ABMSAC ALPINE HOTEL MEET 2020 - VALAIS, SWITZERLAND ST LUC, VAL D'ANNIVIERS - Saturday 4th to Saturday 11th July

Optional add-on: SAAS-ALMAGELL – 3 + nights from Saturday 11th July

Next summer's hotel meet will follow a different format, with one week based at St Luc in the Val d'Anniviers followed by an optional add-on of 3+ nights at Saas-Almagell in order to make a group visit to the Britannia hut, funded by the ABMSAC more than a century ago.

The Val d'Anniviers is one of the most beautiful valleys in the Pennine Alps, running south towards the alpine giants of the Matterhorn, Weisshorn, Zinal Rothorn, Ober Gabelhorn and Dent Blanche. St Luc is situated at 1655m, with a funicular railway going to 2186m, and is an excellent centre for walking and climbing, with several easy mountains of around 3000m to climb.

Accommodation has been reserved in the <u>3* Hotel Beau Site</u>, in a quiet location at the edge of the village next to a bus stop. The hotel has a comfortable lounge area, outside terrace-bar, wellness centre, drying room, and free parking both underground and outside. All rooms are en-suite (doubles with bath and singles with shower), with free Wi-Fi and south-facing balconies with views of the Matterhorn. Reservations are on a half-board basis, with hot and cold breakfast buffet and 4-course dinner.

The cost per person for dinner, bed and breakfast is CHF 763 for the week. Four single rooms are available, three with a balcony.

The tourist tax (CHF 4 pp,pn) includes the "Anniviers Liberté Pass" giving free fares on post buses linking St Luc to the villages of Vissoie, Chandolin, Zinal and Grimentz/Moiry; free uplift facilities, including the funicular railway from St Luc to Tignousa and cable cars from the other villages; entrance to the open-air swimming pool at Vissoie; the planetarium at St Luc, etc.

Accommodation for the optional add-on has been arranged at the 3* Hotel Monte Moro, Saas-Almagell where we stayed on the 2009 and 2013 meets. All rooms are newly appointed, with en-suite bathrooms, balcony, safe deposit, free Wi-Fi and plenty of parking. Reservations are on a half-board basis, with hot and cold breakfast buffet and 4-course dinner.

The cost per person in a double room is CHF 85 per day, CHF 100 for a single. The tourist tax (CHF 7 pp,pn) includes free use of all buses and cable cars in all villages in the Saastal (Saas-Almagell, Saas-Fee and Saas-Grund) so we can access the Britannia hut without extra cost.

St Luc is a straightforward journey from the UK, with daily flights from most UK airports to Geneva. There are frequent trains to Sierre and then a post bus via Vissoie, a journey of about 3 hours. Transfer to Saas-Almagell is by post bus and train.

In order to confirm the hotel reservation (cost based on a group of 20-25), I should be grateful if you would let me know your interest by the end of September.

For a detailed fact sheet and a booking form, please contact Pamela Harris by email