

ENGLISH TREKKING WEEK 2

Swiss National Park 01-07 July 2012

alpha beta piccadilly is organising a one-week mountain trek where only English will be spoken, giving participants the opportunity to discover the wonderful mountains of the Swiss National Park in the Engadin. This area has been left untouched for over 90 years and offers great mountain flowers, a varied wildlife and fascinating geology. This is a proper trek, staying at different places (mountain hotels, refuges) each night, except at the Varusch and Clozza Huts where we stay 2 nights.

The Participants: There will be 8-10 participants (all over 18), who are physically fit and have experience of long walks in the mountains (about 5-7 hours per day). No climbing experience is necessary. A B1/intermediate level of English is required.

The Linguistic Component: The group will be accompanied by Judy, an experienced teacher at alpha beta piccadilly, who also has extensive experience of mountain walking/climbing. Judy will accompany the group, but is not a mountain guide. Each person is responsible for his/her own safety. Judy will speak only in English throughout the week, will explain the flora and the fauna in English, will organise games/activities in the evenings and of course correct language mistakes. The participants must agree to use only English during the whole week.

The itinerary: Set off from Bolzano/Bozen by car very early on Sunday 1 July. Drive via Val Venosta/Vinschgau to Schlinig (near Mals/Malles)

Suggested walks (subject to change!)

Day 1 Schlinig-Sesvenna Pass S-charl (7 hrs, 1100m)

Day 2 S-charl – val Mingèr – Hotel Il Fuorn (6.5 hrs, 860m)

Day 3 Il Fuorn- Valun Chaflur (bus)- Spi Murter- Clozzahut (5 hrs, 905m)

Day 4 Shorter walk from Clozza Hut (to be decided by the group)

Day 5 Clozza Hut Fuorcla Val Sassa- Alp Purcher- Varusch hut (7.5 hrs, 975m)

Day 6 Varusch Hut-Fuorcla Trupchun – Varusch Hut (7 hrs, 950m)

Day 7 Varusch hut Val Casana- Fuorcla Casana- Livigno (7hrs, 800m)

Return to Mals/Malles by bus. Pick up cars and return home

Equipment: Good walking boots, clothing for high alpine walks (+ waterproofs), and basic food.

Meeting: A meeting (in English, of course) will be held on a Friday evening in May at **alpha beta piccadilly** in Bozen/Bolzano to go over the details of the trek. Participants are expected to take part but obviously if they live too far away and they cannot come, they will be notified about the outcome of the meeting.

Cost: The cost is €164 and covers linguistic accompaniment by Judy.

Not included: Accommodation + food (allow about € 50-60/day for bed, breakfast and dinner)

Transport (petrol costs for the week to be divided between participants)

Enrolment: If you are interested, fill in the enrolment form and send it to our office in Bozen/Bolzano, with evidence of bank transfer payment. You will receive confirmation within 2 weeks.