



## Ski Industry Report 2013



The Ski Industry Report 2013 brings together information on the UK winter sports industry into one unified report. Sources include tour operators' statistics, British Ski and Snowsport (BSS), airport passenger figures, published CAA statistics, tourist office data including the Observatoire National des Stations des Montagne and travel agency reporting.

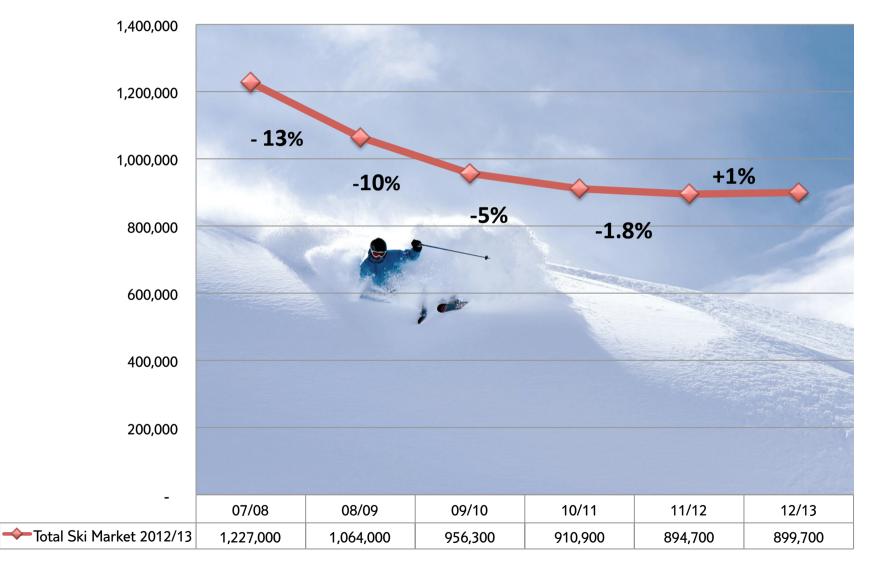
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Please note – the term 'ski' has been used within the report as a generic term for the whole of the winter sports market.

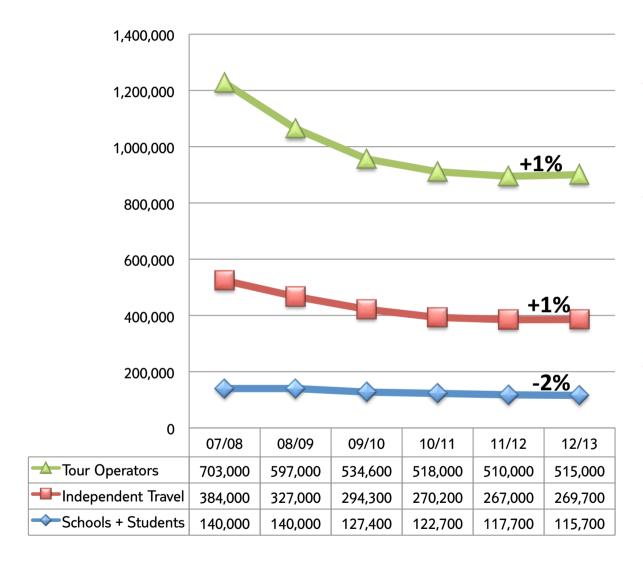


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Overview 2007/8 – 2012/13







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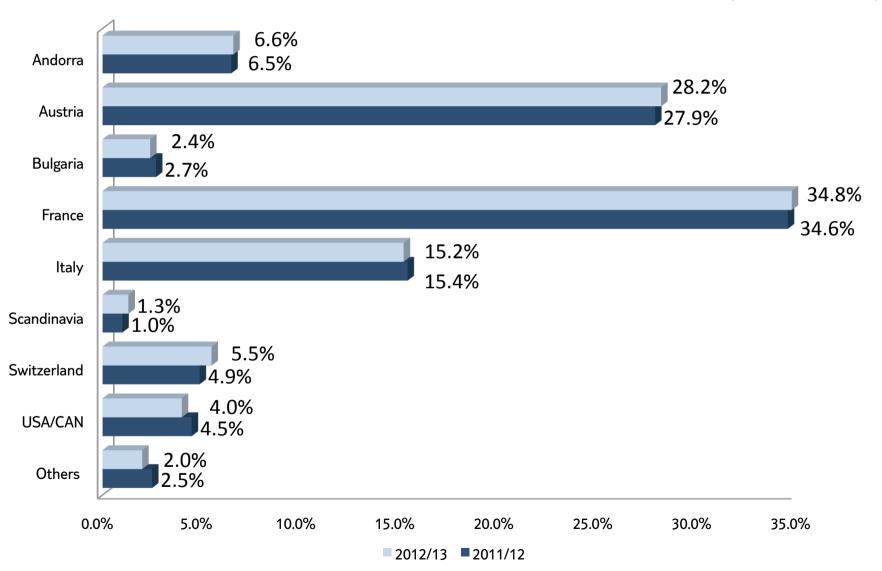
Overview 2007/8 – 2012/13

