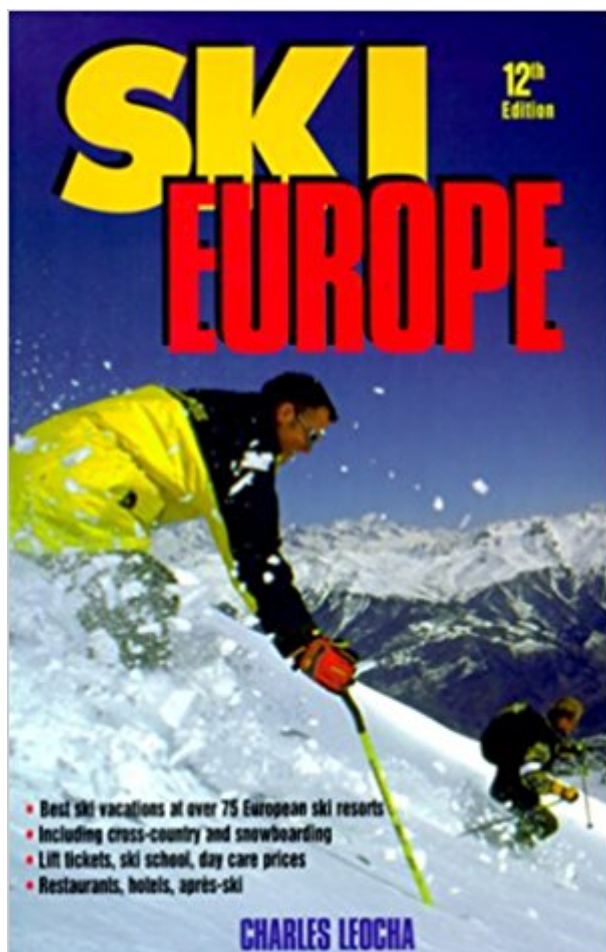


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Synopsis

Ski Europe is the most up-to-date resource for information about planning a ski vacation in Europe's Alps. It has been American skiers' top choice for a guide to skiing in the top resorts of Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain. Charles Leocha and his team of prize-winning journalists present an unparalleled guidebook for any skier planning to ski in the Alps. This guide, as it has for the past 12 years, provides the most comprehensive information available about Europe's biggest and best destination ski resorts for downhill and cross-country skiers and snowboarders. Ski Europe provides unflinchingly honest evaluations of the trails and difficulty of ski terrain at each resort and explains the flavor of each resort that creates the real magical experience of skiing. These ski journalists ski hundreds of trails, visit hundreds of hotel rooms, wander through scores of restaurants and bars and dance in dozens of discos to bring readers the real scoop about every major resort in Europe. The most comprehensive guidebook to skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding in Europe published in the U.S.

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title.

Charlie Leocha has been writing Skiing America and Ski Europe for more than a dozen years. He is considered the world's expert on destination ski resorts in North America and Europe. He lives in New Hampshire and keeps a place in Boston.

This is the third edition of Leocha's ski guide that I've bought. It tells me everything I might think of to ask about each resort. My wife and I rely upon this guide to help make our decisions on where to ski in the Alps before each trip. His mountain and skiing descriptions are right on for all classes of skiers. We've used his recommendations in choosing accommodations and restaurants and haven't been disappointed even once. The very best feature is that it is written so well that we've tried resorts (Arosa, Wengen) that we never considered before and found them to be wonderful.

Germany-bound skiers should not waste their time on this book. Although Germany has more than 300 winter resorts located in the German Alps, the wooded hills of the Hartz Mountains, the Black Forest, and the Bavarian Forest, Ski Europe, 11th Edition devotes only 5 pages to the entire country. Only two of these pages directly comment on skiing (rather than accommodations, dining, etc.) and they focus only on Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the surrounding area. Even skiing in Spain gets more coverage than Germany in this book!

Took my trip and it helped me alot. I look forward to planning my next trip. Switzerland here I come.

Author has included some email and web site information for ski area accommodations, tourist offices, etc, but it just touches the tip of the iceberg. Verbier, Switzerland, one of the top ski areas in Europe, only gets 5 pages in the book. Does not provide any commentary on accommodations in Verbier other than number of stars in rating and prices. Some other large ski areas get better treatment. The Arlberg region gets 9 pages of coverage. Book lacks maps of Europe and of ski areas. Overall the book is a good starting place for researching a trip, but descriptive information is brief and basic. Still this book is the most recently published on the topic as of 10/98, so the currency of the information should be decent.

Ski Europe was a great book for my winter stay in europe. The thing i liked most about it was that it was the only book i needed. It offered all the skiing info i needed for each resort (even a sction in

each resort on snowboarding!), but it didn't stop there. Its an all around guide with info on the night life, hotels, and restaurants. it gave concise information about all the aspects of a skiing vacation, which made my off the slope hours much more productive. i strongly recommend this book for any skier or snowboarder, any level.=Z

I live in Munich and use this book often as a reference. It contains very accurate information on lodging, prices, and qualities of the resorts. Very accurately summarizes the differences in the ski experience between the different countries. Needs more detailed maps of the resorts and slopes with hotels, restaurants, etc. clearly marked. Needs to be more critical of some resorts so the reader can make a better decision about which one to visit.

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