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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

### JOIN THE FUN!

Space City Ski and Adventure Club was organized in 1964 by a group of friends that loved skiing together. That was an amazing 53 years ago!!! It was set up to be managed by 7 officers and a board of directors.



Managing the club is easy with our many volunteers that step forward and accept some responsibility with the club that we all love. With 450+ members, we are soliciting new volunteers for several positions including:

**Director of Communications** - primarily to manage our website. See me, Bill Bomberger

[President@spacecity.org](mailto:President@spacecity.org)

**Club Officers for 2018-19** - Sarah Granbery is head of the nominating committee. [Sarah@spacecity.org](mailto:Sarah@spacecity.org)

**Trip Coordinators** - let Beverly Roberts, VP of Trips know you are interested. [Trips@spacecity.org](mailto:Trips@spacecity.org)

**Activity Coordinators** - Lynn Burch would love to hear from you. [Activities@spacecity.org](mailto:Activities@spacecity.org)

We also have a committee looking into how the club operates to see if we can simplify what we do and how we do it. If you have any ideas, the committee would love member input. See Marti Turner or Jim Hodges.

### WHY VOLUNTEER?

So why volunteer as an officer, director or coordinator? There are many personal rewards for your volunteer service:

It is an honor to be elected by your peers.

We meet and get to know more people with whom we share common interests.

Satisfaction and personal fulfillment for giving back to the club and others.

Have a voice in the operation of the club or the trip or activity that you are coordinating.

Practice and/or learn new skills, technology and business techniques and trends.

Receive lots of appreciation and respect from your fellow volunteers.

And you get some perks too:

Officers receive a mileage reimbursement. This is not huge, but the club wants to cover your operating expenses for volunteer service. Dinner is provided at our monthly Executive Committee meetings. Also, officers are eligible

for \$599 credit on one SCSC trip.

Trip Coordinators receive a partial-to-full complimentary trip. The amount of trip credit depends on the number of participants, destination and adherence to budgeted numbers.

**We want your talents and service to the club!**

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

It's snowing in the high country, and our SCSC ski trips are just around the corner.



David Stotz will inaugurate the 2017-2018 SCSC ski season with the annual December ski trip to Vail. He will lead 22 dedicated Vail aficionados on this very popular early trip, who will be honing their ski and apre-ski skills for the 2018 ski season.

In January, we begin the 2018 slate of ski trips. Believe it or not – YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR A 2018 SKI TRIP!! There are spaces open NOW on the Crested Butte trip and the Salt Lake City Sampler trip. Contact trip coordinators Betty Donellan ([Betty@spacecity.org](mailto:Betty@spacecity.org)) for Crested Butte, and Arlen Isham ([Arlen@spacecity.org](mailto:Arlen@spacecity.org)) for the SLC Sampler trip. Also, watch the SCSC website updates and email eblasts for other trip availabilities that occur occasionally. These go quickly – so don't delay!! If you have a confirmed spot on one or more ski trips, watch for important communications from your Trip Coordinators. They will be passing along important information, including pre-trip party arrangements, payment deadlines, and other trip-related info.

We also have three outstanding non-ski trips that will take you to all points on the globe. Check with the TCs for the latest trip availabilities, and join the wait list so you can snag an opening or cancellation.

- See the wonders of the Far East with the Experience China trip. You will see the Great wall, the Terra Cotta Soldiers, and so much more. Contact Jill Nanney [Jill@spacecity.org](mailto:Jill@spacecity.org)
- Explore the southern European coastline on the Croatia Bike and Barge trip. You will cycle through the beautiful landscapes of the Croatian coast, or, if you feel like a relaxing day, enjoy the changing scenery from the boat deck. Contact Rita Cardenas [Rita@spacecity.org](mailto:Rita@spacecity.org)
- Join the TSC Summer Expedition to Patagonia in



South America. There, you will marvel at dramatic landscapes, waterfalls and glaciers, as well as experience the cosmopolitan world of Buenos Aires. You may also choose optional pre and post trips to Easter Island and Mendoza. Contact Sarah Granbery [Sarah@spacecity.org](mailto:Sarah@spacecity.org)

Following is the SCSC 2017-2018 trip schedule.

See you at the next Happy Hour!

Beverly Roberts – VP Trips

Trip	Schedule	TC	Full Pkg	Land
Vail	Dec 9-16, 2017	Dave Stotz	N/A	\$1,404
Steamboat	Jan 13-20, 2018	Kate MacDougall	\$1,381	\$892
Crested Butte	Jan 20-27, 2018	Betty Donellan	\$1,366	\$907
TSC Cortina	Jan 26-Feb 3, 2018	Ali Pethick	\$2,228	\$1,346
Big Sky	Jan 27-Feb 3, 2018	Cindy Moore	\$1,449	\$961
SLC Sampler	Feb 3-10, 2018	Arlen Isham	\$985	\$650
Beaver Creek	Feb 10-17, 2018	Thuy Rocque	\$1,243	\$1,004
Snowmass	Mar 3-10, 2018	Ann Dorn	\$1,171	\$876
China	May 16-25, 2018	Jill Nanney	\$2,115	N/A
Croatia Bike	June 23-30, 2018	Rita Cardenas Leyla Ozkardesh	N/A	\$2,488
Patagonia	Oct. 17-26, 2018	Sarah Granbery	\$4,029	\$2,296

## HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

The October 21 Dinner was at Rudi Lechner's for Oktoberfest and we had a great turnout despite it being on the same night as one of the Astros playoff games. We had our own room and instead of watching the German music entertainment from the front room on their big screen TV we had them turn it to the Astros game. Craig Campbell



wore his lederhosen outfit and looked like a traditional German. We had a fun night of food and visiting with our SCSC family.

The October 26 Happy Hour was at FM Kitchen & Bar on Shepherd. Another great turn out at this really neat place, lots of space inside and outside with good food.

Karen Leeson ran a bike ride on November 12 that had a good turnout and a fun time. There is a separate article on this event. In the spring, we will have another bike ride and another hike to different places.



In December there will be 2 classes on December 6 & 13 but no need to sign up, it will be just go and pay \$15 there at the class. There will be no classes January through March 2018.

Our November Dinner was at Benihana on Westheimer on November 18 and I will report on it in the next Sitzmarke. There will be no Dinner in December since we have dinner at the Holiday Gala and there are so many other Holiday parties going on in December.



For our dinners, you must sign up in advance even though you put no money down and get separate checks that night. I have to let the restaurants know a week in advance the amount of people that are coming.

The November 30 Happy Hour is at Post Oak Grill on South Post Oak Lane.

The Holiday Gala on December 2 at Blue by Massa's is on the website for you to sign up. There is not much time left to sign up. This is going to be a great party to start off the holiday season. GOOD FOOD, GOOD MUSIC AND GOOD FRIENDS!! PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!!

The December 28 Happy Hour is at Perry's by Memorial City Mall.

We will not have a lot of activities in December and January. There are so many other parties and events in December and all the ski trips in January we have cut back on activities for these two months.

Please check the website often for new activities. This is where you learn about them and can sign up.

Thank you to all the members who participate in the events, as long as you keep coming and signing up for activities we will keep having them and adding new ones.



