving 2 ski areas—Geilo and Geilolia—connected by a 5 minute free ski bus. Geilolia is the place to learn wide open slopes, wonderful beginners areas, friendly instructors! Children under 7 do not require a ski pass.

On the Geilo side the skiing is more demanding with a mix of blacks, reds, blues and over towards Havdalshovda a lovely long **green. More experienced skiers shouldn't be put off by the relatively small area**, the skiing is good and with no lift queues you actually ski longer and harder than skiing in many of the larger more popular Alpine resorts

### Accommodation

The Hotel Ustedalen is a friendly family orientated hotel situated just 800m from the resort centre. The nearest lift is just 200m away and you can ski back to within 100m. There are a choice of family rooms and Norwegian twins (double base separate mattresses), the rooms are all well appointed with ensuite showers, TV, small sitting area. Facilities within the hotel include a swimming pool, saunas, TV/Film room, large dining room and separate bar/lounge with log fire and evening entertainments. Accommodation is offered on a half board basis—large buffet breakfast followed by a traditional Norwegian evening buffet.

The Havsdalgrenda chalets and apartments are situated in the Havsdalen area, a 5 minute drive from Geilo—they offer ski in ski out convenience. There are a range beautifully appointed apartments and chalets sleeping from 4 to 12. Each unit has a sauna and the complex has a spa and stunning swimming pool. The units are available on a self catered basis and car hire is included

The Geilolia Apartments are situated right in the centre of Geilo, the nearest lift - Taubanen Chairlift is just 300m away. Each of the 26 apartments have been recently refurbished and offer a very high standard of accommodation in 2 or 3 bedrooms. Each apartment is fully equipped and features log effect fire, cable TV, saunas. The complex has its own café, bar, play room as well as a laundry and reception service

The Geilolia Chalets are 3,4 or 5 bedroom free standing superb chalets which offer ski in ski out convenience on the Geilolia ski area. Each chalet has a sauna, lounge with fully equipped kitchen, cable TV

Wifi and cable internet connections are available in all the accommodation we feature in Geilo.



## Trysil

Trysil is new to our programme for 2009/10. Trysil is the largest ski area in Norway—situated 2 hours north of Oslo Airport close to the Swedish border. The ski area is spread over the Trysil Mountain; 32 lifts open up over 100kms of marked slopes. Trysil has one of the longest ski seasons in Europe being open from the beginning of November through to the beginning of May—this is guaranteed! Like Geilo there are separate nursery areas with English speaking instructors; for the more advanced there are 2 snow parks 17 red runs and 11 blacks!

Flood lit skiing is available throughout the week, and for those who can get out of their beds can opt to be the first on the mountain with **the 'Breakfast Club'** - a limited number of skiers and boarders allowed out for 2 hours before the area opens up to the public at 9am.

## Accommodation

The Radisson SAS Resort is situated right next to the slopes offering ski in ski out convenience! The hotel is newly built and offers a variety of dining and entertainment facilities—6 restaurants and bars, **several swimming pools an adventure pool area with the only 'flow rider' surfing wave in Norway.**

There are 105 deluxe rooms—twins or doubles with additional sofa beds for children, ensuite, entertainment centre with flat screen TV, CD and DVD player—wifi internet. There are also a number of larger apartment style rooms with separate living and sleeping areas.

The hotel has a unique Spa and Wellness centre.

## Trysil Norlandia Hotel

The Norlandia Trysil Hotel is a comfortable traditional hotel situated in Trysil Centre around 5 minutes from the ski slopes. All bedrooms are large bright and airy with double or twin beds, ensuite bathrooms and a separate sitting area. The hotel is renowned for the standard of its cuisine and wine cellar!

## Trysil Cabins

Located throughout Trysil are some wonderful self catered cabins—sleeping from 2 upto 32 with saunas, hot tubs, ski in ski out, wifi connections. Please contact our office for full details

## Flights and Transfers

Flights to Norway are widely available and often in high season reasonably priced. Carriers are British Airways, SAS, Norwegian and Ryan Air. Transfers are by resort served coaches or hire cars.



# 2009 / 2010 Winter Ski Prices

Our 2009/2010 Winter ski brochure will be available in late May/early June. In the meantime some of the low cost carriers – Easyjet in particular are starting to release their flights for next winter – take advantage of booking early to ensure the best flight prices and guaranteed accommodation. Even though Esterling has taken rather a battering against the Euro we have managed to keep our prices the same as last winter – BUT in some high season weeks our prices in Morzine are actually lower than this last winter!