- Overall ski market increased by 1% last winter
- Both the tour operator market and the independent travel sector experienced marginal increase of 1%
- The schools and student market encountered a further decline of 2% year on year with the schools market down and student market up



#### **Country mix**

2011/12 versus 2012/13







- France maintains the number one position at 34.8% (2011/12: 34.6%). Increase due to improved self catering accommodation and 'added value' offers.
- Austria 28.2% (2011/12: 27.9%).
   Market share growth due to excellent snow conditions year on year, newly linked ski areas and well priced packages especially in smaller resorts.
- Italy 15.2% (2011/12: 15.4%). Small decrease YOY as charter flying has reduced slightly into TRN/VRN.
- Scandinavia 1.3% (2011/12: 1%).
   Growth through additional flights and increase of those wanting skiing and other snow related activities from their winter break.

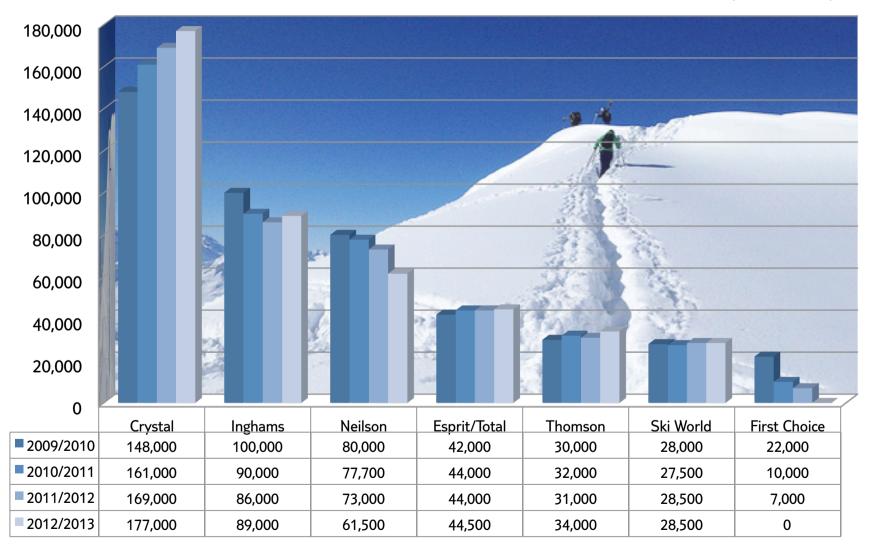
- Andorra increased its market share to 6.6% (2011/12: 6.5%). It's the 4<sup>th</sup> year of growth as Andorra capitalises on market demand for value.
- Switzerland 5.5% (2011/12: 4.9%).
   Confidence returns as the exchange rate stabilises and Switzerland's marketing investment pays off.
- North America 4% (2011/12: 4.5%)
   USA continues to see a decline as
   Canada grows market share through
   good snow and marketing
   momentum.
- Bulgaria 2.4% (2011/12: 2.7%) Share reduces as Inghams withdraws.





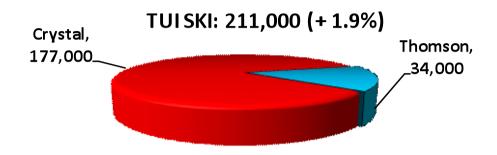
#### **Total tour operator market** (515,000)

2009/10 - 2012/13

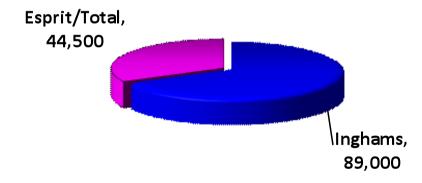




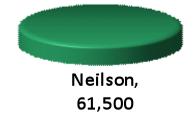




Hotelplan: 133,500 (+ 2.6%)



Thomas Cook: 61,500 (-8.5%)