## BIKING ADVENTURE REPORT

LED BY KAREN LEESON

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12th a fun group met at TC Jester Park to go on a biking adventure. The sunny and breezy day made for a perfect bike ride. Led by their activity leader Karen Leeson, group members Bil Cusack, Joan Waddell, Marsha Lutz, Barb Penkala, Sean O'Brien, Melissa Frazier and her friend also called Melissa made their way down the White Oak Bayou trail for the 7 mile trek. They took a leisurely ride for the first 3 ½ miles and then stopped at the King's Bier Haus for refreshments. Shortly they were joined by two more members, Andy and Jenny Berg who pulled up on the "coolest ever" tandem bike. Everyone enjoyed light lunch of schnitzel deviled eggs, sausage samplers, pretzels, mustard and cheese sauces, German lagers and the delicious refreshing grapefruit Raddler. There was great conversation and new friendships were made. Andy Berg shared his biking experience of riding across the country from San Diego to Jacksonville. Others talked about riding on the trails in different communities within the Houston area. There was a common strand; they all loved to ride bikes! On the



way out it was agreed that everyone had so much fun that they would like a repeat of the experience. However, it was decided that next time the ride should be a bit longer and there should be more than one stop.



## EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES

### UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

December 2	Holiday Gala at Massa's
December 11	Monthly Meeting at Sun & Ski Westheimer
December 28	Happy Hour at Perry's by Memorial City

## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all of our wonderful Space City members. As an all volunteer organization, your presence and service are appreciated. We currently have 440 paid members aka Volunteers.



Membership has its privileges including cool door prizes at our general meetings. At our November meeting, Andy Cashio won a \$50 gift certificate to Saint Bernard. And, by a random drawing, Leslie Cashio won the \$75 SCSC Trip Credit. Congratulations to the Cashios.

Our annual membership contest ran September through October. Kate MacDougall and Sandy Schneider recruited the most new members and tied for first place. Each received a \$50 SCSC Trip Credit. Also, Betty Donnellan deserves special recognition because her Crested Butte trip has the most new members of any trip. Way to go Betty, Sandy and Kate.

**News Flash** - our new MEMBERSHIP CARDS are available online for printing or saving on your smart phone. See sample card below.

**See sample card below.**

To print your membership card, follow these simple steps:

Login to the website [SpaceCity.org](http://SpaceCity.org)

3rd tab on the left "Members"

select Update User Profile

select Edit Profile

Voila – your membership card will be available for viewing and printing.

Next, present your membership card at Sun and Ski or Saint Bernard to receive a 10% discount off full retail price.

Again, membership has its privileges. I'm so glad that you are a member of our club!

# Sample's membership card

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## TRIPS 2017-2018 BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

### Vail – Like No Other Place on Earth

December 9-16, 2017

Land only \$1404 (no full packages)

TC Dave Stotz [Dave@Spacecity.org](mailto:Dave@Spacecity.org)



Photographer: Daniel Milchev

At 5,289 acres, Vail is the largest single Ski Mountain in North America, featuring seven powdery bowls, the back-country skiing of Blue Sky Basin and the front side. 1,500 acres of “corduroy” each day means the most groomed ter-

rain on the planet. Combined with a yearly average of 346 inches of snowfall and 300 days of sunshine, Vail is a skier's paradise. But more than that, off the slopes, head to Lionshead or Vail Village with world-class dining, shopping, galleries, après ski, nightlife and spas all just steps away.



Photographer: Jack Affleck

Vail is certainly the largest ski mountain in North America, stretching seven miles from east to west. Vail is consistently ranked tops on the continent and among the very best in the world.



**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?** Vail consistently has good early season snowfall. While there are never any guarantees when the weather is involved, you are highly likely to enjoy good conditions at Vail in early December.

Enjoy ski-in, ski-out luxury as our lodging is at the Lion Square Lodge, only 50 yards from the Eagle Bahn gondola. We will be staying in deluxe 3 and 4 bedroom condos. Complex amenities include an outdoor pool and hot tub, a fitness center, free ski check and an underground parking garage. El Sabor, an excellent Latin-fusion restaurant, is located onsite at the Lion Square Lodge. Other amenities include a 24-hour front desk, onsite concierge and daily housekeeping.

Imagine stepping out of your condo in the morning, making the short walk down to the complimentary ski valet, grabbing your skis and walking across to the gondola. World class skiing is literally at your door! Vail doesn't get any easier to do than this!



Photographer: Jack Affleck

**WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE?** This is a land only trip, so it includes your round-trip bus transportation from

Denver International Airport to Vail, seven nights accommodation at Lion Square Lodge and a Welcome party on Saturday night to hand out lift tickets and meet everyone.

You will need to acquire your round trip airfare to Denver. Make sure that you get air that arrives in Denver no later than 11 am on Dec. 9, 2017, and leaves no earlier than 2 pm on Dec. 16, 2017. The travel agent that we are using for this trip can also acquire airfare for you. Please contact Randall Howard at SnowVentures directly. His office phone is 800-845-7157 Ext:3502, and his mobile is 970-390-4706.

**SKI/SNOWBOARD RENTAL:** If you need to rent skis or a snowboard, Charter Sports is conveniently located on the second floor of Lion Square Lodge. Click here to go to their website and reserve your equipment to ensure they will have what you want when we get there.

**LIFT TICKETS:** Regular lift tickets are available through Space City at the prices listed below. However if you are interested in any of the Epic Pass offerings, please contact Randall Howard at SnowVentures directly. His office phone is 800-845-7157 Ext:3502, and his mobile is 970-390-4706.

- 3 day adult—\$360
- 4 day adult—\$419 (This is an Epic 4 day season pass product, best value)
- 5 day adult—\$545
- 6 day adult—\$630
  
- 3 day senior—\$330 (senior defined as 65 and older)
- 4 day senior—\$416
- 5 day senior—\$495
- 6 day senior—\$570
- Epic Pass—\$819
- Epic Local Pass—\$599

## Steamboat Resort – TSC Traditional Ski Trip

January 13-20, 2018

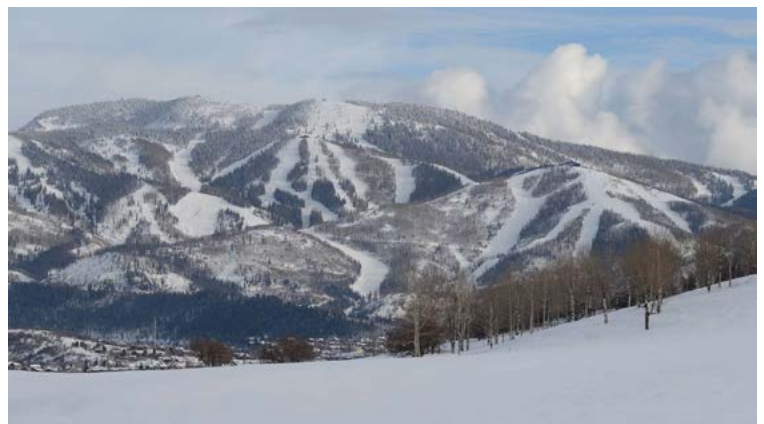
**Full Pkg: \$1418 Land only: \$888**

**TC Kate MacDougall** [Kate@Spacecity.org](mailto:Kate@Spacecity.org)

Join all your other SCSC friends as we ski this TSC Traditional trip at Steamboat Resort. Steamboat has been a favorite of mine since my kids were little and as recently as 2011. We fly into Hayden direct from Houston and could be skiing that night. That's right, one of the new additions at Steamboat is night skiing. The Steamboat terrain is varied with something for everyone and maybe enjoy a nice soak at the Steamboat Hot Springs At this price all 48 pillows will go fast. Deposit \$150.

