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## From Mission Control

**O**ur September general meeting at Jax Grill was a huge success! We had 146 members and guests attending with 6 new members and 8 renewals! Thank you everyone for coming out and I hope you had fun!

Jax secured an extra whole overflow lot for that meeting, which really helped the parking situation which was a little tight. I think we will still have that overflow lot for the next two meetings. If at all possible, please try to car pool to the October and November meetings as I expect large crowds still for those meetings. For the rest of the meetings parking should be easy. Jax Grill is located at 1613 Shepherd, Houston, TX 77007, just South of I-10. Please come hungry and buy some dinner either before or after the half hour business meeting, as they are banking on our food purchases to allow our meetings there. They are also running a steak night promo (15 ounce rib eye steak, with a choice of side, for only \$15.99) on Monday nights. I had it at the last meeting and it was superb!

The October 12th general meeting will be the SCSC Ski Swap! Bring your new or used ski and adventure clothes and equipment to this meeting, price it, and sell it! Get there early to mark the price tags we will furnish to you and set up your items. Don't wander far from them as a buyer will pay you directly. If you are selling items that need to be hanging on a rack, bring your own hangers. We will have at least one clothes rack there, courtesy of Ann Dorn. Contact [Craig Campbell](#) for further information. Remember if you don't sell it, leave it, fill out a donation form, and we will donate it to the Sunshine Kids silent auction November 9th and give you a receipt for your taxes. Everyone attending this meeting needs to remember to bring cash (small bills, too, for exact change) and checks so you can purchase what you need! There will be no ability to pay with cards.

November 9th will be our SCSC Sunshine Kids Silent Auction at Jax. Judy Schiro will be happy to

obtain and store your donation for the auction. You can contact her at 713-939-8235 or [jschiro1@comcast.net](mailto:jschiro1@comcast.net). All meeting committee members (and I) will have donation forms at upcoming meetings and happy hours. Fill out a form and pledge to donate anything that you have, or made, that you might not be able to use and that you think will sell to help this worthy charity benefitting kids with cancer. Ask your nail salon, hairdresser, favorite restaurant or golfing place, etc. to donate gift cards or certificates. Host a dinner party or donate event tickets to a theatre production, ballet, sports event for which you have season tickets. The possibilities are endless! You can download the donation form at [www.spacecity.org/About us/Forms and Applications/Donation Form](http://www.spacecity.org/About%20us/Forms%20and%20Applications/Donation%20Form). At the auction you will be able to pay with credit card, cash or checks and will receive a receipt for tax purposes. If your item does not sell, you must take it back home with you that night.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY UNDER THE VP OF MARKETING! Social Media experience and excellent computer skills will be required. This person will help grow our club by getting our name out everywhere, updating our Facebook page, updating Meetup.com event entries, putting videos on YouTube, contacting HR for large companies and organizing booths at events around the city. Contact Cindy Moore ([president@spacecity.org](mailto:president@spacecity.org)) or Bobby Goel ([marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:marketing@spacecity.org)) if interested. You can download the [application](#) at our website under Forms and Applications/ 2015-2016 Ex-com Application, fill it out and email it.

Don't delay as the deadline for applications is the October 12th meeting.

I will see you there!

**Cindy Moore,**  
*President*

## Countdown to Liftoff

**And the countdown continues...**

**W**e recently had the first General Meeting and already three of our nine trips are full. The others are filling fast. There is no time to waste. Get your deposits in before the trips you have been contemplating fill up as well. Vail is first up and it's filling fast. Snowbird is our only Utah trip this year. There is nothing finer than Utah champagne powder. Quebec has everything you could want in a Winter Expedition without the transatlantic flight. Crested Butte is the classic western ski town; friendly and lots of fun. Sun Peaks offers the back country experience without giving up any amenities. Oh yeah and don't forget the great exchange rate. Copper could not be more convenient to get to for spring break. And then there are the non-ski trips bucket list trips. The New Zealand adventure with a post-trip to Sidney, the rare summer trip to Whitefish with neighboring Glacier National Park, and the unbelievable Danube bike & cruise TSC extravaganza are all awaiting.

If you have already signed up for ski trips, you still have plenty to do and decisions to make.

There is still time to get in better shape! I don't have to remind you that skiing is an active sport. Consider taking on a sensible exercise program, build up your strength and stamina to extend your fun on the slopes.

Take a look at your equipment. Do your skis need tuning? Do your ski pants still fit? Is that jacket still in style? Do you need a new pair of goggles?

Think about the trip itself. Will you take your equipment or rent? If you take your equipment do you want to ship it ahead or carry it through airports? How many days do you want to ski? Do you need lessons or maybe there is cat skiing available. Are there side tours that you find interesting? Wine tastings anyone?

All and all its time to get moving and get serious about your next great Space City Adventure.

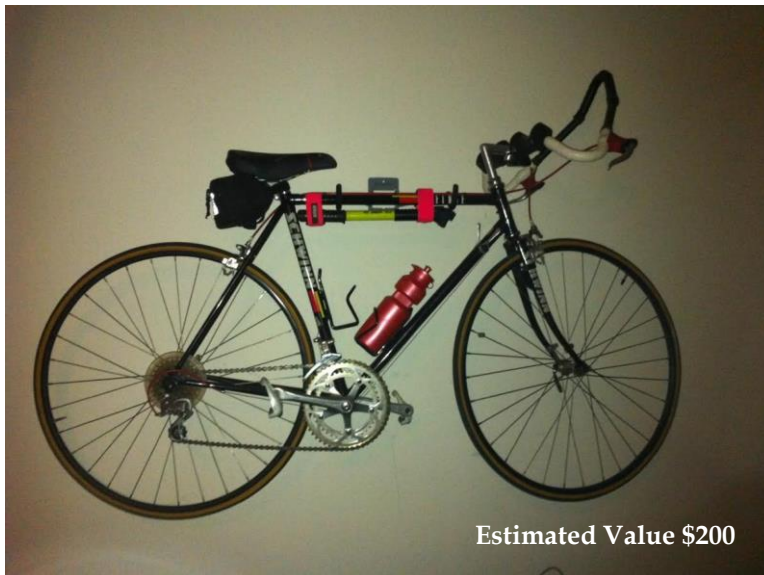


**George Lopez,**  
*VP of Trips*

## 2014-15 Financial Results

Once again **Space City Ski & Adventure Club** has had a successful year, providing 14 trips and 14 non-ski activities for our members to enjoy. In addition, in an effort to increase the visibility of the club to new members, we partnered with Vail Resorts on a radio advertising campaign in early fall 2015. To access financial results, log in to your SCSC account [here](#) and go to About Us/Club documents/Financials.

## Sunshine Kids Silent Auction



"Start thinking about your Sunshine Kids silent auction bid for this bike (donated by Carlos Domino) to get you in shape for the Bike and Barge trip!

Have you filled out your donation form yet for your donation and arranged pick up with Judy Schiro? Please help make the November 9th Sunshine Kids Auction a huge success and do that now!"

## SCSC General Meetings



October 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

SCSC Ski Swap

November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunshine Kids Silent Auction

Jax Grill 1613 Shepherd, Houston, TX 77007  
(Just south of I-10 between Durham and Shepherd)  
713-861-5529

**Monday is STEAK NIGHT. Get a 15 ounce rib eye steak, with a choice of side, for only \$15.99.**

Jax Grill is known for their excellent food and friendly & quality service. Eat dinner-be happy!

Enjoy the vast assortment of delicious dinner choices, happy hour prices all night on margaritas (\$4.00) and domestic bottled beer (\$2.75). Eat before or after the business meeting!



