



THE SNOWFLAKE

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER!



Your club doesn't stop just because it's summer and there's no snow! Check the website regularly. We'll probably do music in Hoopes Park on a Tuesday night, and possibly a mid-summer BBQ at a nearby park. What else?! Share your ideas with us!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Well, my term as president has come to an end. Thanks to the board for all the support I received, and good luck to Kelly Buck as she steps in as our next club president. As summer approaches, don't forget that the club isn't dormant just because there's no snow! We had a recent wildflower walk, and a happy hour and dinner at Parker's on May 18. More will be scheduled soon.



The club banquet was a big success, and a fun time was had by all. More than 40 people attended. Thanks to Paulette LeFever and Midge Fricano for arranging the party and running the raffles. Springside did a great job as usual, and for those of you who missed the party, think about joining us next year! Thanks also to Joan Bozogian for delivering the annual booby prizes, which are a lot of fun every year!

Congratulations to all the new officers and remember that the club only works when we all pitch in. See you out and about this summer!

~ Outgoing FLSC President Dan Cannucciari

2016-17

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Presented by outgoing FLSC president
Dan Cannucciari at the banquet on April 8.
Thanks and congratulations to all!

Rookie of the Year – Barb Clark
Project of the Year – Mike & Linda Tersegno
Member of the Year – Bob Sloan
Pat Glancy Enthusiasm Award – Kelly Buck

2018 EUROPE TRIP
Cortina & Venice, Italy
Friday, March 2 – Sunday, March 11
\$1,700* per person (may go down)



Valid US passports are required for this trip

** Prices and travel details are subject to change until air is firmly booked*

The Finger Lakes Ski Club is headed to Italy in 2018! This 8-night tour includes six nights in the mountain village of Cortina, where the 1956 Winter Olympics were held. We will spend the final two nights in the beautiful canal city of Venice. Skiing is in the Dolomite region of the Italian Alps, about 2 hours north of Venice. There are several “smaller” ski areas that link directly to the village of Cortina, and then there is the entire Dolomite region, with buses and lifts linking hundreds of miles of trails (or “pistes”) and villages. The Sella Ronda is a huge stone massif which you can ski all the way around 360°, stopping in villages and “rifugios” (mountain huts) for a drink or bite to eat. There’s even a horse-drawn rope lift in one area!



Your Trip Includes:

- ◆ Bus from Auburn/Syracuse to Newark and back from JFK
- ◆ Round-trip airfare from Newark – Zurich – Venice (return to JFK) on Swiss Air
- ◆ Bus to and from Venice to Cortina; water taxi to/from hotel in Venice
- ◆ 6 nights at Hotel Pontechiesa in Cortina with breakfast each day and 4 dinners – first two nights and last two nights. Explore and try other restaurants in the village the middle two nights.
- ◆ Welcome reception night of arrival with Cortina tourism director and hotel staff
- ◆ Last 2 nights at the Hotel Continental on the island of Venice with breakfast

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR SKIS AT HOME! There will not be room on the Italian buses or water taxis. Ski rentals are available in Cortina. Prices for 5 day rental of skis and poles ranged from €83 to €129 in 2017. A message will be sent after the new year to all trip participants with a link and instructions on how to advance reserve your skis/equipment for the trip. They also have snowshoes, x-c skis, helmets, more. Ski boot bags OK.

Registration and Payment: We expect the trip to sell out quickly! The only way to reserve your spot is to mail a \$400 deposit with completed [Trip Registration Form](#) (on FLSC website) to Finger Lakes Ski Club, PO Box 161, Auburn NY 13021. **Trip mail will be opened on June 30. First come, first served based on postmark date. First dibs will be given to current (2016-17) FLSC members as of April 30, 2017.** After 4th of July weekend, an email will be sent to all who submitted a reg form, confirming your space OR if you are on a waiting list. Deposit checks will be deposited at that time.

Remaining payments: September – \$325 October – \$325 November – \$325 December – final balance

Mail payments & forms to: Finger Lakes Ski Club, PO Box 161, Auburn NY 13021
For more info, contact trip leader Kelly Buck: (315) 406-0791 or email: kdbskier@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Travel / Flights – Travel is not confirmed yet, but here's what we anticipate now: Bus from Auburn and Syracuse to Newark for 10:00 pm flight on Swiss Air. Stop in Zurich and on to Venice, arriving about 2:00pm. Bus two hours to Cortina. Return flight departs Venice 9:45am to Zurich and on to JFK, arriving about 5:00pm. Bus back to Auburn / Syracuse arriving about midnight on Sunday night. This could change between now and March 2018! Prices may fluctuate a bit until air is confirmed; could go down. Info on baggage costs will be shared later; usually bags are free on Swiss Air international flights.

Skis and Rentals – due to weight and space limitations, **we will NOT be taking our skis to Italy**. A range of good skis are available in Cortina to rent. After the new year, an email will be sent to all trip participants with a web link and instructions on how to reserve your skis for the trip. Bringing a boot bag with helmet, clothing, etc. is fine OR travel lightly and rent it all in Italy! www.snowservice.it/inverno/?lang=en

Cell phones – Speak to your service provider in early 2018 to determine your best course of action. If you don't need to speak to or text someone back home (cellular), you may set your phone to Airplane Mode and connect to Wi-Fi when available. Then you can post pictures to Facebook and check email at no cost (data).

Free **Wi-Fi** is provided at both hotels. However, while we are in Cortina, keep in mind that we are in a small remote mountain village; the signal may not be strong. Connections should be faster in Venice.

Exchange rate – Right now, 1 euro = \$1.09 American. Rates may change as it gets closer to trip.

Lift Tickets – Tickets are not included in the package price, making it a great trip for non-skiers too. Skiers will buy their own lift tickets in Cortina or online before departure. Cost is about €51/day for Cortina and €57/day for the Dolomiti SuperSki pass. Multi-day passes bring the price down; senior discounts too. More information will be shared as it gets closer. www.dolomitisuperski.com/en

Meals – we have a half board plan in Cortina = full breakfast every day and four dinners (first two nights and last two nights). The remaining meals are your own responsibility, except for breakfast that is included the last two mornings at Hotel Continental in Venice.

Tipping – Tipping a euro or two is standard in Europe; they are not like America's 15-20%. However, at our last dinner together in Cortina, we will **pass the hat for tips** for our servers for the week. Suggested tip is €3-5 per person per day. If they have given you good service, please be generous. It is also suggested that we tip our room maids €1 per day on the morning we check out. Tips for our bus drivers are included in trip price.

Customs – We will go through customs upon landing in Venice and in JFK on the return. Please don't bring anything questionable into or out of Europe, and have your passports and immigration/customs forms ready (will be given out on the plane). Your choices could affect the whole group. If you are detained at customs for an extended period, the group may need to continue on without you.

Due to the far-flung nature of the many ski areas in the Dolomites, on-skis **mountain tours** will not be possible.

Sorry, but we cannot accommodate changes to the package price, itinerary or inclusions. No frequent flyers.

Hotels: (Cortina) www.hotelpontechiesa.it (Venice) www.hotelcontinentalvenice.com/