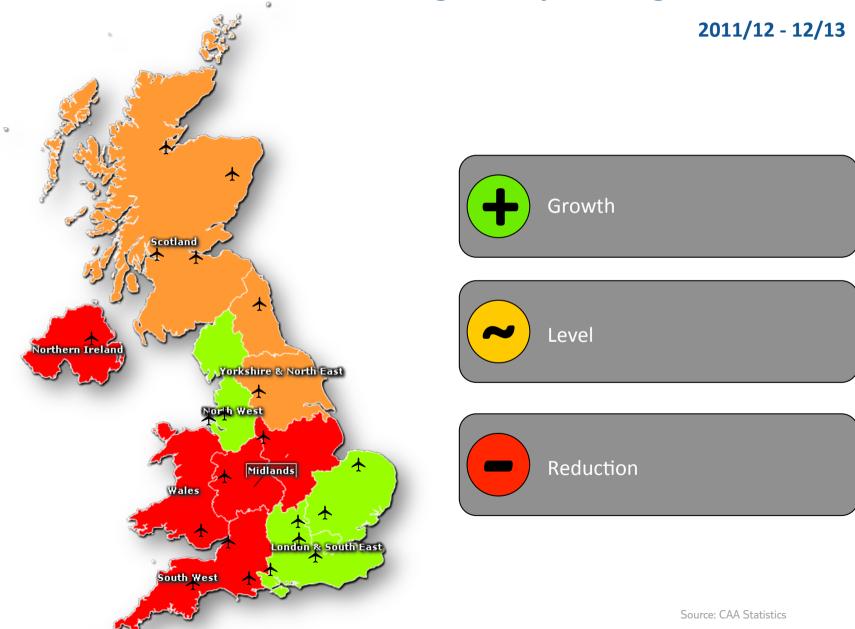


#### **Tour operator market**

- The Big Three (406,000)
- TUI Ski remains clear market leader with nearly 52% share
- Crystal increases its share to 43%, an increase of 2%
- Hotelplan share increases to 33%, with Inghams at 22% and Total/Esprit at 11%
- Thomas Cook remains in third place with just over 13% of this selection



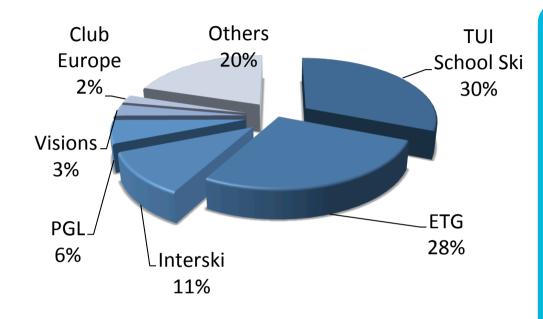
#### Regional passenger volumes



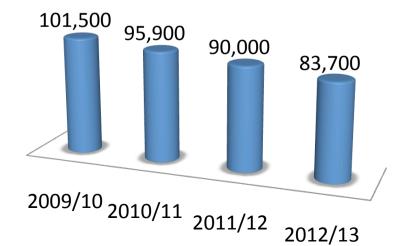




#### School ski market (83,700)



- Stable prior to 2010
- Decline over the past 3 years (11.3%) largely due to:
  - economic climate and family finance pressure
  - increased competition / choice of school trips
- TUI school businesses retain largest share



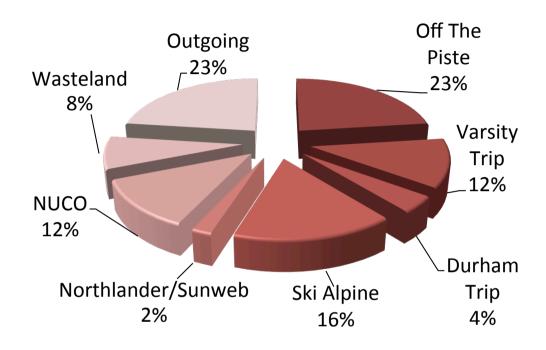


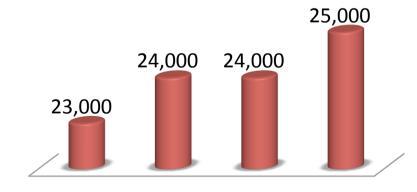






#### **CRYSTAL**





2009/10 2010/11 2011/12 2012/13

#### Student ski market (25,000)

- Total student ski market slightly increases as students seek the value offered by these organised ski holidays
- Core destinations remain: Val Thorens, Les Arcs 1800, Tignes Val Claret. TUI brands successfully expanding into Andorra
- TUI Student market share is 40%









#### **Ski Holiday Industry 2013**



#### Looking back ...

- Fantastic snow across Europe
- Growth of "added value", inclusive and early booking offers
- Good calendar for Christmas & New Year
- Early season operational challenges due to huge amounts of snow
- Woodsy is World Number 1 ski slopestyle athlete
- British in French court over ski hosting



"Thick snow across the Alps ... 13th December"





"Snow causes 100-mile traffic jam"

"Some of the best conditions in recent years ..."