## Trips 2015-2016

Destination	Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator
<b>Vail, CO Club - Long</b>	Dec 5 - 12 2015	\$1,429/\$1,171	1-Oct	Jim Jeans
<b>Vail, CO Club - Short</b>	Dec 5 - 9 2015	\$751 (Land Only)	1-Oct	Jim Jeans
<b>Snowmass, CO TSC Winter Traditional</b>	Jan 9 - 16 2016	\$1,370/\$1,062	12-Oct	Marti Turner
<b>Snowbird, UT Club</b>	Jan 16 - 23 2016	\$1,582/\$1,165	12-Oct	Leslie Ward
<b>Quebec, QB, Canada TSC Winter Expedition</b>	Jan 31 - Feb 7 2016	\$1,671/\$1,005	15-Dec	Jan Ferrell
<b>Crested Butte, CO Club</b>	Feb 6 - 13 2016	\$1,294/\$762	15-Nov	Betty Donellan
<b>Sun Peaks, BC, Canada TSC Winter Shootout</b>	Feb 13 - 20 2016	\$1,485/\$664	1-Nov	Dave Stotz
<b>Steamboat, CO Club</b>	Feb 24 - Mar 2 2016	\$1,363/\$941	24-Nov	Andy Smith
<b>Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC Final Showdown</b>	Mar 5 - 12 2016	\$1,607/\$1,059	1-Jan	Bill Bomberger
<b>Copper Mountain, CO Club</b>	Mar 13 - 17 2016	\$495 (Land Only)	15-Jan	TBD
<b>New Zealand Club</b>	April 22 - May 1 2016	\$5,626/\$3,596	16-Jan	Linda Kuper
<b>Whitefish, MT Club</b>	August 20 - 27 2016	\$1,360/\$780	1-Mar	Dennis Hughes
<b>Danube River Boat/Bike Tour TSC Summer Expedition</b>	Sept 24 - Oct 2 2016	\$3,605/\$2,003	24-June	Leyla Ozkardesh

\* **Published prices are before cash discount.**

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND ONLY packages do not include air. Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets (with the exception of Snow Bird on lift tickets), and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made by check or by PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the 'Cash Price'. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.4 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc. DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

**Signing up for a trip is very easy.**

1. Go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) and sign-in to your account.
  2. At the top of the web page, click on "TRIPS" and scroll down to "Destinations".
  3. Choose your trip and click on "Register Now"
  4. Fill in the requested information. You will have an option at the end to either pay your deposit via PayPal or else you can elect to mail a check to the TC. If you elect to mail a check, your registration is not complete until the TC receives your check and confirms you are on the trip. There is also a paper trip registration form included in this Sitzmarke. You can complete the information on the form and mail the form to the TC (along with your deposit check) or else you can hand the form and check directly to the TC or ATC at a Club event such as a General Meeting or Happy Hour.
- For complete details for trip sign up, please read the detailed article titled "The Art of Trip Sign Up"

## **SIGN UP - DON'T DELAY.**

We have a great list of trips for this coming ski season. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the trip of your dreams. Last season some trips filled up very fast and a few folks were disappointed.

Don't let that happen to you. You can send a check or use PayPal.

**Last year this trip sold out in less than a week!!!**



Photo by Fred Pethick



## Vail, CO - CLUB TRIP

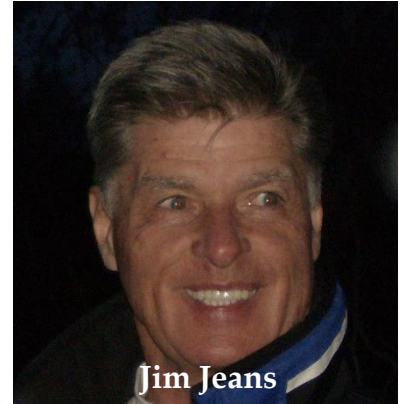
LONG - DECEMBER 5 - 12, 2015

SHORT - DECEMBER 5 - 9, 2015

### Jim Jeans - TC

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

281-435-5042



### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Start the holidays in luxury in our condo or hotel only steps from the gondola.
- Located in the midst of Vail's world class restaurants, shops and entertainment.
- Gather at the outdoor hot tubs, heated pool and sauna.
- Something for everyone and never bored on 193 named trails.
- Explore 5289 acres of skiable terrain including famous Vail back bowls.
- Convenient ski storage, Wi-Fi and shuttle service.
- Complimentary 2 hour familiarization tour for intermediates and higher.
- Complimentary Blue Sky Basin tour for high intermediates.
- Sunshine 300 days a year and more groomed terrain than anywhere on the planet.

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## KICK OFF THE SKI SEASON AT VAIL, HOME OF THE BEST EARLY SEASON SNOW IN COLORADO

In addition to Vail having a reputation for being the best managed mountain, you will enjoy Vail decked out for the Holidays with all manner of shops and eateries that vary from modest to elegant with 5 live music sites. Vail for the holidays is a special place.

### VAIL MOUNTAIN STATS

Our discounted lift tickets will get you access to the Front Side, and if conditions permit, seven legendary Back Bowls, and Blue Sky Basin.

- 365 inches of annual snowfall beginning in October. Average Annual Snowfall 354 inches. Clear blue sky 300 days a year. More groomed terrain than anywhere on the planet.
- Peak elevation: 11,570 feet. Base Elevation: a comfortable 8,120 feet. Vertical rise: 3,450 feet. Total skiable terrain: 5,289 acres. Front side: 1,627 acres. Named runs: 193
- Beginner 18%, Intermediate 29% and Advanced/Expert 53%. Longest Run: Riva Ridge 4 miles.
- 16 Lifts: four high-speed 6 passenger chairs, three high speed quads, seven triple chairs, & two double chair lifts.

### LODGING

We will stay at the newly updated Lion Square Lodge in fully equipped luxury condos with ski in/ski out access to the Eagle Bahn Gondola.

There will be two parties: first on Saturday night to celebrate arrival, meet other skiers and organize for the first big ski day on Sunday. The next party is on Tuesday evening. Lions Square is a few steps from the warmth of the Gondolas. It includes free Wi-Fi, heated pool, hot tubs, sauna, and ski storage. The Condos



come with equipped kitchens, flat screen TVs', humidifiers, housekeeping services, concierge and 24 hour-front desk, fire place and wood, balconies and panoramic views.

### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS AND PRICING**

Vail in December is simply the best way to start the ski season. We searched for a package that covers all travel, lodging and fees except lift tickets and meals. No surprises with our package. Just pick the discounted lift ticket that fits you best, plan your meals in the condo or out on the town. We will get the best rates for luxury, ski in/ski out accommodations at the best prepared ski area in the world. This trip will have a full room, air and bus transport package and a land package. Again, members will have great discounted Lift Tickets and discounted equipment rentals. These tickets are interchangeable at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, and Arapahoe Basin. The Vail Epic season pass is also a great option. More details on this soon. We always get together for a traditional group dinner at one of the outstanding restaurants.

### **TRAVEL**

Sliders of all levels are invited to join our experienced group for the traditional early season trip to Vail. This trip is planned to be a full package from Saturday to Saturday, Dec 05-12 (Long Trip) or Saturday-Wednesday, Dec 5-9, (Short Trip). We will meet at the IAH airport for a non-stop flight on United to Denver. We will also have a Southwest Airlines option from Hobby. From the Denver Airport we are on comfortable tour buses to a Winter Wonderland called Vail. There will be a quick stop to stock up on groceries and beverages. The bus trip averages 2 ¼ hours.