**The Resort** - The Steamboat Resort sits near the town of Steamboat Springs which is commonly shortened to just "Steamboat" or called "Ski Town USA". Steamboat has a rich

Western heritage and you'll find plenty of cowboys, ranches and horses. We are lucky enough to be at Steamboat Resort for the Cowboy Downhill with over 100 of the best professional rodeo cowboys competing in the most unique ski rodeo in the country.





**The Skiing and Snowboarding** – Steamboat is a complete mountain range with six peaks: Werner, Sunshine, Storm, Thunderhead, Pioneer Ridge and Christie peaks. 2,965 acres of diverse trails for all levels. Gladed areas of Pioneer Ridge, Sunshine and Storm peaks are Steamboat's particular claim to fame with legendary Champagne Powder snow in the trees for the most avid powder hound. Steamboat is for snowboarders & skiers of all ages and skill levels.

**Statistics** – 349 inches of annual snowfall 2,965 acres open Top Elevation 10,568 feet, base 6,900 feet 44% advanced, 42% intermediate, 14% beginner. Longest Run is Why Not at over 3 miles, Total Lifts: 16.

**Lodging** – Eagle Ridge Resort is one of Steamboat Resort's four star properties. We will be staying in 2-bdrm Condos with 1 Master & 1-room with Twin Beds, two full bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen, stone fireplace, balconies/patios and washer and dryers. This property is located less than 10 minutes walking or a short shuttle to the Gondola. Amenities include hot tubs, pool, fitness center, business center, steam room, massage services and complimentary in-town shuttle.

**Travel** – We have up to 32 Full (with non-stop air) packages and another 16 Land only packages. All include RT ground transportation but land only participants must arrive at Hayden on time to meet the full package group on these United flights. Jan 13, 2018 UA#5297 11:55 am IAH departure 1:52 pm Hayden arrival. Jan 20, 2018 UA #5495 2:40 pm Hayden departure 6:28 pm IAH arrival. **Our group bus departs Hayden to Steamboat with a quick stop for groceries and beverages en route.**

**The Fun** – There are TSC and SCSC activities planned: TSC includes a welcoming cocktail party and final dinner. SCSC activities include: welcome pizza and salad Saturday evening (Pick up your ski tickets then), suggested lunch meetings, pot luck dinner and of course what is a ski trip without Après' happy hours. There will also be additional opportunities such as a Tour of the Mountain with the Ambassadors, snowshoeing and a trip to the famous Steamboat Hot Springs. Additional fees may apply to these additional opportunities. Many of your fellow members will also be planning other events, so keep your ears open.

## Crested Butte

January 20-27, 2018

Full Pkg: \$1366 Land Only \$907

TC Betty Donnellan [bettyrelaw@gmail.com](mailto:bettyrelaw@gmail.com)



**EXPERIENCE THE BEST SKI TOWN IN NORTH AMERICA** (Colorado's Best Ski Town, Readers Choice and Travel & Leisure, 2016, Most Authentic 2016). Also known as Colorado's last great ski town. PLUS WE ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST TIME.



**The Mountain:** Crested Butte has plenty to offer everyone, including the longest run at 2.6 miles, Peak to Treasury. From the abundant wide open green and blue groomed trails to more advanced long cruisers and the famous extreme limits of the North Face and Headwall, this mountain truly has it all. The area boasts 23% Beginner, 57% Intermediate and 20% Advanced. That does NOT INCLUDE the EXTREME

terrain of the upper steep which has bowls, chutes, glades and cliff jumps! No wonder this area is host to the Freestyle Championships held here every February. Take a guided tour of the area or test your relationship with gravity on Rambo, said to be the steepest-cut ski run in North America, at up to 59 degrees in pitch. More than half of Crested Butte's groomed trails, however, are rated intermediate. If fast cruising is your style, there are buffed runs like International and Upper Keystone, area has 15 lifts with a capacity of 20,310/hr. NO LIFT LINES AT THIS RESORT. The lifts run from 9-4 pm with East River and High Lift closing at 3:30pm and North Face closing at 3 pm. There are also two terrain parks, Gold Link and Cascade, part of a complete freestyle haven.

**If you haven't been to Crested Butte lately, you are in for a treat!!! Space City Ski club was even in the CB Mardi Gras parade on last visit and featured in their local Newspaper!**



**The Town:** In Crested Butte, there are no traffic lights, no chain stores, there is a difference here. There are few places remaining that can be called a true Colorado ski town; this one is the way others USED TO LOOK. Look no further because THIS IS Colorado's Last Great Ski Town!! Crested Butte oozes charm as a National Historic District. A Victorian town dating back to the late 1800's, it was a bustling mining town and today it embraces a laid back lifestyle for locals and tourists alike. They come here to ski, others come to experience some of the most extreme skiing in North America, and others come to enjoy all this beautiful area has to offer year round. It is located 231 mi. SW of Denver and 28 mi. north of Gunnison, CO. Beautiful colorful buildings offer the visitor everything from over 40 restaurants and bars, art galleries, and plenty of shopping. You won't go hungry as there is everything from sushi restaurants, many pizza places, and everything in between, and prices are reasonable. There is also live music almost every night so you can dance to your heart's delight at places like Eldo bar or the Princess wine bar. Check out the Ice Bar. Free shuttles take you to town every 15 minutes until 9:40 pm, then every 30 minutes until midnite. Then, there are taxis to get you back to your home, only minutes away. Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, that is, the town and mountain, are everything you seek in a ski town and more, and that includes a local friendly sense of community where you can be a casual as you want and seek as much adventure as you and your body can handle. If this town

doesn't stir your inner spirit and sense of adventure, we are not sure what will. Come with us and experience the fun and adventure.

**The Accommodations:** The Plaza condominiums are located just 100 yards from the lifts. They feature 1055 sq. ft. of living place with warm fireplaces, comfortable living and dining areas and full kitchens. A short stroll takes you to the slopes or the action at the base with its restaurants, shops and Happy Hours. You have all the comforts and amenities of a hotel.

