



King's Academy Ringmer

July 9, 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

WHOLE SCHOOL KING'S ACADEMY RINGMER SKI VISIT - USA, WATERVILLE VALLEY & NYC FEB 2021

We are delighted to offer to all year groups a very exciting opportunity to visit Waterville Valley Ski Resort and New York City. We hope to depart on **Friday 12th February 2021 and return on Saturday 20th February 2021**. This adventure is open to all year groups attending King's Academy Ringmer in 2021 on a first come first served basis.

Skiing is the main part of this visit and it involves a lot of physical effort. The day program includes 5 days of ski tuition and evening activities, such as tubing, quizzes & cinema. This is a new visit at King's Academy Ringmer and will be a well-organised and successful visit, and I feel that all who attend will not only enjoy themselves but will gain a great deal in personal and social awareness. Check out [Waterville Valley](http://www.waterville.com) at www.waterville.com

The cost to parents is between **£1675 and £1720** dependent on numbers. This includes:

- Return coach from King's Academy Ringmer to a London airport
- Return transatlantic flights from a London airport, including all airline and airport taxes
- Overseas coach transfers and in resort mountain shuttles
- 6 nights half board accommodation (based on mostly 6 students sharing each suite which has 2 double beds and a trundle)
- A 1 night city stopover in New York (including accommodation based on 4 students sharing per room, breakfast, dinner at the [Hard Rock Café](#) or similar, entrance to [Top of The Rock](#), and use of coach (subject to drivers' hours)
- A 5-day lift ticket
- 5 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- 20 hours of ski tuition - 4 hours per day (provided on a ratio of 1:10 - 1:12)
- Evening activities: Cinema and [Tubing](#) (transportation as required)
- Fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance
- Dedicated resort representative
- 24-hour emergency contact number & medical assistance service
- In-house evening entertainment programme organised by dedicated resort representative

Please find set out below an example itinerary, we hope our 9-day visit will be similar to the following:

Sample Itinerary

Day 1	Make your own way to the airport, fly from UK to Boston and transfer to resort
Day 2	Ski fit, meet your instructors and ski
Day 3	Ski
Day 4	Ski
Day 5	Ski
Day 6	Ski and return equipment before returning to your hotel
Day 7	Depart in the morning for your city stopover where you spend the night. You have 3 hours coach waiting for shopping included on route to New York Evening meal at Hard Rock Café Top of The Rock
Day 8	Spend the day in New York before flying home in the afternoon or evening.
Day 9	Land back in the UK and make your own way to school

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change

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We will be collecting parental consent and payments online. An initial non-refundable deposit of **£200.00** is required by **Friday 19th July 2019**. To make your payment and give consent, please log on to ParentPay (<https://www.parentpay.com/>) and choose the service called USA Ski Visit 2021. You will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the 'consent' box. **Students wishing to participate in this visit must be in possession of a full passport, please send a photocopy of the passport to the finance office by Friday 19th July 2019**

* NB. Passports must have an expiry date of six months after the return of the visit i.e. not before August 2021.

Students will also need to have an ESTA to take part in this visit – the cost of this is not included in the visit cost as some students may already have an ESTA if they have visited/ will be visiting the USA this year as they are valid for 2 years. **We will require a copy of the ESTA to the Finance Office by 30th November 2020**. The current cost for this is \$14 See details below

ESTA: A copy of this electronic visa waiver is compulsory for any UK (and several other nationalities) citizen entering the USA. Visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> for more details.

Staff members supervising the visit will be Ms Stead (Party leader) along with 2 other members of the staff. Depending on the uptake and final size of our group other members of staff may be required to also join the visit.

Ski Visit 2021 Parent/Carer Information Evening – We will be holding a special information evening so everyone understands what the plans are, we will advise of a date nearer the time, it is a requirement to attend this meeting.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend, please make your non-refundable deposit of **£200.00** no later than **Friday 19th July 2019**.

Following this initial deposit, a further 5 payments of £300 will be needed to be paid by the following dates: -

31st October 2019	£300.00 (2nd deposit)	31st January 2020	£ 300.00
30th April 2020	£300.00	22nd July 2020	£300.00
31st October 2020	£300.00	30th November 2020	£ Final balance tbc

We will advise final balance as soon as numbers are confirmed. Once deposits have been paid and the visit confirmed with the tour operator we will be unable to refund any payments, please see the tour operator cancellation details as below

Cancellation

You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements at any time. Written notification from the person who made the booking must be received by our office. Written confirmation of cancellation should be confirmed to us in writing within 48 hours. Payment made by a cancelled passenger for an Air Tour may sometimes be transferred to a replacement passenger depending on length of notice. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £25 per person in addition to any further costs incurred in making the alteration. If a cancellation brings the number of paying passengers below the minimum number required for a given price a supplementary cost may be required. Once written notice of cancellation is received, the following scale of charges will apply for each cancelled place:

Cancellation date	Cancellation charge
More than 12 weeks prior to departure	Loss of first and second deposits
Between 6 and 12 weeks prior to departure	Loss of 70% of the invoiced price
Between 2 and 6 weeks prior to departure	Loss of 85% of the invoiced price
Within 2 weeks of departure	Loss of 100% of the invoiced price

Insurance cover for the visit has been obtained from RPA Insurance. Details of the cover provided can be found on the academy website

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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