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Ski the Sunny Italian Alps with Ski Flight
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Next years **Ski Flight Symposium** celebrating its 45th anniversary, will ski and exchanging in the gigantic ski area the **Italian Dolomiti**, featuring 684 major lifts, 55,000 elevation drop and 150 miles of groomed ski piste. WOW!

Based in **Arrba-Marmalada, Italy** we can access this vast ski circus including; **Marmaloda** (a 10,700 foot sensational ski mountain), **Cortina, Moena, Possa, Cannezei, Vigo di Fassa, Covarra, Val Gardena, St.Christian, St. Jude and Buffare** all connected on one **Dolomiti Super Ski Pass**. This incredible area also encompasses the massive **Sella Mountain**, which is 105 miles in circumference and we may ski around.

EXCHANGE WITH ITALIAN RESCUE SERVICE

Arabba also houses the Italian Avalanche Institute, which controls the avalanche and weather forecasts, and research for the entire area. We will try to arrange a visit. Also a meeting with one or more of these other rescue groups to discuss techniques, equipment and inspect rescue facilities

To handle such a huge ski resort, rescue teams and helicopters based around the area complete many piste accidents. For other simpler accidents the lift operators use **Akjas** and snowmobiles. Lift operators, Cabineri (police) and ski patrollers patrol the slopes and respond to accidents. "Sweep" (clearing the hill) is not possible in regions this huge. Searches are only conducted when needed.

SKI FLIGHT STARTED IN 1965

Since its inception by **Curt Beam Division Director** in 1965, **The Ski Symposium to Europe or Ski Flight** has enjoyed a varied and exciting history for forty-five years. From going behind the **Iron Curtain** to ski and exchange with the **Bulgarian Ski Patrol** and **The Czech Republic** to the sunny slopes of the **Italian Alps** to the snowy mountains of **Norway** and **Sweden**. **We also skied the High Route of Austria, (at the request of the Austrian government), a real adventure. Ski Flight** has covered **The Alps of Europe**.

Much has been learned exchanging with the **European Ski Patrols**. **However**, we are still open to new ideas and friendships with European patrols. Some fantastic social fun and amazing skiing has been enjoyed.

HOTEL OLYMPIA IN ARRBA OUR BASE

Our base in **Arraba-Marmaloda (4,602 feet)**, is the three star plus deluxe luxury **Hotel Olympia** with tasty **Italian** food, hot tub spa and facilities and spacious rooms. **Arraba-Marmaloda** located at the mid-point of the giant ski region is ideal for skiing the **Sella rounda** (a circuit of the **Sella Mountain**). This circuit takes a full day and you ski up lifts and through fascinating **Italian** towns and villages, 105 miles in a round trip of the mountain a genuine accomplishment. It is excellent multi-varied skiing, beautiful mountain views, interesting villages and a lot of fun.

APRE'S SKI, FLORENCE

Following a week of great skiing you have an opportunity to extend your vacation **to Florence** before returning to the **U.S.A.** You would bus to Milan for a festive overnight then Bologna and fly home on

February 10. These ancient cities offer an excellent opportunity to experience **European** history, culture and ambiance. Following the overnight in Milan we travel to Bologna before arriving at our boutique hotel in Florence for three nights. While there we enjoy a guided city tour and an Italian cooking school and plenty of time to rest, shop or explore this fascinating city.

CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information and a detailed flyer on the **European Ski Symposium** contact **Ski Flight Advisor Jack Melill** at jack.melill@Juno.com or telephone 425 313 4632 mail address: **Ski Flight:** 25406 SE 138th Street, Issaquah, Washington 98027.

Watch the **Nor'wester and PNWD** website (NSP-PNWD.org) for flyer and more information.

Ski Flight is the official fundraiser for the **Pacific Northwest Division.**