**What Else to Expect:**

- Optional Group Dinner - Slogar Bar and Restaurant-Family style dinner in Historic Old Saloon
- Optional great deal on ski lessons
- **The parties.** We'll have a welcome party, a dinner party with games and prizes during the week, and an optional dinner at one of the oldest saloons in town. Don't hesitate. **Be one of the first 20 to book your trip and you'll be entered into a raffle.**

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**SKI YOU SOON!!!!**

## **Big Sky, Montana: The Biggest Skiing in America**

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

Full Pkg \$1449 Land only \$961

TC Cindy Moore [Cindy@Spacecity.org](mailto:Cindy@Spacecity.org)

**BIG SKY, MONTANA - IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, YOU MUST GO. IF YOU HAVE BEEN, YOU ARE COMING BACK!**



Photo by Mark Davidson

If you have never experienced Big Sky, Montana, this is the opportunity you have been waiting for to play in the snow with your Space City friends at a low price you will proba-

bly never see again! We are staying at the fabulous Huntley Lodge, a slope side hotel. Depending on the amount of snow, and where your room is located, you can ski right up to your room! I know because I did just that the first time I stayed there! Worst case scenario, it is a 55 yard walk to the Explorer lift. Are you sick of trying to adapt to high altitude? Big Sky is your answer as we stay at 7510 feet above sea level vs. the 10,000 to 12,000 feet of many Colorado ski resorts. This package includes the best breakfast buffet you will ever experience, with just about anything your stomach desires, including omelets made to order. Meeting for breakfast daily makes for a most cohesive club trip. New members can meet new ski buddies at breakfast, so no one skis alone and everyone is immersed in the fun!! Sick of lift lines? What is a lift line? They are nonexistent in Big Sky. Your lift ticket includes the massive front and back side of Big Sky; a full 5800 of skiable acres. If you are skiing several trips with SCSC this coming season, use your Max Pass for your lifts. We have an incredible round trip flight on United, non-stop into Bozeman leaving at 10:00 a.m., at a price I dare you to beat! We only have 36 seats, so sign up immediately to secure the full package as they are expected to go extremely fast!

**THE SKIING AND BOARDING:** Whatever your level, you have plenty to ski/board at Big Sky! Beginners and Interme-





Photo by Jeff Engerbretson

diates can choose from 2295 skiable acres while advanced and experts have 3515 acres for their skiing/boarding pleasure. Big Sky consists of four mountains connected by chairlifts galore. Lift tickets are good on both sides of the four mountains touted as the biggest skiing in America. There are a total of 23 chair lifts, including the infamous Lone Peak tram for access to the steeps. There are also 11 surface lifts. With over 400 inches of average snowfall per year, we are not going to run out of snow! The average winter temperature is 25 degrees. The longest run is 6 miles!

#### THE RESORT STATISTICS:

Vertical 4,350 ft (1,326 m) total  
 Top elevation 11,166 ft (3,403 m)  
 Base elevation 6,800 ft (2,073 m) Lone Moose  
 7,500 ft (2,286 m) Mountain Village  
 Skiable area 5,800 acres (2,347.2 ha)



Photo by Big Sky Resort

**THE LODGING:** We will be staying right at Big Sky's Mountain Village. Ample nightlife and restaurants are contained inside the cozy Huntley Lodge. Take the Huntley shuttle into town where there are other excellent dinner options for all price ranges. We are staying at the popular slope side Huntley Lodge decorated with Montana antlers and wildlife galore. Did I mention the best full breakfast buffet I have ever experienced on a ski trip is included every day? Located in the heart of Big Sky's Mountain Village, this historic hotel was part of the

late NBC New broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision for Big Sky Resort. The Huntley is steps from the Explorer lift just out the back door. Under the same roof is concierge, dining, shopping, ski storage, meeting rooms and the Solace Spa for a true massage treat. The Huntley Lodge features Boyne Beds and convenient access to a heated pool and two hot tubs. Your comfortable room includes a wet bar, a small refrigerator, a HDTV, free Wi-Fi, a coffee maker, a seating area, daily house-keeping and access to a free ski valet. Access to community washers, dryers and microwaves are also available. Our rates are based on double occupancy. Porterage is also included.

**TRAVEL:** We have secured 36 seats on a DIRECT flight right into Bozeman leaving at a leisurely 10:00 a.m. on United Airlines from Bush Intercontinental airport. The difference in price from the full package (with air) and the land package is only \$488.

Like short bus rides? We aim to please. The typical bus ride to Big Sky from our airport on our luxury private coach is one hour (50 miles). Since we have included a short grocery/liquor stop along the way our travel time will be a little more. Land package participants are welcome to ride our bus as long as your flights coincide with ours into Bozeman and back to IAH.



Photo by Jacob W. Frank

Day	Date	Flight	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
Sat	27JAN18	UA6304	HOUSTON, TX	10:15AM	BOZEMAN, MT	1:17PM
Sat	03FEB18	UA6146	BOZEMAN, MT	2:03PM	HOUSTON, TX	6:29PM

**THE FUN:** A wine and cheese welcome party is included as part of this package as well as a top notch club party with more details later. In addition to the usual after ski events (relaxing in the 2 Huntley hot tubs, daily announced Apres' Ski events, etc.) we will be offering an optional snowmobile excursion into Yellowstone National Park. The last time I did this we hovered 20 feet away from two male bison's clashing horns in a fight usually only witnessed on T.V. on the Wild Kingdom! If there is enough interest we might also arrange a group dog sledding option. Along with the usual optional winter activities of sleigh rides, snowshoe tours and Nordic skiing, Big Sky offers unusual optional excitement including Zipline Tours and Snowcoach tours. So bring along that non-skier adventure seeking significant other because it will be impossible to be bored on this trip!



# Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

Full Pkg \$2045\* Land only \$1193\* (\*subject to slight change due to foreign currency exchange rate)

Extension to Venice Feb 3-6 --\$423\*

TC Ali Pethick [Ali@Spacecity.org](mailto:Ali@Spacecity.org)

*Featured in James Bond "For Your Eyes Only". Beloved for decades by society types for its après-ski scene.*



High in the Dolomites with 140 ski runs and over 50 miles of cross-country pistes.

This is a TSC trip with all the wonderful activities with our Texas friends from around the state. When we arrive on Saturday, we will have a welcome reception at the Terrazza Viennese in our hotel Ancora. The Cortina Tourism Board and a very charming Italian ski instructor will greet us with canapes and local wine from the region. SCSC will gather during that time to collect lift tickets and be given the specific itineraries for the week. Monday SCSC will have our own welcome party.

We will be staying at the Hotel Ancora Cortina d'Ampezzo which was built in 1826 and has been in the same family for four generations. It is located right in the center of Cortina and it offers its guests the best of mountain hospitality with wood balconies and typical furniture in Ampezzo style. Many years it was awarded the "Three Golden Key" prize by Gamero Rosso for being one of the best 11 hotels in Italy. It has also won awards for one of the six best restaurant and hotels. The hotel's "Terrazza Viennese" which faces the famous Corso Italia is the meeting place for important people

from all over the world. The sunny terrace is classically decorated in perfect Biedermeier style in honour and memory of Francesco Giuseppe, Emperor of Austria.

Day trips include Castel Brando, followed by wine cellar and tour with tasting. This is the land of Prosecco. We will have a tour of the castle and brunch. Afterwards we will shuttle over to a nearby winery for a tour of the wine cellar and vineyard and tasting of 5 different wines accompanied with local cheeses and salami. The picturesque capital of Val Gardena will include a tour of this fascinating town famous for its ornate woodcarvings and lovely pedestrian area with great shops and cafes. Skiers will be guided to Sella Ronda Skiing at Val de Gardena.

