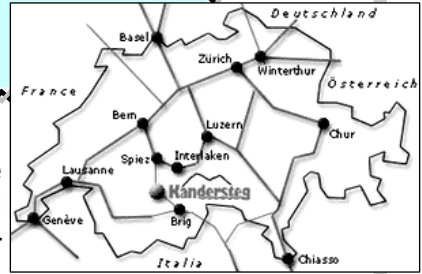




Ski Switzerland

February 13-23, 2009



Be among two dozen North Stars who will travel to the picturesque village of Kandersteg, in the Bernese Oberland area of Switzerland. The village is nestled in the Kander River valley and surrounded by dramatic mountains.

We'll stay at the Hotel Alfa Soleil, a three-star hotel in the heart of the village. Above the village is the Oeschinensee, a crag-ringed mountain lake accessible by chairlift. At the other end of the valley is another chairlift to Sunnbuel. Both mountaintop areas feature gentle downhill skiing terrain and alpine XC loops. Together with loops in the valley, there are 75 km of XC trails out the door, including a lighted village trail. Other



winter sports venues in the village include a 3.5-km lighted sled run descending from the Oeschinensee to Kandersteg, and a skating rink. A popular winter activity is hiking on 55 km of marked trails, in and around the village and at Oeschinen and Sunnbuel. One spectacular hike ascends from Sunnbuel to the Gemmi Pass, with an impressive view of the Valaisian Alps, descending into Leukerbad via the Gemmi cable car, returning to Kandersteg by train. More challenging downhill skiing and more XC "piste" are available in

nearby areas accessible by excellent public transportation.

Following seven days and nights in Kandersteg, we will spend two days in the "old town" area of Zurich, with its art galleries and shops and eclectic nightlife.

Other Zurich attractions are its church towers, art museums, and extensive zoo.



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HOTEL ALFA SOLEIL

Estimated cost of \$2250 includes airfare between

MSP and Zurich, transfers to Kandersteg and Zurich, lodging, all breakfasts, dinners in Kandersteg, ski passes. Not included: lunches, dinners and attractions in Zurich, local transportation.

Send registration and waiver form and \$500 deposit payable to

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