

Family skiing and special discounts for youngsters:

Friuli Venezia Giulia launches its winter season package for "juniors"

The new rate for under-20s on the slopes at €10 per day, children up to seven years old free of charge,

discounts for different types of ski passes and adult day passes at €44

Opening day is 2 December for Sella Nevea, 8 December for the other ski resorts and queues will be avoided

thanks to the automatic ticket machines in the Piancavallo, Ravascletto/Zoncolan,

Tarvisio and Sella Nevea ski districts

Trieste, 20 November 2023 - The winter season is just around the corner and skiing in Friuli Venezia Giulia has been tailored to the needs of young people and families: **free ski passes for children born between 2017 and 2021**, ski passes for youths aged **8 to 19** (including 2005-2016) **with access to the slopes for just €10 per day**, and new options for visitors who want to spend their holidays on the snow in the company of children and teenagers.

These are some of the main new features of the ski programme promoted by the Region, which once again boasts some of the most competitive prices in the entire Alpine region, as well as a focus on younger generations.

In the six districts of the Region that are managed by PromoTurismoFVG (Piancavallo, Sappada/Forni Avoltri, Forni di Sopra/Sauris, Ravascletto/Zoncolan, Tarvisio and Sella Nevea), the season, according to the calendar, kicks off on Friday 8 December and ends on April 1, Easter Monday, except for the Sella Nevea resort, that will open in advance the weekend of December 2 and 3, only for the upper part, and will close on April 14.

The daily ski pass is priced at €44. During the low season, from 8 to 17 December and from 18 March until the lifts close, the price drops to €31. Ski passes are valid for all six mountain resorts, while visitors who only wish to ski on the slopes of Sauris or Pradibosco can benefit from additional discounts.

Among the main innovations are the installation of information panels as well as **automatic cash machines** in the Piancavallo, Tarvisio, Ravascletto/Zoncolan and Sella Nevea ski resorts, which will allow skiers to reach the slopes without the risk of standing in line at the counters.

WHAT'S NEW: FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE, NEW CASH MACHINES AND INFORMATION FOR SKIERS

A single "junior" category from 8 to 19 years of age (2005-2016 included) that can enjoy the slopes thanks to a €10 per day ski pass. **Children under 8 years of age** (born from 2017-2021 included) are once again admitted free of charge for this season.

From this year it will be possible to skip the queue and go straight to the turnstiles thanks to the automatic ticket machines located in the ski resorts of Piancavallo, Ravascletto/Zoncolan, Tarvisio and Sella Nevea. These machines will not only allow visitors to purchase certain types of tickets (day passes for adults and seniors, 3, 4 and 5 hour day passes and return day passes for people on foot) but also to convert the QR code of an online purchase into a ski pass. PromoTurismoFVG has also established a **partnership with hotels and accommodation facilities** to assist tourists in converting vouchers into ski passes at automatic ticket machines. This year also marks the start of a **collaboration with Telepass**, aimed at Plus and Pay customers, offering the possibility of purchasing daily ski passes for adult categories during the high season.

Among the new features are the seven **interactive ski maps** available online, dedicated to each resort: all the services related to the ski lifts are displayed in a personalised form (opening and closing of slopes and lifts, technical data, webcams, refreshments and rentals), while **winter bulletins** are sent daily to stakeholders and published on the website to keep mountain lovers constantly updated on weather conditions in real-time. **Three information panels** are being set up in the Piancavallo, Ravascletto/Zoncolan and Tarvisio ski resorts in order to provide better customer service. The **Disability Card**, which entitles holders to discounts and special rates, will be fully operational from the start of the season.

THE PRICE: €44 FOR A DAILY SKI PASS

The price of an "adult" daily ski pass for the '23/'24 season is €44 (reduced to €31 in low season, from 8 to 17 December and from 18 March until the lifts close). The price for "seniors" (born between 1949 and 1959) is reduced to €38.50 (€27.50 in low season). The **CARTAneve** season pass is now available at the full price of €550. "Juniors" and "over 75s" (born 1948 and earlier) pay €10, while the "baby" category is free. For visitors who choose the "**Sci@ore**" daily pass, available for 3, 4 or 5 hours, the price depends on the type of purchase and the validity starts with the first turnstile crossing and ends when the purchased hours expire (4 hours of skiing costs €35 for "adults", €31 for "seniors"). Alternatively, the "**Sci@sempre**" package, available in 15 or 30 hour versions, allows the use of the ski pass in all the ski resorts of Friuli Venezia Giulia and for the whole season; this year it is offered with a 25% discount if three passes are purchased. Also on sale are **multi-day passes**, from two to seven days, and solutions for **university students of all nationalities**, who, with their student card and up to the age of 26, can purchase the special daily pass at a reduced price of €33 and the seasonal pass at €330.