#### **Social skiing**

- Social skiing service in over 90 resorts
- Reps will be on hand at major lifts at the start of the day to assist Crystal Ski customers
- Reps show customers best restaurants, how to avoid queues, where the best snow is
- Suggested routes and itineraries are now available in our info pack
- Remains a free service





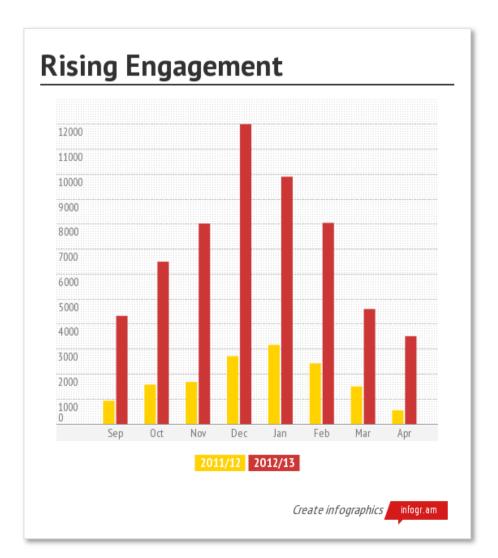
### Ski community: Growth and flow of engagement





### Ski community: growth in social engagement

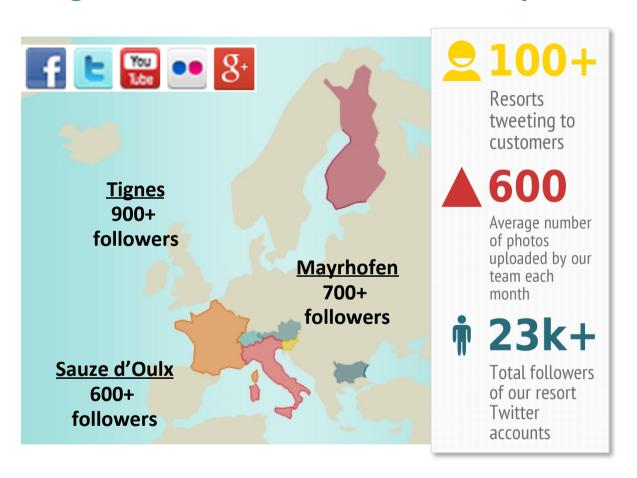
- Customers demand engagement earlier in the 'customer journey'
- Online mentions of the brand doubled pre-season
- Before booking, skiers have specific questions. They can speak directly to Crystal via our social media pages rather than wait to meet our team in resort





### Ski community: connecting customers to our resort experts

- Reps in over 100 resorts tweeting diectly to customers, before, during and after their holiday
- Resort teams keep customers updated with weather reports, events, news and photos





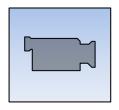
### Ski community: conversation buzz varies by resort





# Ski community: customer experience enhancements throughout research and pre-departure journey





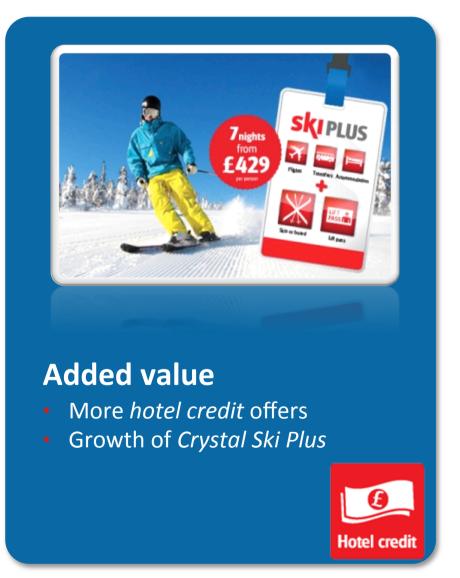


#### Value for money ski holidays

#### Learn to ski for free

- Engaging beginners in snowsports
- Offering more choice than before









#### **Looking forward ...**

- Winter Olympics Sochi
- Snowsport England Go Ski, Go Board campaign
- Continued growth as tour operators build following recent capacity calibration
- Continued growth in premium product and chalets
- Late Easter might be an issue ...







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