**PACKAGES OFFERED Dec 5<sup>th</sup>- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

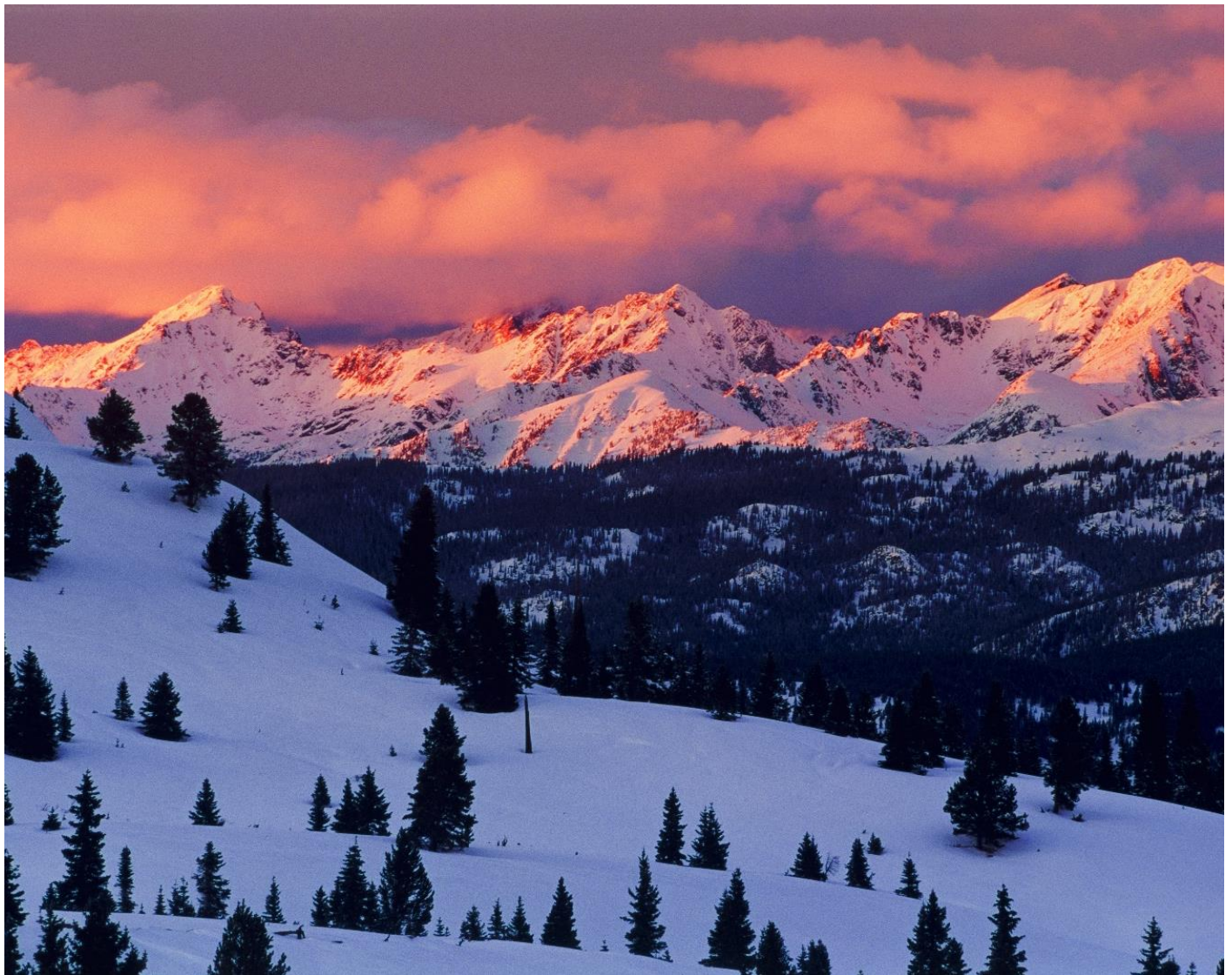
<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	\$1,429	\$1,379
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$1,171	\$1,136

**PACKAGES OFFERED Dec 5<sup>th</sup>- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Land Only)**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$751	\$716

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/1/15**

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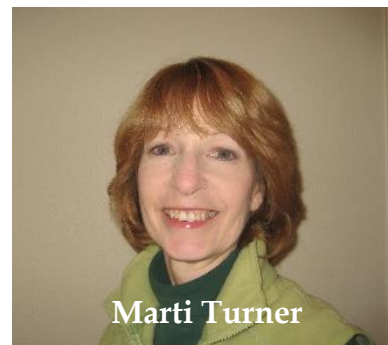
## **Snowmass, CO**

### **TS C WINTER TRADITIONAL**

JANUARY 9 - 16, 2016

**Marti Turner - TC**  
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713-681-8980

**ASPEN**  **SNOWMASS®**



Marti Turner

**Ann Dorn - ATC**  
[anndorn@spacecity.org](mailto:anndorn@spacecity.org)  
281-989-9594



Ann Dorn

### **WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- 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 with Texas Ski Council parties, happy hours, and other events.

### **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%

Photo courtesy Snowmass Tourism





## 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 balcony, 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.



## MORE THAN JUST GREAT SKIING

This is a Texas Ski Council trip which means we will be joined on this trip by skiing friends from clubs across Texas. The fun includes a TSC Welcome Party, TSC mid-week wine and cheese party, optional on-mountain barbeque, and après ski happy hours every day. We are also arranging some fun parties and events throughout the week. To cap off the week, there will be the always exciting TSC final awards dinner and dance.

Snowmass Village restaurants and shops are within walking distance or a short shuttle ride away. The Ice Age Discovery Center is also in the Village with exhibits about the ~5,000 fossils discovered found while excavating the base area. Buses run between Snowmass Village and Aspen (~ 10 miles) for those that want to partake in Aspen's legendary fine dining, clubs, art galleries and other shopping.



Photo by Ron Hayes



Photo by Ron Hayes

**PACKAGES OFFERED\* Jan 9<sup>th</sup>- Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	\$1,370	\$1,320
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$1,062	\$1,027

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/12/15**

\* Contact the trip coordinator if interested in a short trip.

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.**

All packages include lodging at the Top of the Village condominiums, airport transfers from/to the Denver airport (transfers from other airports must be arranged by the participant), Texas Ski Council parties, and club parties.

**TRANSPORTATION****AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)**

The full package includes air transportation direct from IAH to Denver International Airport on Southwest Airlines. (Bags fly free!!!) ***Check our website or the TC for the latest info.***

Land package participants may want to consider flights to Denver, Aspen, Eagle, or Grand Junction airports.

**LAND TRANSFERS**

Ground transportation between Denver International Airport and Top of the Village Condominiums will be provided by private chartered bus. So everyone can get stocked for the week, the bus will be making a grocery/liquor store stop outside Denver. Along the way to Snowmass, we'll have fun getting to know each other as we pass by magnificent mountains and the spectacular Glenwood Canyon. The bus will operate according to the full package arrival/departure times. Land participants should book their flight times to arrive earlier / depart later than the full package to assure adequate time to meet the bus. If your flights are outside of this timeframe or are to another airport, you will need to arrange your own transfers.

**OPTIONAL****LIFT TICKETS**

	<b>TSC Adult Rate</b>
<b>4 Day</b>	\$252
<b>5 Day</b>	\$330
<b>6 Day</b>	\$387

Lift Tickets can be used at Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk mountains. 2015-16 senior pass rates are not yet available; however, they are unlikely to be lower than the TSC rate.

**RENTALS & SKI SCHOOL**

Discounted ski rental & ski school information will be available at the pre-trip party.



Photo courtesy Snowmass Tourism



## Snowbird, UT - CLUB TRIP

JANUARY 16 - 23, 2016

**Leslie Ward - TC**

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832-863-2018



Leslie Ward

### TOP 10 REASONS TO GO ON THIS TRIP

10. Direct flight to Salt Lake City and short ride to resort.
9. \$30 million dollar update to Snowbird resort. This includes major renovation to The Cliff Lodge where we are staying.
8. Ski access or shuttle access to second mountain Alta.
7. No snowboarders at Alta.
6. Advanced skiing opportunities at Snowbird (Free Night Skiing, Snowcat Skiing for Nature, Ski with a Ranger, Heli-Skiing, Alpine Touring, Backcountry Skills Seminar, Interconnect Tours, Avalanche Training Center, Avalanche Transceiver Skills).
5. Five day Snowbird lift ticket built in with lodging cost. Sixth day of skiing is free.
4. Access Discount at the Cliff Spa (50% discount on the daily Cliff Spa access fee. So, at current prices, that is \$12.50 instead of \$25).
3. Snowbird Voted Best Overall Ski Resort in 2012 and 2014.
2. Only trip to Utah this season.
1. Leslie Ward will be your TC for this event.

