

The British International School Istanbul

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Monday 9th November 2015

Primary Year 4-6 School Ski Trip 2016 **Monday 7th – Saturday 12th March**

Dear Parents,

The school ski trip will take place again in Pamporovo, Bulgaria this year.

The City Campus information will take place on Monday 16th November at 3:35. This will be a good opportunity to ask all the questions you may have. Should you be unable to attend please contact me directly as soon as possible. The deadline for payments will be Tuesday 17th November.

The Y4 to Y6 students and Primary staff will be located in the following hotel:

http://www.bulgariaski.com/pamporovo/boutique_hotel_iva_elena.html

(Trip limited 45 students)

The Secondary students will have their own transport and be located in the following hotel:

http://www.bulgariaski.com/pamporovo/kamelia_complex.html

(Trip limited 45 students)

Note that the ski trip is not open to students in Y11 and Y13 due to the proximity of their exams.

The hotel arrangements are exactly the same as last year as they are both ski in and ski out and we have been very happy in the past.

The cost of the trip will be 450Euros (costs for visa for Bulgaria is not included).

Included in the price is:

- 4 full days equipment hire (boots, skis, poles, helmet)
- 4 whole days of instructions, in ability groups – ski instruction is mandatory for all age groups.
- Ski pass for 4 days
- All inclusive accommodation, including all meals, drinks and après ski snacks
- Evening entertainment program. Snow tubing, Bowling, Disco, Village trip, cinema night, karaoke, and billiard.
- Costs for transport



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Trip Schedule

Monday 7 th March	Meeting Zek-campus at 08:00am Meeting Maslak Opet Petrol station 9:00 Packed lunches from school Arrive in Pamporovo/Bulgaria 16:30 Free time Buffet dinner 19.00 Curfew time 21.00 for primary, 22:00 for Secondary students
Tuesday 8 th - Friday 11 th March	Buffet breakfast 07.30 Ski session from 09.30 – 15.30 Lunch break 12-13 on slopes Après ski snacks & drinks 17.00 Evening program/free time 17.30 Friday Certificate presentation 18.00 Buffet dinner 19.00 Lights out 21.00/22:00
Saturday 12 th March	Buffet breakfast 07.30 Departure 9am Arrive in Zek approximately 17.00pm depending on traffic

Payment Information

1. A **150€ NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit and both forms are due no later than Monday 9th November 2015. This deposit should be paid along with both forms, completed and signed to **Ms Aysegül (for Secondary students) and to Ms Deniz (for Primary students) in Zek** and to **Ms Rumeysa** in the city campus.
2. The remaining cost of the trip must be paid no later than **Monday 14th December 2015**.

VISAS

Non-European students will be required to have a Bulgarian Visa or a Schengen Visas. In order to obtain the required Visa there must be at least 6 month validity remaining on your child's passport at the time of application.

Visas can take several weeks to be issued and parents should take this into account. It is the responsibility of parents to apply for and obtain the Schengen Visa, the school plays no part in this process and we are not able to influence the authorities in any way.

Cancellation Terms and Conditions

The school pays in advance to secure our hotel rooms and ski school places. Should you withdraw from the trip after the deposit has been paid, a refund will only be possible if there is a waiting list of students.



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Equipment and Essential Items

For the safety and comfort of the students it is important that they pack the correct clothing and equipment. Below is a list of the necessary items. Check carefully that your son/daughter has everything listed below and that they are clearly labelled.

Ski trousers	Swimwear and towel for secondary students
Ski jacket	Sports shoes
Sunscreen for face and lips (factor 50)	Small backpack
Warm thermal / ski socks	Toiletries
Ski goggles (+ sunglasses)	Tracksuit or comfortable travelling clothes
Warm hat, gloves & scarf	Casual evening wear
Thin, layered clothing for under ski jacket	Pyjamas or suitable bed time clothing
Spare sets of underwear	Medication (labelled and given to staff)
Ski Helmet (rental helmet is included in price)	Any valuables are brought at their own risk

SMS or e-mail update service

A text message service (and/or e-mail) will inform you of our daily adventures. Also, this service will update you on traffic conditions and estimated times of arrival on the day of our return.

No parents on the trip

This trip is intended to develop your child's interpersonal and social skills. They have the opportunity to grow in terms of personal responsibility, organisation, peer communication, responsible risk taking and being responsible for others. It is for this reason that parents do not join us on ski trips.

Additional Information

Prior to the trip, students will choose their own roommates. The Primary students will be accommodated in 3-4 person bedrooms and the Secondary students will be accommodated in apartments with 4 or 6 students.

All ski instructors will have all BISI staff mobile numbers.

We are looking forward to another great ski trip!
Yours sincerely,

Christian Huegel
Head of PE