Departure Date	Morzine		Geilo			Trysil	
	Chalet Eira	Chalet Chantelle	Hotel Ustedalen	Havsdals- grenda	Geilolia	SAS Radisson	Norlandia Trysil
06-Dec	295	295	495	245	245	595	495
13-Dec	395	395	495	245	245	595	495
20-Dec	495	545	595	445	445	745	595
27-Dec	595	645	595	445	445	895	595
03-Jan	445	495	495	285	285	595	495
10-Jan	445	495	495	285	285	595	495
17-Jan	475	525	545	345	345	595	545
24-Jan	495	545	545	345	345	595	545
31-Jan	495	545	545	345	345	595	545
07-Feb	545	595	595	395	395	695	595
14-Feb	595	645	645	395	395	745	645
21-Feb	545	595	595	395	395	745	595
28-Feb	545	595	595	395	395	695	595
07-Mar	495	545	595	345	345	695	595
14-Mar	495	545	595	345	345	695	595
21-Mar	495	495	595	345	345	695	595
28-Mar	495	495	695	445	445	695	695
04-Apr	495	495	695	445	445	695	695
11-Apr	395	395	595	395	395	695	595
18-Apr	295	295	495	225	225	595	495
	Chalet Board	Chalet Board	Half Board	Self Catered	Self Ca-tered	B&B	Half Board
	Twin Share	Twin Share	Twin Share	4 sharing a 2 Bedroom apt	4 sharing a 2 Bedroom apt	Half board £35 pppn	Twin Share

Prices are per person based on 2 sharing double or twin rooms or 4 persons sharing a 2 bedroom apartment and include re- turn airport transfers (car hire available), accommodation and board as above, all local taxes. Children who share family rooms in Chalet Eira, Hotel Ustedalen, SAS Radisson and Norlandia with 2 full paying adults are charged at 50% of the adult rate.

Short Breaks and ski weekends available to Chalets Chantelle and Eira in Morzine and to Hotels Ustedalen, SAS Radisson and Norlandia. Prices from £295 for 3 nights to arrive or depart on a Sunday. Deposit to confirm at this stage just £30 per person with the balance due 10 weeks prior to departure.

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Experience **the beauty of the Snowdonia lakes and mountains ; the splendour of Anglesey's unspoilt** beaches and coastline. Hen Capel (The Old Chapel) is a beautiful 2 bedroom cottage sleeping upto 5 situated on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park.

The cottage is made up of:

Living room: with Inglenook fireplace and wood burning stove, flat screen TV, multi-regional DVD/CD player, video and stereo. 2 sofas.

Kitchen: quarry-tiled floor, pine table seats six, washing machine, fridge-freezer, electric oven and hob, micro-wave.

Bedroom 1: double bed and 1 x single bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers

Bathroom: bath with electric shower.

Attic bedroom with en-suite: double bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers

En-suite: thermostatic shower, sink and toilet

Outside areas: small front garden, paved area to rear with washing line, table and chairs

Please note, this accommodation is strictly non-smoking. Travel cot and high chair available.

Prices from £250 to £495 per week

Bookings by telephone 01248 716335

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[www.hengapel.co.uk](http://www.hengapel.co.uk)

Superb mountain biking from the door of the cottage. Moel y Ci is just a few minutes away—the infamous downhill track is hidden away in the woods, while the Moel y Ci circuit is a good technical cross country ride. Snowdon is just a few minutes away while Betws y Coed and Coed y Brenin are both easily accessible [www.mtbwales.com](http://www.mtbwales.com)

The cottage is within a few miles of some of the highest mountains within Snowdonia—The Carneddiau, Glyders, Snowdon are all within 10 minutes drive.

The Greenwood Forest Park a green oasis for children (and adults) is a couple of miles away—Britains only 'green' roller coaster.

**Anglesey's rich coastline is easily accessible; coastal walks,** stunning beaches and of course Seawake the Power Boat Membership Scheme!



**Seawake** is the simple affordable alternative to owning a powerboat. All the advantages but none of the cost and hass-

How does it work?

Seawake is a boating club. You pay an annual membership fee and in return you have unlimited use of Seawakes fleet of boats.

You decide when you want to use a boat by checking the availability on the Seawake Members website. You book the boat for say 10am on Sunday; you turn up at 10am on Sunday, the boat is ready on the water all fuelled up and ready to go.

Just before you leave for the day you give us a rough return time—you can always phone to change this during the day—at the end of your day we meet you at the appointed time—you step off the boat and walk away. Simple.

We clean, refuel and check the boat over ready for the next member to use. You only pay for the fuel that you have used that day.

**You don't have to worry about storage, maintenance, insurance, servicing or any of the other costly and time consuming expenses associated with boats—its all included within the membership fee and we do it all! Easy!**

As the club grows we will add more locations throughout the UK. You will be able to use your membership at any location for any boat. Locations will be shown on the website and members will be informed of any new locations by email.

Power Boating Made Simple

What does it cost

Initial membership fee of £200 which includes an RYA Power Boat Level 2 course followed by a monthly fee of £195.

Locations Opening in April 2009

Devon—Teignmouth and Torbay; North Wales - Anglesey— Menai Bridge open now - members enjoying simple hassle free boating!

The Boats

Bowriders and cuddies from Bayliner, Larson and Searay from 17 to 22 feet, powered by 135 to 220 inboard engines. Each boat is complete with Life Jackets, water skis, tow-able 'toys', GPS, VHS radio, safety pack and a cool box.

Booking your boat

Bookings can be made at any time up to 30 days in advance by email, telephone or through the website. Each member can also book 5 days up to 6 months in advance. Bookings on the actual day of use—no problem we just need between 10 and 20 minutes to get the boat on the water!



Full details and application forms from: **Seawake**, 40 High Street, Menai Bridge, Anglesey, LL59 5EF

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