In the winter of 2015/16, Snowbird will open a new facility on Hidden Peak befitting the spectacular views from 11,000 feet, looking down on the Salt Lake valley and across the Wasatch Mountains. The two-story glass-enclosed structure will replace the Ski Patrol and warming hut that has greeted Snowbird Aerial Tram riders for more than 40 years. Housed on the main floor of the new year-round facility will be skier services including restrooms, a coffee/pastry shop, Ski Patrol and a restaurant with two-story views of the American Fork Twin Peaks and surrounding vistas. There is more than 10,000 square feet of outdoor deck space and stunning views of the Wasatch Mountains. The basement level will house kitchen and storage. This new facility will offer scrumptious food and beverage in the winter and be available for private functions, weddings and meetings year-round.

### MOUNTAIN STATS

Snowbird: 500" of low-density, "dry" Utah powder annually, 2500 skiable acres, Vertical Drop: 2,900 ft., Base Elevation: 7,760 ft., Top Elevation: 11,000 ft., 169 runs, 27% Beginner, 38% Intermediate & 35% Advanced Terrain.

Alta: 560" annual snowfall average, 2200 skiable acres,



Vertical Drop: 2,020 ft., Base Elevation: 8,530 ft., Top Elevation: 10,550 ft., 116+ runs, 25% Beginner, 40% Intermediate & 35% Advanced Terrain.

## LODGING

Snowbird's flagship accommodations, The Cliff Lodge and Cliff Club, offer easy ski-out/ski-in access and are graced with the decorative luxury of North America's foremost Oriental rug collection. The Cliff Lodge's three restaurants and two lounges offer everything from seared ahi tuna and sushi to sandwiches and wild mushroom enchiladas.

The world-class Cliff Spa and Salon, located on levels 9 and 10, is the finest spa facility of its kind at any mountain resort. Its 23 treatment rooms, rooftop pool and jacuzzi, yoga and fitness program, and highly attentive staff have earned the spa accolades around the world. There is a supplemental charge to use the pool or Health Club. There is another large pool and hot tub area with free access for hotel guests on the ground level. Shopping at the Cliff includes Cliff Sports, a full-service ski shop, offering retail, rental and repairs in one convenient slope side location. Additionally, there is Marco Polo's Silk Road Treasures, Dick Bass' own shop for the world traveler in all of us. It offers unique discoveries from his travels around the world. Other amenities include:

- All units offer color-cable TV, and telephone
- Each room provide full Mountain View or valley view
- Ski storage, laundry facilities, and daily maid service available
- Guests have access to the slope side heated pool and hot tub.
- First class Spa on property with supplemental fee.







**PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 16<sup>th</sup>- Jan 23<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	\$1,582	\$1,532
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$1,165	\$1,130

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/12/15**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Online payments using PayPal are available.**

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Roundtrip transfers Salt Lake Airport to hotel approximately 30 minutes (\$20 supplement for those arriving/departing separately).
- Lodging in The Cliff Lodge and Spa are rooms with 2 queen beds (double occupancy).
- Roundtrip Porterage.
- Welcome Orientation.
- Morning event on first day: Everyone essentially gets a free breakfast voucher (the Aerie full breakfast buffet) and we will have reserved seating for the group, the tour operator and resort provides the Welcome/Q&A and quiz etc. at 8.00am.

- OR Afternoon event on arrival day or following day depending on flight schedule: Held at El Chanate in the Cliff Lodge. Tour operator provides a selection of apps and first drink free (beer, wine or house margarita). Tour operators and resort provides the Welcome/Q&A and quiz at 5pm, no later because we need to be done before the dinner rush starts. In practice a lot of our groups actually decide to stay and order dinner, but that's obviously "on own".
- Guided Introductory Mountain Tour & Resort-wide WiFi.
- Powder Perks Discount Booklet with special offers in restaurants, stores, ski school and other facilities at Snowbird & 20% Off Rental Equipment at Cliff Sports.
- If you don't plan to ski at all then the lift ticket can be converted to a Cliff Spa voucher in the amount of \$264.
- Snowbird and Alta are part of the Mountain Collective (a Ski Pass which includes 9 resorts, including Aspen/Snowmass and Lake Louise/Sunshine Village which are other destinations for the club this year).

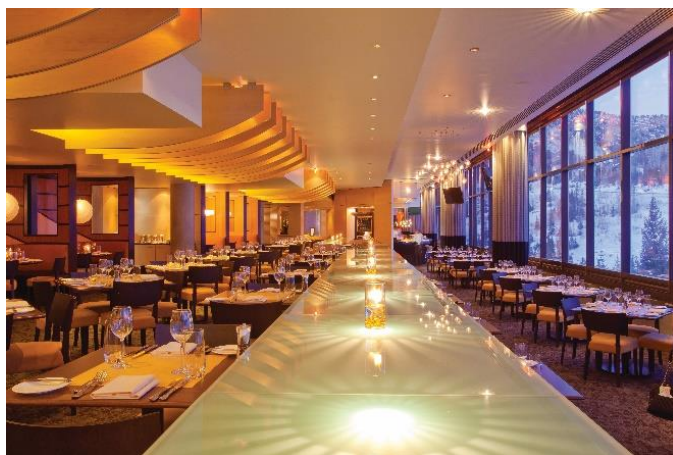
### OPTIONAL

- Alta – Snowbird dual resort ticket upgrade. Rate TBA (Last season's cost was \$125 for the week).
- The Aerie skiers' full buffet breakfast. \$19 per meal including tax and gratuity on a per person, per day basis. Price is when ordered in advance. If not purchased in advanced then it is approximately \$25 per meal and does not include tax or gratuity.

For the 2015-2016 ski season Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort is investing more than \$30 million into new capital projects. These new projects include The Summit at Snowbird, increased snowmaking capabilities, a new RFID ticket system that no longer uses the traditional printed lift tickets connected to wickets, and an impressive remodel to The Cliff Lodge.

### NON-SKIING ACTIVITIES

- Snow Shoeing, Fly Fishing, Snow Mobiling. Usually, there is live music playing somewhere in the Snowbird Village throughout the ski season, There are also a number of Warren Miller-type ski movies playing most nights at the resort for free. Once a week, a family friendly movie is in the mix as well. Snowbird is the closest resort to Salt Lake City.
- Some of the options that take place within a 25 minute drive of Snowbird in the evenings during the ski season: Historic Downtown SLC Pub Crawl (\$20 per person, minimum 10 people), Utah Jazz NBA Basketball Games, Utah Grizzlies ECHL Hockey Club Games, Utah Symphony, Capitol Theater, Utah Opera, Children's Dance Theater & Broadway Across America Performances, Mormon Tabernacle Choir Concerts, Tours, Shopping, Museums, etc.





## Quebec, QB, Canada TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2016

**Jan Ferrell - TC**

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### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- SO EUROPEAN, YET SO CLOSE!!
- Quebec—Enjoy 400 years of history and visit Old Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure.
- Quebec Winter Carnival—it is one of the world's largest winter carnivals.
- Ski the St. Lawrence Summit—3 mountains. Enjoy Mont-Sainte-Anne, Stoneham and Le Massif.
- Accommodations at the world famous Chateau Frontenac overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

### QUEBEC, CANADA

The crown jewel of French Canada, Quebec City is one of North America's oldest and most magnificent settlements. Its picturesque Old Town is a living museum of narrow cobblestone streets, 17th and 18th century houses and soaring church spires, with the splendid Chateau Frontenac towering above it all. There's more than a glimmer of Old Europe in its classic bistros, sidewalk cafes and beautiful buildings.