A "hands on" session learning the art of cheese making will be conducted at a lovely restaurant located in the mountains above Cortina. The views are indescribable and worth the visit on their own. Another day will feature Hotel Ancora cooking demonstrations after which we will all enjoy a glass of Prosecco and appetizer and bruschetta.

Other activities in the area include cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowkiting and ice sledding.

On Friday, we will have our Farewell Party with wine and more and Saturday depart for Venice to either catch your flight home or to enjoy a few more days in Venice, Italy.

The Extension to Venice, Italy is February 3 through February 6. We will be staying at this Hotel. The Hotel Carlton is a 4 Star hotel located on the Grand Canal and what more is there to say. Many tourist spots are within walking distance as well as the train station. The hotel has free Wi-Fi and breakfast.





# SLC Utah Ski Sampler

Saturday Feb. 4 -10, 2018 - Final Payment Date Dec. 11, 2017

Full Pkg \$985 Land Only \$660 **PRICE REDUCTION**

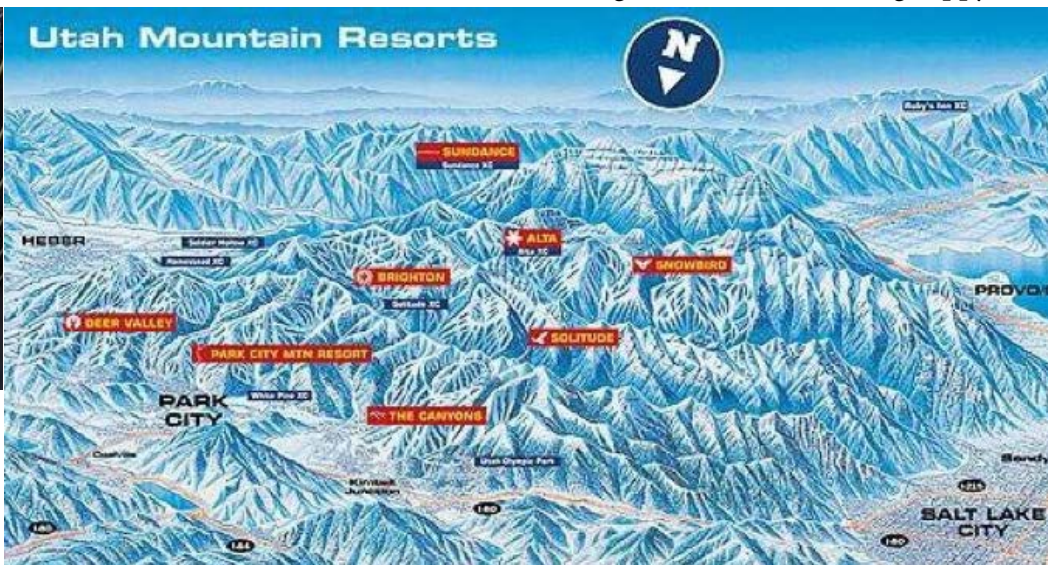
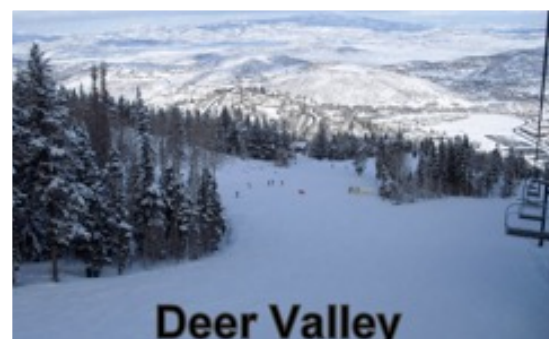
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SKI UTAH – THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH! Ski the fabulous snow of Snowbird, Alta,

Deer Valley, Park City, Canyons, Solitude and Brighton – all during a one-week ski club trip. You have the opportunity and challenge of skiing a different resort every day. We have a ski plan, but it is flexible to accommodate weather and where the group wants to ski.

We will fly to Salt Lake City on a Southwest Airlines flight leaving Houston on Saturday morning and arriving Salt Lake just about noon. On arrival, we will be taking vans and a shuttle to our accommodations located in Midvale. This is close to both Cottonwood Canyons. That will leave time on Saturday for getting settled-in, picking up discounted rental skis, and joining your ski friends for a Saturday evening welcome party. Our Southwest departure flight on Saturday, Feb 10 leaves Salt Lake around noon arriving Houston Hobby late afternoon.



We will be staying at the Homewood Suites by Hilton located in Midvale, Utah (south of downtown Salt Lake City). Our rooms will be all suites with separate bedrooms, living, and full kitchen. Homewood Suites offer a complementary hot breakfast each day and a complementary light meal and beverage (wine & beer) during happy hour Monday – Thursday.

During our 2010 stay at the Homewood Suites, many of the group did not buy dinner Monday through Thursday, completely satisfied with the Happy Hour. If the happy hour is not enough, and you do not want to cook in your rooms, there are eight restaurants within easy

walking distance and several others a short van ride away. There is also an indoor hot tub, swimming pool, exercise room, coin laundry, and in-room high-speed internet.

We will have a Saturday night welcome party, and a Friday night celebration party.

The Homewood Suites are located 15 miles from the Cottonwood Canyon ski areas and 32 miles from the Park City Areas. On the days we ski the Cottonwood Canyon areas (Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude) we can take the Utah Transit Authority “ski bus” or use the two 15 passenger vans rented for the entire week for our convenience located at our hotel. Our discounted lift tickets from UTA include complementary access to the UTA ski bus, with its bus stop very close to Homewood Suites. Ski shuttles run frequently during ski season and you will be able to depart and return as you wish. Our two 15 passenger vans will give us great convenience for either trips to the resorts or for use in Midvale. For the day trips to Park City and Deer Valley the club will use the rented 15-passenger vans.

Join a group that will have fun, great snow, at a great price.





# TSC Winter Shoot Out Beaver Creek

Feb 10-17, 2018

Full Pkg \$1245 Land Only \$1004

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## Beaver Creek

### Space City Ski Club/ Texas Ski Council Winter Shootout

February 10-17, 2018

LAND PACKAGE \$1,004 FULL PACKAGE \$1,245

Beaver Creek, nominated by USA TODAY as one of 2017 Best Destination Resorts, has a worldwide reputation for some of the best skiing Colorado has to offer, and you can be there this winter with all your Texas friends! Wow, aren't we lucky! Yes, Beaver Creek will be inundated with seven Texas ski clubs for the Winter Shootout. We will enjoy the usual TSC activities including: Mountain Tours, EPIC Mix racing, TSC Welcome Party, TSC racing awards/dinner/dancing, daily Après Ski and designated meeting places for lunch on the slopes. It doesn't end there, Space City will also host our own Happy Hours and an optional dinner. Wait, there's more.....this week, the resort will have a few extra options including: Mardi Gras Pub crawl, "Ashes to Go" on Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day Celebrations, Back Coun-

try Snow Shoe Adventure-half day guided tours, and Dave Thomas happy hours. This trip will fill up fast so sign up early and send in your \$150 Deposit to ensure you're on the "hippest" trip in 2018!

