

# Cortina, Italy

## Queen of Italian Lifestyle, Culture and Gastronomy

<http://cortina.dolomiti.org/?lang=en>



**Depart Grand Rapids on Friday February 17, 2017 – Return Saturday, February 25, 2017**

**Optional Extension to Budapest, Hungary - February 25 - 28, 2017**

**Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy**, is one of the world's oldest and most stylish ski resorts located 3 hours north of Venice and can be reached via a steep and winding road. The town is nestled in a valley at approximately 4,000 ft. and is surrounded on all sides by slopes. Skiers have been flocking to Cortina for over 2 centuries to experience its legendary cuisine and culture. In 1956, **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, served as the host city for the seventh Olympic Winter Games. The open-air ice rink constructed for the games has been adapted for year-round use. Ice is groomed in both summer and winter for skating, curling, and "ice-bouldering"—an adventurous indoor climbing activity similar to rock-climbing. As a legacy of the 1956 games, Cortina claims Italy's only Olympic bobsled track and ski jump, both of which still host national and international competitions. Decorating the slopes of Cortina are over 50 "rifugi," small shelters built over the last century to shelter shepherds and hikers. (The Italian term roughly translates to shelter or refuge.) Today, these cozy refuges have been converted into pubs, restaurants and modest hotels. Their rustic interiors are complemented by roaring fireplaces that warm wet boots and mittens while hungry skiers and snowboarders order homemade traditional Italian fare. Rifugio Pomedes sports a large wooden terrace where dining is delightful on mild days. While many rifugios are only open for lunch, some, like Rifugio Averau, serve dinner and a hearty breakfast for those staying in the 10 bunk beds of the hostel-like dormitory.



The **Concordia Parc Hotel** combines the romantic glamour of the past with the all modern innovations for today. The hotel gives "hospitality" which was famous in hotels during the beginning of the last century. The Concordia Parc Hotel is a green oasis in the most active hearth of Cortina d'Ampezzo, right in the center in a strategic location for sky slopes and fun. **Restaurant Concordia** has a long tradition of fine food and warm hospitality. At Concordia the cuisine, the wine, the service and the ambience all amaze in equal measure. The daily menu has a wide choice of dishes, vegetables and dessert buffet. Rich international cuisine with the tasty dishes of the regional cuisine. **Bar Concordia** is the perfect place where to have a cup of tea or an aperitif with friends. The terrace is right on the pedestrian area which makes for great people watching. <http://www.concordiacortina.it>

**Cortina Package \$2,060 Budapest Extension \$370 (Includes a ski club administrative fee \$22/\$7)**

(Prices are tentative and subject to change due to changes in itinerary, currency, fuel surcharges, airport taxes or other fees)

**Package includes:** Roundtrip airfare Grand Rapids to Munich, Roundtrip transfers from Munich to Cortina, 7 nights lodging at 4-star Concordia Parc Hotel (2/room), Breakfast buffet and 4-course dinner daily.

**Optional Extension to Budapest, Hungary \$370.** Three nights lodging at the 5 Star Hilton Budapest (2/room). Breakfast daily. Includes round trip transfers to and from the Hilton Budapest and the airport.

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