### LODGING: THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC

Ideally located inside the walls of Old Quebec, the iconic hotel has undergone a multimillion dollar renaissance project. The restoration blends the charm of the hotel's enchanting past with modern innovations, creating an allure that is fresh & seductive, balanced with the hotel's rich history & dynamic future. This

heritage urban resort will seduce you with its breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence River and the architecture of the Old fortified City. In any one of its 611 guestrooms and suites, you'll feel an elegant touch of historic Europe.





### SKI THE ST. LAWRENCE SUMMIT

**Mont Sainte-Anne** - This mountain is home to some of the best skiing in Eastern Canada with spectacular views of the St. Lawrence River. It offers a large variety of 71 trails. Of them, 19 are open to the highest vertical for night skiing in Canada.

**Le Massif** - The vertical drop is the highest in Eastern Canada. Enjoy panoramic views of the St. Lawrence River. Expert skiers can explore the 100 acres of off-trail terrain.

**Stoneham** - Located in a magnificent setting a short distance from Québec City. Stoneham offers 30 trails covering four peaks. Of its 300 acres of skiable terrain, 185 are lit at night providing the largest night skiing network in Canada. All areas offer ski schools and rentals.

### PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,671	\$1,621
LAND ONLY	\$1,005	\$970

**DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 12/15/15**

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS

Air Itinerary (Full Package)

United Airlines - Houston through Chicago to Quebec on January 31, 2016.

Return - Quebec through Chicago to Houston on February 7, 2016.

Charter bus from airport to Chateau Frontenac. Land participants should book their flight times to arrive earlier than the full package to ensure adequate time to meet the bus. Please let me know if you will require transfers to and from the hotel on the dates specified above. I will need this to make sure we have space on



the bus. If your flights are outside of this time frame or are to another airport, you will need to arrange your own transfers. *Check our website for the latest info.*

### WHAT TO DO IN QUEBEC CITY

- Winter Carnival: Come experience one of the world's largest winter carnivals in beautiful Québec City. (ticket price included in your cost)
- Ice Hotel: Made entirely of snow and ice, this architectural marvel is a wonder to behold. Explore the beautiful Great Hall, Ice Chapel, Ice Slide, and Ice Bar.
- Fortifications of Québec, Petit-Champlain District, & Place Royale.
- Boutiques, Art Galleries, Restaurants, Shopping...more



## Crested Butte, CO - CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 6 - 13, 2016

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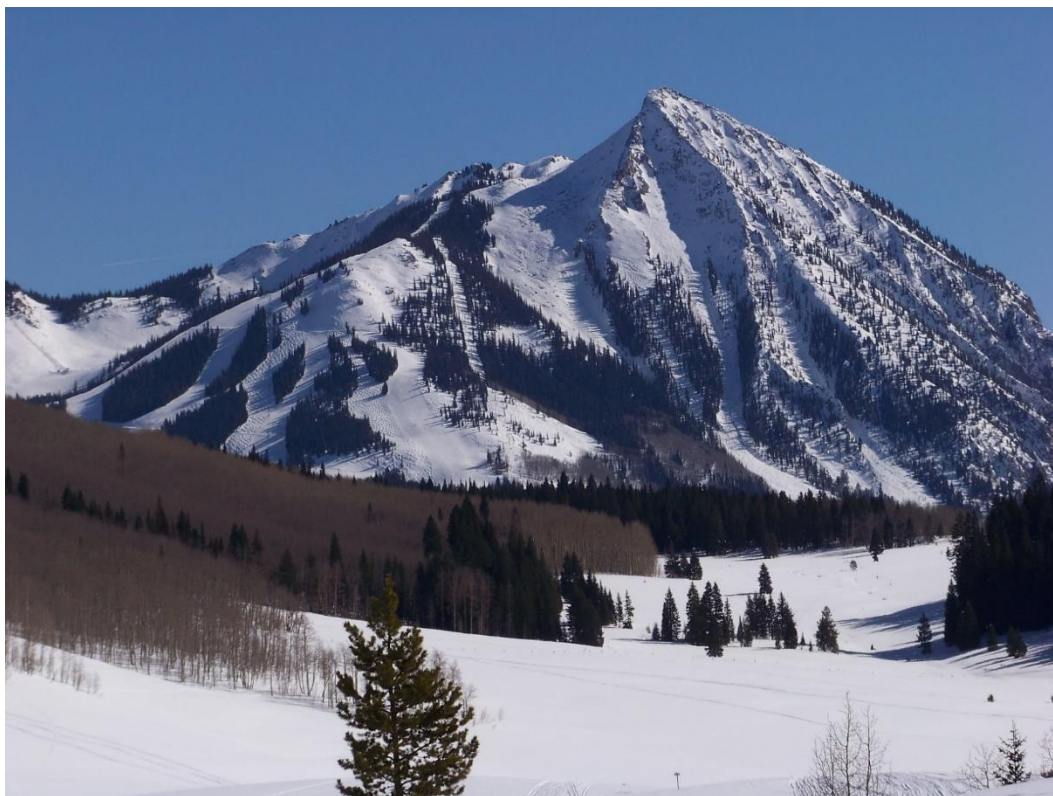
### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Known as Colorado's Last Great Ski Town.
- Plenty of skiing for all skill levels (beginners, advanced and extreme.
- Cheap Lift Tickets & No Lift lines.
- Short Walk to Lifts, Restaurants, Bars and Happy Hours!

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 terrain. That does NOT INCLUDE the EXTREME terrain of the upper steeps which has bowls, chutes, glades and cliff jumps! No wonder this area is host to the Freestyle Championships held here every February. Take a free 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 off the Silver Queen Express lift. Crested Butte is well known for the Best Off-Piste and Steeps. The 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.

### CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN STATS

- 300" of average annual snowfall, 1547 skiable acres & 121 runs.
- Beginner 23%, Intermediate 57% and Advanced 20%.
- Peak elevation: 12,162 ft. Base Elevation: 9,375 ft. Vertical Drop: 2,775 ft.
- Overall, 3,062 ft. requires a short hike to Peak Terrain.





- Snowmaking services available on 297 acres serviced by 14 of 15 lifts.

### LODGING: PLAZA CONDOMINIUMS

These lovely condominiums are located just 100 yards from the lifts. They feature 1350 sq. ft. of living place with warm fireplaces, comfortable living and dining areas and full kitchens. In a short walk you can take in 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, including on-site check-in, on-site restaurant and bar, daily housekeeping, complimentary wireless internet, 2 hot tubs, complimentary covered parking, elevators, private washer/dryer, sauna and steam rooms, balconies, etc.



### THE TOWN

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 miles SW







of Denver and 28 miles 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 midnight. Then, there are taxis to get you back to your home, only minutes away. Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, that is, the mountain area and the town, are everything you seek in a ski town and more, and that includes a local friendly sense of community where you can be as 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 adventure.

#### PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,294	\$1,244
LAND ONLY	\$762	\$727

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 11/15/15**



Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

All packages include lodging at the Plaza Condominiums, ground transfers, a welcome reception and dinner party, and post trip party.

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS

*Check our website for the latest info.*

## OPTIONAL

### LIFT TICKETS

	3 Day	4 Day	5 Day
SCSC RATE	\$137	\$178	\$217

### GROUP DINNER

Slogar Bar and Restaurant: Family style dinner in Historic Old Saloon-\$25 & a possible Day Trip to Monarch Ski Area -\$TBD

### WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT

Possible Day Trip to Monarch Ski Area-TBD and, of course, 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 25 to book your trip and you'll be entered into a raffle...

SKI YOU SOON!!!!





## Sun Peaks, BC, Canada TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

FEBRUARY 13 - 20, 2016

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# SUN PEAKS<sup>™</sup> RESORT

CANADA'S ALPINE VILLAGE



### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Ski-in, ski-out lodging at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel & Conference Center.
- Cheap Canadian dollars make everything there a bargain.
- TSC Winter Shootout includes multiple activities.
- Low resort altitude (no altitude sickness!) and dry central BC powder!