**Travel:** Nonstop flight on Southwest Airlines (with 2 free bags!) into Denver International Airport and Coach Motorbus from DIA to Beaver Creek Resort with a grocery stop on the way.

The Resort Statistics: Base elevation at 8,100 ft. and Summit of 11,400 ft. with 3,400 ft. vertical rise. The developed terrain includes 5 mountains including Beaver Creek, Grouse, Larkspur, Arrowhead, and Bachelor Gulch spanning 150 total trails (19% beginner, 43% intermediate, 38% expert). This is an intermediate skier's dream resort!

**Lodging:** Premier condos are reserved at The Charter which offers ski-in/ski-out access to Elkhorn chair lift and is within walking distance of Beaver Creek Village. This European-inspired property is considered one of Colorado's best lodges. The Charter's first-class hotel services include a 24-hour front desk, concierge, bell staff, and full meeting and catering services. On-site amenities include an indoor lap pool and hot tubs, as well as a game room, health club and complimentary wireless internet access.

#### Optional Lift tickets: Ski more, save more \$\$\$

Ski Days	Regular Group Adult Rate	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate
Daily Lift Ticket	\$145	\$132	\$123
3 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$387	\$354	\$343
4 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$480	\$437	\$428
5 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$555	\$505	\$496
6 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$624	\$568	\$558



By now, if you still need more reasons to join us at Beaver Creek....well, she's back!!! After a few years away, Thuy is eager to come back to being a trip coordinator for Space City and Beaver Creek is the perfect place so come join Thuy and Sandy for a Rocque-ing good time!

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# Snowmass, Colorado

March 3-10, 2018

Full Pkg \$1296 Land Only \$880 (subject to slight change)

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## WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Pre Ski trip party to get to know all fellow skiers. (Drinks, food and entertainment are included)
- Deluxe Ski-in/Ski-out lodging at the top of Snowmass Village.
- It's "Mass"ive with 3,362 skiable acres and 4,406 ft. vertical drop.
- Lift ticket for four great areas – Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, & Buttermilk with terrain for all levels.
- Fun après ski happy hours, Club Dinner and Dance Party and other events.



**LUXURIOUS SKI-IN SKI-OUT LODGING: TOP OF THE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS** Located at the top of Snowmass Village, Top of the Village Condominiums are ideally located for skiing as well as après-ski. What could be better than starting the day by walking out the door to ski? Our accommodations at Top of the Village will be upscale 2 bedroom/ 2 bath and 3 bedroom/ 3 bath condominiums with fireplaces, private balconies, and views of the surrounding mountains. They offer amenities including fully-equipped kitchens, elevators, washer/dryer in each unit, complimentary Wi-Fi, daily maid service, and concierge service. Free shuttle service is also provided within Snowmass, making it easy to get around for groceries or other

outings. A heated pool and hot tubs will be ready for relaxation at the end of the day.

**WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE?** We will start a Big Bang Pre-trip party which will include hot and cold appetizers and drinks to get to know our fellow skiers and warm up for our Hot Ski trip. Your round-trip bus transportation from Denver International Airport to Snowmass is also included, along with seven nights accommodation at Top of Village and a Welcome Pizza party on Saturday night to hand out lift tickets and meet everyone. **Please Do not let us stop!!!!** After après ski happy hours every day, we may have more surprise parties for those who still have enough energy for night fun. We have already reserved a clubhouse on Wednesday for dinner and dance party. (Yes! it is all included except you bring your own favorite beverage).

**Great Skiing.** Snowmass has something for everyone! With 4,406 of vertical rise & 3,362 acres of varied terrain, Snowmass has the largest lift-served vertical descent in America and has been hailed as the #1 overall resort in America by both Ski.com and Transworld Snowboarding magazine. From wide cruising runs on Big Burn, to the experts-only thrill of Hanging Valley Wall, there is terrain here for everyone. Want more runs? Turn on the "Power of Four" mountains by taking a free short bus ride to Aspen for more expert terrain, Buttermilk for more easy-going gentle cruising runs, or Aspen Highlands, a local favorite. Skiers and riders of all abilities will have plenty of great skiing on this trip.

**MOUNTAIN STATS (SNOWMASS ONLY)** · 3362 skiable acres · 4406 vertical rise, summit elevation 12,510 ft., base elevation 8104 ft. · 94 trails, 21 lifts including 2 gondolas, 1 high speed six passenger, 7 high-speed quads · Easiest 6%, More difficult 47%, Most Difficult 17%, Expert 30%.

**We will have more details for flight schedules and date for pre-warmup party and a lot more in August.**

**We want you to have the most memorable fun trip of 2018 with us. Please mark this one on your Calendar!!!**

# CROATIA BOAT & BIKE TOUR

## NATIONAL PARKS OF DALMATIA

JUNE 22 – JUNE 30 2018

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We are excited to offer this trip to the beautiful island of Croatia. Many of our club participants enjoyed the Boat & Bike trip to Danube last season and we hope to continue the momentum. We have chartered a yacht for this journey so only Space City participants will be aboard. There are 32 spots available and they are sure to go fast, so sign up quick! We are offering this trip as Land Only. The price for the flights for individuals was much more reasonable than trying to acquire air as a Group.

We ask you plan your travel to arrive in Split, Croatia airport (SPU) by 2:30pm Saturday June 23, 2018. The airport is 7 minutes from the boat dock. We will have a planned shuttle TBA or it is an quick taxi ride. The boat departs at 3:00pm Saturday June 23rd. Each traveler must make the effort to arrive on time as the boat cannot wait for delays. The trip disembarks Sat June 30th after breakfast around 9am; however we have flexibility for earlier departures.

Jennifer Cole, NonStop Travel Inc., will provide assistance with flight reservations if needed. Her contact information is [Jennifer@nonstoptravel.net](mailto:Jennifer@nonstoptravel.net) Tel #310-324-5500

There are 16 cabins on the yacht with various room configurations. We will work with each participant to assign cabins. We ask that single travelers help to find a roommate as they sign up. As the trip fills up, we may need to create wait list for single travelers until there is a qualified roommate. Land Only Package \$2488 per person (pending board approvals). The last day for refund less cancellation fee is 2/28/2018. The final payment is due 3/16/2018.

**SIGN UP QUICKLY!** Don't delay your decision to join us as we will be opening the trip to other clubs to ensure we meet our financial obligation.

**[Click here for  
Bike Tours Website of Space City Trip Details](#)**

### ABOUT THIS TRIP

Croatia is a country full of beautiful, well-kept coasts with thousands of islands, reefs, and bays. Numerous Roman ruins, charming hills, and breathtaking beauty awaits you here. Situated along the Adriatic Sea, Croatia stretches from the slopes of the alps to the banks of the Danube and Drava Rivers.



If you have always desired to cycle in Croatia but have worried about the mountainous terrain, you need worry no longer. You can bike Croatia using e-bikes and will conquer the hills almost effortlessly. You will not be denied the breathtaking views that these mountain climbs provide.

You will discover the charm of the Adriatic in a very unique way. After a hearty breakfast each morning, you cycle through history and culture and at midday meet the ship at a harbor for lunch. In the evening, the ship will be waiting in the next harbor for you to dine as the sun sets, followed by a stroll through the historic harbor towns.