There are three methods to purchase ski passes: online, through the [FVGstore webshop](https://www.fvgstore.it), at the ticket counters of the ski resorts and the automatic ticket machines. For additional information on prices and discounts: www.turismoFVG.it/en/mountain365/rates/winter-skipass-23-24-daily-skipass-and-multiday-ticket/ski-resorts?LangSetCMS=en.

NEWS ON THE SLOPES, THE SKI BY NIGHT EVENTS ARE BACK

The **Ravascletto/Zoncolan** ski resort will officially "open" the season **with two new red slopes**, the Laugiane (2b) and its Variant (2c). In Piancavallo, the work on the **new connections of the Pian Mazzega cross-country ski track** has been completed, as well as in Tarvisio for **the remaking of a section of snowmaking on slope B**. In the various resorts, several snow guns have been integrated and replaced to optimise their snow production, and within a couple of years, six new snow grooming vehicles will be purchased to serve the resorts, starting with Ravascletto/Zoncolan.

Lastly, night skiing is back: in Forni di Sopra the ski-alp is scheduled on Tuesday evenings, in Piancavallo on Wednesdays and in Sella Nevea on Fridays. And in Tarvisio, every Friday from January to March, you can experience the thrill of Di Prampero bathed in moonlight.

THE SKI RESORTS OF FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

From the Friulian Dolomites, in the westernmost part of the mountain range of the Region, to the Carnic Alps and the massifs of the Julian Alps and Pre-Alps: the six ski resorts of Friuli Venezia Giulia offer pristine landscapes and small villages, a pleasant discovery for visitors who choose these mountains as their winter destination.

Forni di Sopra/Sauris: **Forni di Sopra** features 13 kilometres of ski areas in the Varmost ski district, where people can enjoy challenging downhill runs - including the longest track in the Region totalling 5.5 kilometres: it starts at an altitude of 2,073 metres on Mount Crucicalas and reaches the bottom of the valley - but also on slopes for all abilities. **Sauris (Zahre)** is an enchanting alpine village, nominated by the United Nations as Best Tourism Village, with two ski school tracks and a blue downhill slope, ideal for anyone who is just learning to ski, as well as a red and a black slope, the Zheile.

Piancavallo: with 14 kilometres of ski areas for alpine skiing and snowboarding as well as modern ski lifts, this skiing district is located on a plateau to the north of Pordenone, which is popular with young skiers and well exposed to the sun: on clear days, visitors can even enjoy a view of the sea.

Sappada/Forni Avoltri: Surrounded by the Dolomites, Sappada offers 15 kilometres of alpine skiing slopes, ranging from the easiest tracks and school camps to the most challenging red and black ones, even up to an altitude of 2,000 metres. The only biathlon and Nordic skiing centre in the Region is located a short distance from Sappada, in the town of **Forni Avoltri**. It features the "Piani di Luzza" slope at an altitude of 1,043 metres.

Ravascletto/Zoncolan: Mount Zoncolan, popularly known as "the Kaiser", has become a part of history with the Giro d'Italia. In winter, its snow-covered slopes become a ski resort with 24 kilometres of slopes, a freestyle arena for skiers and

snowboarders, sunny and wide tracks for all levels, and a wide range of alpine huts and restaurants for après-ski enjoyment right on the slopes. In the village of Pradibosco, there are also two additional ski lifts to enjoy another 1.2 kilometres of slopes. **Tarvisio:** fun is guaranteed for downhill skiers on the 24 kilometres of slopes in Tarvisio, especially along the 4 kilometres of downhill runs of its most famous black slope, Di Prampero, which starts in the village of Monte Lussari - where the Sanctuary of the Virgin Mary is located - and goes down to Camporosso in the valley. There are also many ski runs for all levels between the Florianca and Priesnig mountains and in the area of the Duca d'Aosta school camp.

Sella Nevea: nestled on the mountainside of the Julian Alps overlooking Slovenia, Sella Nevea is a very attractive location that is ideal for adrenaline lovers who want to practise the fastest specialities of alpine skiing, thanks to the high technical level of its 10.5 kilometres of tracks.

All the information and details on the mountains of Friuli Venezia Giulia: www.turismo.fvg.it/montagna/Home