Come with Space City Ski & Adventure Club and the Texas Ski Council as we go to Sun Peaks Resort to attend the TSC's Winter Shootout. Sun Peaks is located in British Columbia, approximately equidistant between Calgary and Vancouver. With over 4,270 acres, Sun Peaks is the 2nd largest ski resort in Canada! Sun Peaks gets over 230 inches of light, "easy-to-ski" powder every season, and due to being located in central British Columbia, none of the rain and fog that plague other BC resorts. Annually, Sun Peaks gets over 2000 hours of sunshine, and the average temperature in February is 21 degrees F. Right now is the best

Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Adam Stein





time to visit Canada, as the US to Canadian dollar exchange rate is highly in our favor! Currently 1.0 \$US gets you 1.23 \$CDN. There is no guarantee that it will stay this good, but it looks like a great deal right now!

### MOUNTAIN STATS

- 237 inches of annual snowfall, 4,270 skiable acres open
- Mt. Tod Top Elevation 7,060 ft., village base 4,116 ft., NO ALTITUDE SICKNESS
- Skiable vertical: 2,894 ft.
- 133 named trails: 10% beginner, 58% intermediate, 32% expert
- Rockstar Energy Terrain Park: 10-acre Terrain Park with distinct zones for all abilities
- Bowls: 2 Alpine bowls, Longest run: 5 miles long
- 11 lifts, including 3 high-speed quads, 2 quads, 1 triple & 5 surface
- Lift Capacity: 12,000 riders per hour

### LODGING: SKI-IN, SKI-OUT AT THE SUN PEAKS GRAND

We'll be staying at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, located in the center of the village allowing easy access to shops, restaurants or a leisurely walk around the village. They are well known for attentive service and elegant surroundings. As the resort's signature property and only full-service hotel, the Grand is located in the core of the village, with chairlifts, trails and activities at your doorstep. There is an in-house



mountain-view pool, terrace and health club, as well as on-site grocery store, boutiques, eateries and nightclub. The staff of the Grand is committed to providing the finest resort hotel experience to their guests, with services designed to make you feel special, and have received numerous awards over the years for their superb service and facilities, as well as sustainability practices.

Guests of the hotel enjoy free access to their fully-equipped in-house facilities, which include a heated outdoor pool with indoor entry, three outdoor hot tubs, an exercise room with treadmills, stationary bicycles, an elliptical, free weights and a universal gym, as well as a sauna. Complimentary ski storage



and wireless high speed internet is included in all guest rooms and public spaces including the main lobby, lower lobby, Mantles restaurant and Morrissey's Pub.

At a glance:

- Ski-in, ski-out, with chairlifts, trails and activities at your doorstep
- Complimentary ski storage and wireless high speed internet
- Three dining options on site
- Heated outdoor pool with indoor entry, three outdoor hot tubs
- Exercise room with treadmills, stationary bicycles, elliptical, free weights and a universal gym and sauna.



Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Kelly Funk



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- Deluxe room is approximately 350 sq. ft. and features one king or two double beds.
- Room includes coffee/tea maker with complimentary coffee & tea, hairdryer, beverage cooler, and alarm clock.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

**SNOWMOBILE TOURS:** If you've ever been snowmobiling, you know it's a great way to find fun far from the beaten path. If you haven't, well, it's time you tried. Sun Peaks Snowmobile Tours head into the Sun Peaks backcountry where guests ride on a variety of trails, wide open frozen lakes, and clear meadows. Along the way guests will see the gorgeous views of the Thomson Nicola region. Both the two hour and four hour tour are offered seven days a week. You can also sign up for our nightly wiener roast, where you will get to go on an evening tour made complete with a campfire cookout at the McGillivray Lake Cabin.

**DOG SLED TOURS:** If you have never driven a sled pulled by a pack of dogs just raring to run, you don't know what you have missed! All Sleds are



guided, but guests are given the option to drive the sled if they wish! Remember, if you're not the lead dog, the view never changes!

**RACING:** Skiers of all abilities can race with Space City in competition against the other TSC clubs. Come on and race and help us win the Texas Ski Cup! Sun Peaks will be providing us with a dual race course on race day that will be closed to the public. Each TSC racer will be able to take two timed runs.

### LESSONS - WHY TAKE A

**LESSON:** It's fun and exciting! This is made a top priority at Sun Peaks Resort.

Improve your skills. Regardless of your current ability level, you can always learn and improve to better your experience. Build confidence. More confidence will allow you to find more enjoyment in snow sports. Explore more terrain. Learn the skills and confidence to explore every acre of our mountain playground. Make friends. You're sure to meet new people and make friends from around the world.

**SKI WITH NANCY GREENE RAINE:** Olympic Gold Medalist, Canadian Senator, and Sun Peaks Director of Skiing, Nancy Greene Raine will ski with the TSC on Sunday!



### AND MANY OTHER OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

- Kamloops Blazers Hockey Game: On Tuesday night you can choose to attend this junior league game.
- Lift Accessed Tube Park: Sun Peaks Tube Park promises hours of entertainment for all.
- Skating Rink: Outdoor NHL size rink. Skate rentals available
- Cat Trax: Ride the slopes with an award winning cat driver and see the slopes transformed
- Nordic Skiing: Over 34 kilometers of impeccably groomed and track-set trails are accessible right from the village and your hotel.
- First Tracks Breakfast: Be the first one on the mountain to lay down some sitzmarks!
- Sleigh Rides: Enjoy the snow-covered trails while relaxing to a jingle of sleigh bells.
- Snowshoeing: Discover a traditional Canadian experience.
- Snow Limo: Makes the on-mountain snow gliding experience accessible to everyone.
- Hockey Games: Try your hand at shooting the puck.
- Ice Fishing: Catch your dinner!

**PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>	<b>\$1,435</b>
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	<b>\$664</b>	<b>\$629</b>

**DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 11/01/15**

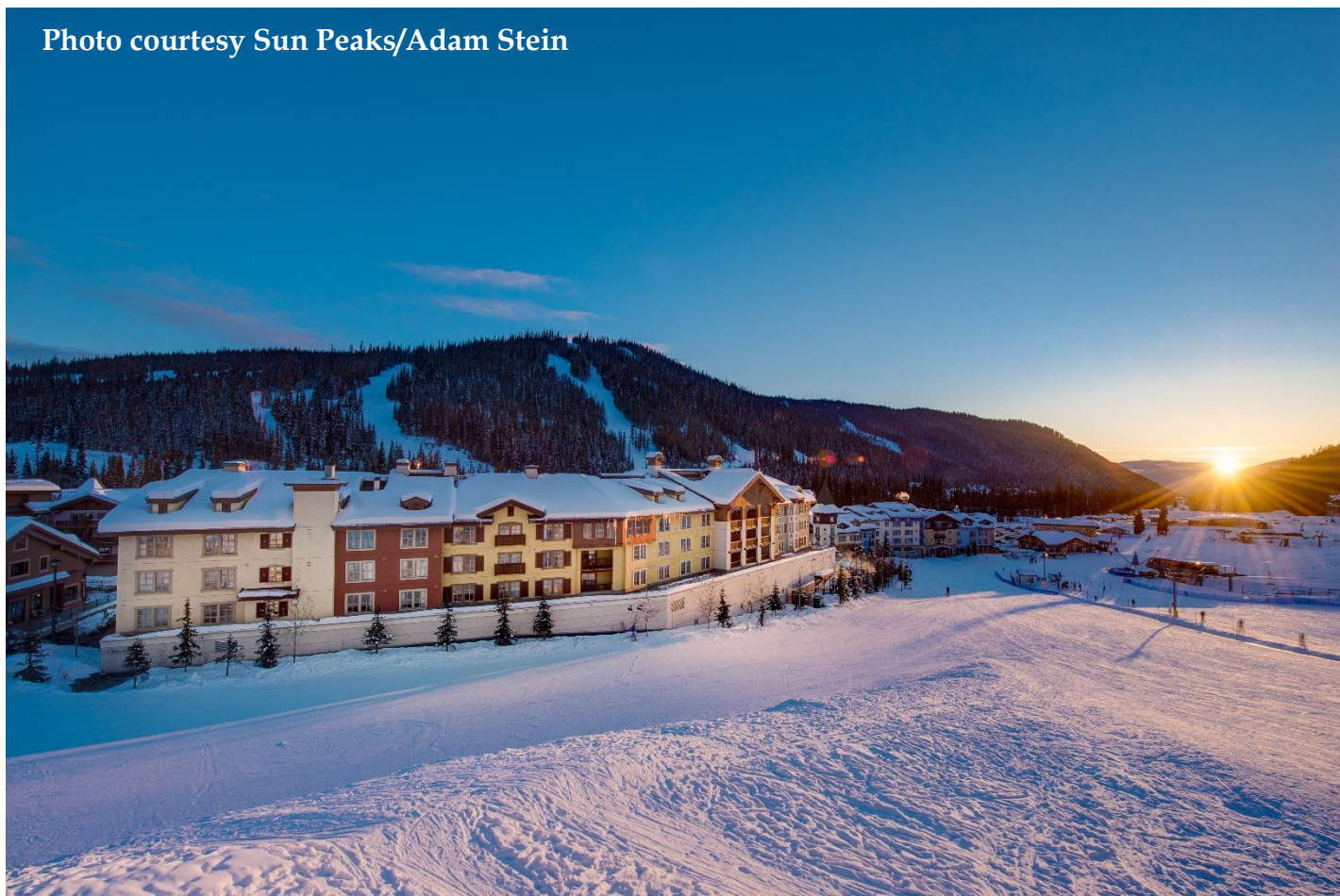
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All packages include round trip ground transportation from Kamloops to Sun Peaks, lodging at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, a Space City Welcome Party on Saturday night, the TSC Welcome Reception on Sunday night at the Club in the Grand Hotel (snacks), and the TSC Final Award Dinner on Friday night at the Grand Hotel (Chicken or fish and sides).

**TRANSPORTATION****AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)**

*Check our website for the latest info.*

Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Adam Stein





## Steamboat, CO – CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2, 2016 (Wednesday to Wednesday)

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Halcyon Learned

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- **Legendary “Champagne powder®” skiing.**
- **Luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium accommodations.**
- **Flight in and out of Hayden/Steamboat Springs airport – very short shuttle ride.**
- **Terrain for all abilities including wide open spaces, glades, and tree runs.**
- **Natural hot springs to soak sore muscles, snowshoe hikes, view Fish Creek Falls.**
- **Shopping and dining opportunities galore.**

This iconic resort in the historic town of Steamboat Springs offers a true Colorado adventure. With almost 3000 acres of varied inbound terrain, the mountain has plenty of room for skiers and boarders to escape the crowds and lift lines. Our luxury condo accommodations at the base of the mountain, the Dulany at the Gondola, will make an easy start and finish each day. Lunch and après ski options abound in the resort, but for even more choices, a free shuttle is provided to the downtown area where shopping, restaurants and entertainment abound.

### MOUNTAIN STATS

- **Terrain:** 2965 acres covering 6 peaks with terrain for all ability levels
- **Terrain Difficulty:** 14% Beginner, 42% Intermediate, 44% Advanced, 100% Fun
- **Longest Run:** 3+ miles (Why Not)
- **Terrain Parks:** Maverick Super Park plus adjacent terrain park loaded with features
- **Average Snowfall:** 349 inches annually

Photo courtesy Jim Pierce





- Average High Temperature: 32 degrees, Average Low Temperature: 15 degrees
- Summit Elevation: 10,568 ft., Base Elevation: 6,900 ft., Vertical Drop: 3,668 ft.

### LODGING: THE DULANY AT THE GONDOLA CONDOS

Comfort and convenience will define our time at Steamboat. We will be staying in the Dulany at the Gondola Condos, a luxury slopeside property in Gondola Square. Complimentary baggage service on arrival and departure, ski lockers, elevators to all floors, and free parking are all provided. Several eateries, bars and shops are nearby, and the complimentary shuttle provides easy access to town, a short ride away. Fireplaces in all units, free Wi-Fi, en suite washer/dryer and hot tubs for those sore muscles at the end of the day round out the amenities.



Photo courtesy Steamboat Ski & Resorts



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### SKI SCHOOL

If you want to update your skills, whether beginner or seasoned skier, the Steamboat Snow Sports School offers both private and group lessons. They even have two hour sessions under the lights at night if you don't want to take time out of your fun day for lessons!

### OTHER ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Strawberry Park Hot Springs, lying just a few miles from the resort, nestles in an aspen grove in the mountains, with the wilderness

setting highlighting the rustic beauty of the Yampa Valley. Natural pools of different temperatures tempt bathers and massages and watsu round out this ultimate spa experience. Old Town Hot Springs in downtown Steamboat Springs offers a more urban experience in its very convenient location.

Snowshoe hike with a Yampatika naturalist to an abandoned mine high above Fish Creek Canyon or on Emerald Peak where the views are magnificent. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, after lunch, a free option to ski with a naturalist is available. Visit Fish Creek Falls, the 260' waterfall that is easily accessible year round. Or take advantage of Steamboat Resorts Guided Gourmet Snowshoe hike on Mt. Werner that ends with a gourmet lunch and refreshing glass of wine.



Photo courtesy Steamboat Ski & Resorts



## THE TOWN OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

A complimentary shuttle provides transportation from our condos to town and along the way you find supermarkets, pharmacies, shopping, and diverse dining options. In addition, the town provides free, fixed-route bus service throughout the area. The historic mountain town of Steamboat Springs and its laid back atmosphere make for a great visit. With a population of about 12,000, the town spreads along the Yampa River. Most restaurants, bars, and shops line Main Street or lie adjacent to the river, and it is an easy walk from the Old Town Hot Springs on the south end of this area to the new, inviting library on the north.

## PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,363	\$1,313
LAND ONLY	\$941	\$906

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 11/24/15**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**

All packages include lodging at the Dulany at the Gondola condominiums, airport transfers (land-only participants must schedule appropriately or will have to arrange own airport transfers), a party one evening at the resort, and a post-trip party.

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

*Check our website for the latest info.*

### LAND TRANSFERS

Land transfers that coincide with the group flight times will be provided to and from Steamboat Springs Resort. If you book land-only, and your flight times do not match those above, you will have to arrange your own transfers, but the airport is only about 20 miles from the resort.