Come bike in Croatia, land of a thousand islands!

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 8-day- trip on a motor yacht (Princeza Diana) with a crew of four
- 7 nights on a motor yacht in a cabin with shower/toilet - DBL occupancy
- Meal Package - 7x breakfast, 7x dinner, 4x lunch including welcome and farewell dinners on board
- Electric bicycle with 8 gear hub shifting with pannier
- Unlimited bottled drinking water (other beverages/ alcohol served on board will be tallied and charged to passengers at the end of the cruise)
- Guides on board
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview maps for the daily tours (on board)
- Bed linen and towels
- English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees for the National parks
- Harbor fees & Visitor fees

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Individual travel to Split Airport



- Beverages / Alcohol on board (tally sheet is utilized)
- Taxi transfer from airport to the ship (approx. €20)
- If do not make the scheduled shuttle
- Bicycle Protection (€10 for hybrid bike and €20 for electric bike)
- Tips for crew and guides
- Helmet - there are a limited number of helmets available for rental so bring your own.

## SKILL LEVEL

This cycle tour requires a basic level of fitness from all participants. Spend some time on your bike to prepare. The routes go to heights of 670- 1640 feet above sea-level. The mileage ranges from 9-34 miles and does go through hilly and mountainous terrain. The rides will be completed without any time-constraints, but you should be used to cycling distances up to 30 miles a day through hilly terrain. Participants will need to master long and steep climbs which will present no problem with the use of the electric bike. Streets are mostly asphalted with little traffic however during high season when we are going, there may be a few busy streets. Alternative daily activities such as swimming and walking are available for non-cyclists. All cultural and natural highlights of the tour will be available to everyone, without having to cycle.

## ITINERARY

Day 1: Trogir – Rogoznica

Day 2: Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica, 15 mi. (23 km)

Day 3: Molat and Dugi Otok Islands, 23 mi. + 11 mi. (38 km + 18 km)

Day 4: Islands of Ugljan and Pašman - Zadar, 12 - 25 mi. (20 - 40 km)

Day 5: Biograd – Vodice – Skradin, 35 mi. (55 km)

Day 6: Krka Waterfalls – Šibenik - Zlarin Island

Day 7: Primosten – Trogir, 28 mi. (45 km)

Day 8: Trogir, disembarkation.

**Day 1:** Arrival in Split, Croatia. Depart from Trogir harbor - Rogoznica. Dinner on the boat

Individual arrival by car to Trogir harbor or by plane to Split airport which is about 3 mi. (5 km) away from the harbor of Trogir. Check in is between 2 and 2:30 pm. Be prompt as the boat will depart at about 3 pm. Later in the afternoon, there will be time to adjust the bicycles. There will be a special welcome dinner on board!

Covered with pineforests that reach the sea, the island of Rogoznica is a paradise. The village of Rogoznica, a small fishermen's village, is hidden in a deep bay well protected from the waves and open sea.

**Day 2:** Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica (15 miles/23 km)

In the morning, the ship sails to Vodice where your cycling tour for today will begin. You will then cross the bridge to the island of Murter. In Slanica, in the Northwest of the island, the boat awaits to cross over to the island of Dugi Otok. On the way, you pass by the National Park Kornati - an archipelago in crystal clear water which is known for its rich, underwater world. Today's destination is the Telašćica Bay. The Mir salt lake is situated in this nature park. At the end of the day, you can take a short hike to the impressive cliffs

**Day 3:** Islands of Dugi Otok and Molat (23 miles + 11 miles/38 km + 18 km)

From the park, we will cycle across the almost traffic-free island of Dugi Otok until we reach the pine forest, agave, and tamarisk bay of Božava. From there the boat takes us to the flower island of Molat where we are free to explore the island by bicycle. Tonight is spent in the quiet port of the island.

**Day 4:** The Islands of Ugljan and Pašman – Zadar (12-25 miles/20-40 km)

During breakfast, the boat cruises to Preko on the island of Ugljan. From here, our tour will take us to Tkon on the island of Pašman. There is plenty of time to explore the two islands of Pašman and Ugljan, recently connected by a bridge, on your bikes. The tour follows the eastern coastline of the islands giving you a great view across the channel to the mainland.

After a loop tour, we will meet the ship again in Preko. A short crossing takes us to Zadar, the centuries-old political, cultural and intellectual capital of Dalmatia. Our tour guide will take us for an informative walk through the lively streets of the old town center, characterized by 3,000 years of history.



**Day 5: Biograd – Vodice – Skradin (35 miles/55 km)**

The morning begins with a boat trip to the city of Biograd followed by a bike tour around the Vraner Lake. Our goal is the resort of Vodice. The Vraner Lake is the largest freshwater reservoir in Dalmatia and offers many migratory birds an opportunity to rest their wings. In Vodice, you can enjoy lunch on board the boat. An afternoon crossing by boat brings us closer to the Krka waterfalls which we will have time to explore on Day 6 with our tour guide.

**Day 6: Krka Waterfalls – Šibenik – Island Zlarin**

After breakfast, it is time to discover the unique naturally formed waterfalls of the national park of the Krka-Canyon. Afterwards, the boat will take us to Šibenik out of the Krka river mouth and into the Adriatic. Here the Cathedral of St. Jacob is under UNESCO-World-Heritage protection and is regarded as the most magnificent sacral buildings on the Adriatic coast. The old town of Šibenik is also worth a visit before we cross over to the coral island of Zlarin in the afternoon.

**Day 7: Primošten – Trogir (28 miles/45 km)**

In the morning, we cruise to Primošten. From here, we cycle through the hinterland passing small villages, all the way to Trogir. Many magical views of the town and the island of Čiovo are inviting for short breaks and taking pictures. The afternoon offers enough time for a stroll through the world cultural heritage old town of Trogir. After dinner, we end our eventful trip with a special farewell dinner and celebration with crew and tour guides

**Day 8: Departure - Disembarkation at Trogir**

After breakfast, we disembark and head home.

**Changes**

The captain reserves the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities

**OUR YACHT - LODGING - Princeza Diana (Deluxe class)**

High-quality furnishings, generous and spacious design and excellent culinary experiences are just a few of the attributes on board of our deluxe category ships. This fleet is made up of newly built steel ships, whose construction and planning have been directly influenced by us and our fellow island-hoppers.

At 125 x 26 feet, the Princeza Diana is a 3-mast deluxe class motor yacht that was launched in 2011. This ship is the princess of our fleet, an epitome of pure elegance. Spacious guest cabins with air conditioning, shower cabins and WC. The spacious salon as well as the canopied quarterdeck, with upholstered seating, are situated on the top deck. You're invited to play music on the piano and to relax you will find sunning mats and deckchairs on the sun deck. The Jacuzzi on the top deck is a highlight with its 360° panoramic view. The exterior of the Princeza Diana can fulfill any wish of an islandhopper: It doesn't matter whether you're looking for a deck chair or a mat, whether you want to hang out in the sun or in the shade. Everyone will find his favorite spot in this rich place. The spacious area invites for both: socializing and sunbathing in a peaceful atmosphere. The bathing platform ensures an easy access into the Adriatic, which is perfect for water lovers. Of course, it's possible to shower off the salty water after your swim in the deep blue Adriatic.

**OUR BIKES**

We will use electrically assisted bicycles (e-bikes). They will be equipped with a waterproof, rear side saddlebag. Women's bikes are available in 46 or 52cm frame sizes and the men's bikes are available in 56 and 60cm frame sizes.

If you enjoy to be active and outdoors but prefer leisure activity, the rental e-bikes insure comfortable cycling fun. All of the e-bikes are Pedelects requiring the rider to continuously pedal but insuring an effortless climb up every hill.



# EXPERIENCE CHINA

**Time to knock another one off your bucket list!**

**Join us for an 8 night China “Sampler” Tour**

May 16-25, 2018

Full Package \$2,115; Land Only \$1,650 \* subject to final verification

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## Trip at a glance

- Round-trip direct air from Houston (IAH) with Air China; Intra-China transportation and transfers; taxes, fees, & fuel surcharges
- 3 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Xian, 3 nights in Shanghai
- See the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, the Terra Cotta Soldiers, Shanghai Acrobats and more!
- Accommodations at superior first-class hotels
- 16 meals: 8 buffet breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 4 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in itinerary
- Experienced, English-speaking Tour Director and local guides
- Note: You will need a Chinese Visa – currently single entry is \$140 for U.S. Citizens  
[china-embassy.org/eng/visas/fees/](http://china-embassy.org/eng/visas/fees/)

## Day-By Day Itinerary

**Day 1:** Depart USA. This magical journey begins in the afternoon, departing Houston on a nonstop flight bound for Beijing.

**Day 2:** Arrive Beijing. We'll be greeted at the airport and transported to an upscale hotel centrally located in downtown Beijing, within easy access to Tiananmen Square. This evening, the Tour Director will host a welcome dinner and briefing. Penta Hotel (D)



**Day 3:** Full Day Forbidden City/Summer Palace with Lunch. Start the day with a visit to the famous Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. Then enter the Forbidden City, an architectural masterpiece and home to the National Palace Museum. After an included lunch, we'll venture outside the city to see the Summer Palace, summer resort of the Empress Dowager. (B, L)

**Day 4:** Beijing & The Great Wall. On today's exhilarating excursion, we'll venture outside the city to the legendary Great Wall, which extends nearly 4,000 miles. There will be time to view and mount the well-preserved ramparts of this ancient wonder before proceeding to the Ming Tombs, burial site of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Tonight we will enjoy an elaborate Chinese Dinner Banquet featuring



the famous Peking Duck. Following dinner, we'll attend the "Legend of Kung Fu" show, a special stage performance that blends music, martial arts and a moving story. The show highlights the fascinating Chinese martial arts, known as Kung Fu. (B,L,D)

**Day 5:** Beijing. After breakfast we'll join an excursion to Beijing's ancient back alleys (Hutong) by rickshaw and witness the way the Chinese have lived for centuries. You'll interact with locals and visit a home of a local family and have lunch with them! This is an experience you will never forget.

Later today, fly to Xian, ancient capital of China for eleven dynasties and historic gateway to the old silk trading route. Then settle in at the hotel in Xian and enjoy dinner and a night at leisure. Golden Flower Hotel (B, L)

**Day 6:** Xian. On a guided morning excursion, you'll visit one of the world's most amazing archaeological discoveries: a life-size Terra Cotta Army of soldiers and horses guarding the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi. It was unearthed in 1974 after being buried with the first Qin emperor for 22 centuries!



Tonight, savor a delicious dumpling dinner, a local specialty and delight in a spectacular folklore show featuring music, dances and costumes from the Tang Dynasty. (B,D)

**Day 7: Xian/Shanghai.** Shanghai is often described as “Paris of the East,” an intriguing, dynamic city that weaves the seaport legacy of its past with impressive new 21st century architecture. Upon arrival in the afternoon, embark on a guided orientation drive and stroll down the Bund, the bustling and exciting waterfront along the Huangpu River. Enjoy a night at leisure. (B)

**Day 8: Shanghai.** Start your day with a guided walk amidst the scenic ponds, colorful pavilions and walkways of the

16th century Yu Yuan Garden, a delightful reminder of old Shanghai. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace. Rejoin the group tonight for a breathtaking performance of the renowned Shanghai Acrobats. A Chinese dinner will be included in tonight’s activities. (B,D)

**Day 9: Suzhou Excursion.** On this most memorable excursion, exit the city and journey to the charming, canal laced Suzhou often called “Paradise on Earth.” Embark on a short cruise on the ancient “Grand Canal” and enjoy a walk of the old town, followed by a visit to one of Suzhou most famous Chinese gardens. After an included lunch, visit a silk workshop to learn about silk production. Return to Shanghai late this afternoon and enjoy your final night at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 10: Depart.** After breakfast, depart late this morning on our flight back home. After a brief layover in Beijing, we will connect back to Houston and land today mid-afternoon. (B)

In the spirit of keeping things simple, this will be one trip (no pre-or post-trips) and there will be a limit of 24 people max. So don’t miss out and sign up today!

## TSC Patagonia

October 17-26, 2018

Pre-trip to Easter Island (Oct. 14-18)

Post trip to Mendoza, Argentina (Oct. 24-28).

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**PATAGONIA?** Uh sure, but where exactly is Patagonia? According to Wikipedia and a few of our well-traveled

members, it is a region shared by Argentina and Chile at the southern tip of South America.

TSC has chosen Patagonia as the destination for the 2018 Summer Expedition. This exotic adventure includes stops in Santiago, Punta Arenas, Torres del Paine, Perito Moreno Glacier, and El Calafate. The main trip is scheduled to leave Houston October 17th and return October 26, 2018. Also





offered are a pre-trip to Easter Island (Oct. 14-18) and a post-trip in the wine region of Mendoza, Argentina (Oct. 24-28).

The main trip includes 7 nights lodging, 16 meals, airport transfers, and ground transportation.

- The land only package for the main trip is currently priced at \$2,300 plus \$450 for 2 internal flights.
- The full package is currently priced at \$4000. Airfare for the full package is estimated at \$1699, and includes roundtrip airfare to South America plus 2 in country flights.

The final cost of the trip is subject to change, pending published air fare rates and TSC participation levels.

The trip coordinator, Sarah Granbery, will have more details to share at the General Meetings.



*Merry Christmas,  
Happy Holidays &  
Happy New Year!*

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# DECEMBER HAPPY HOUR PERRY'S

by Memorial City Mall

9827 Katy Freeway

December 28 5 to 8 PM

Happy Hour Prices end at 7

Piano Player starts at 6

*Scott Covington plays everything from*

*Bruno Mars to Frank Sinatra*

Bar Bites \$9

Craft Beer \$4

Selected Wines \$7 & \$8

Selected Cocktails \$9

Plenty of free parking in the parking garage  
behind the restaurant or in lot beside



## DECEMBER SUN & SKI MEETING

6:30-8:30pm Monday  
December 11, 2017

**SUN AND SKI**  
6100 Westheimer Rd #126  
Houston, Texas 77057

Don't miss the December 11 General Meeting  
at Sun and Ski! Sun and Ski will present new  
equipment. Refreshments will be available.

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