## OPTIONAL

### LIFT TICKETS

	Adult Rate	Senior Rate
<b>Age Range</b>	18-69	70+
<b>3 out of 7</b>	\$219	\$ TBD
<b>4 out of 7</b>	\$292	\$ TBD
<b>5 out of 7</b>	\$330	\$ TBD
<b>6 out of 7</b>	\$383	\$ TBD

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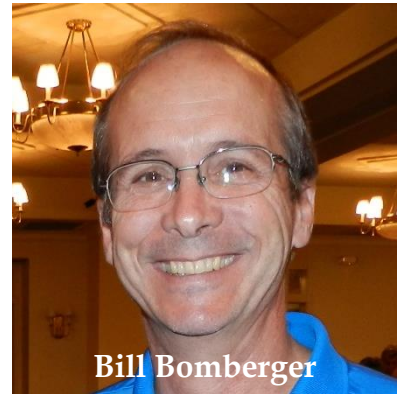


## Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

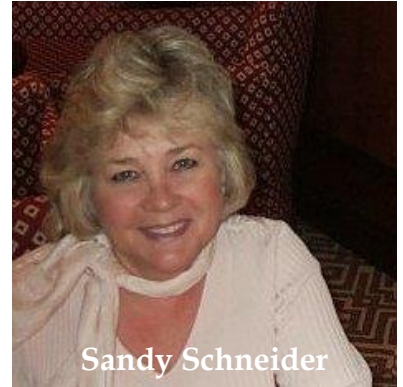
MARCH 5 - 12, 2016

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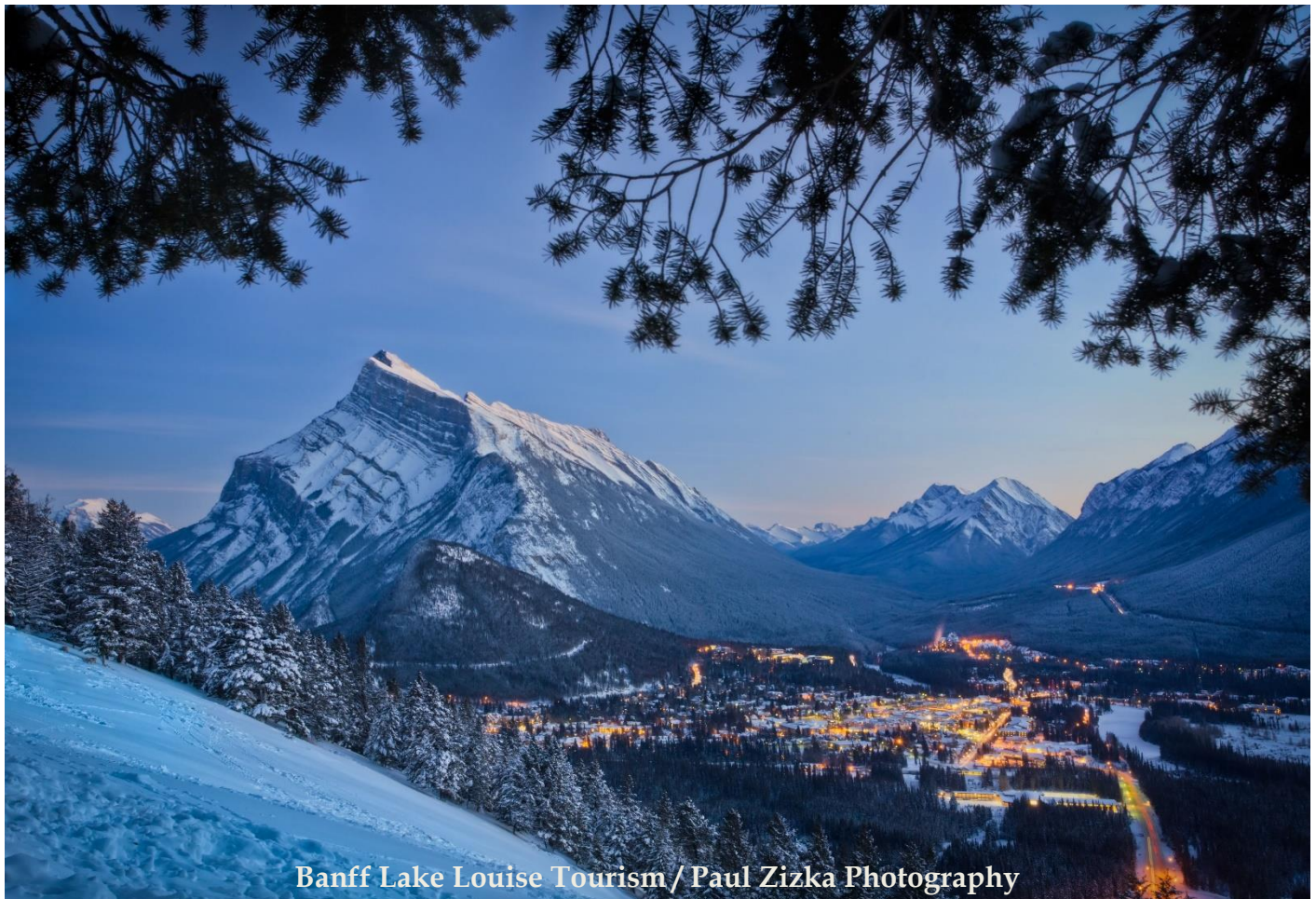
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Sandy Schneider

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Non-stop flights from Houston and Dallas to Calgary.
- Short 2-hour transfer from Calgary to Lake Louise.
- Superior lodging: We are staying in the unique Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.
- Superior skiing: Ski the classic Big Three - Norquay, Sunshine, and Lake Louise.
- Superior activities: Bring along your non-skiing friends and family: fun local activities.



Banff Lake Louise Tourism/ Paul Zizka Photography



- Plenty of unique eating establishments, fine dining and family style.
- Sophisticated selection of shops offering global goods.
- No provincial sales tax and possible refund of GST on purchases.
- The destination community is committed to hosting a perfect Texas Ski Council.

The Banff and Lake Louise community wish to showcase all the dimensions of their world-class destination to provide an ideal venue for this Texas Ski Council trip. The town of Banff and village of Lake Louise are essentially pockets of civilization in the wilderness. Home to over 1,000 glaciers, Banff National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers world famous dry Canadian Rockies powder. Snow frosted Rockies peaks, a legendary lake, and a majestic glacier; overlooking all this, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, "The Diamond in the Wilderness." Elegant and polished yet relaxed and inviting the luxury of a bygone era has been perfectly preserved. The Tri-Area Lift Pass includes all three ski areas.

### **TERRAIN**

Lake Louise: 4,200 skiable acres with 22% beginner, 31% intermediate and 42% advanced.  
Sunshine: 3,358 skiable acres with 25% beginner, 45% intermediate and 30% advanced.

### **LODGING: THE FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE**

The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel in Alberta, Canada features breathtaking views of Lake Louise and the surrounding Rocky Mountains. It lives up to the natural wonder with which it shares its name.

### **WELCOME RECEPTION AND FAREWELL DINNER**

The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be providing a complimentary Welcome Reception for the Texas Ski Council upon arrival including 2 complimentary drinks and snacks. The Farewell Dinner will either be at Chateau Lake Louise or at Torch Light Dinner (TBD).



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## FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES

Ski Canada Holidays is partnering with a local tour company to provide some fun activities for our group for additional fees:

- Lake Louise Dog Sledding; Heli Site-Seeing Tours; Discover Lake Louise; Snowmobiling Tours in British Columbia; Heli Ski in BC; Youth Ski Camp; Race Day Option at Lake Louise Ski Resort; Skiing at Kicking Horse Resort.

## PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,607	\$1,532
LAND ONLY	\$1,059	\$1,009

**DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/4/16**

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

*Check our website for the latest info.*

### LAND TRANSFERS

Ground transportation provided by the Texas Ski Council to Lake Louise.

## OPTIONAL

### LIFT TICKETS

Skiing at 3 different Resorts including Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Norquay with daily transportation to and from each resort. Lift tickets have been priced to show options for single to multi-day passes



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**Copper Mountain, CO - CLUB TRIP**

MARCH 13 - 17, 2016

TC - TBD



TBD

The trip is scheduled to coincide with Spring Break in TX. It is being offered as a land only package. You will need to book your own air and ground transportation. The base trip consists of a 4 night stay with 3 days available for skiing. You will have the option to add days; it is family optional, and is being administered by the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation. That means that participating children are eligible for a \$150 ski lesson subsidy. The following lift ticket packages will be available:

	Adult	Senior/Child	Youth
		65+ / 6-12	13-17
3 Day	\$174	\$138	\$149

Discounts on rental equipment and special pricing on lessons will be available.

Amenities include:

- Welcome Pizza Party (To be held the evening of the 13th or 14th)
- Après S'mores Party (To be held the afternoon of Tuesday the 15th)
- Roundtrip baggage handling

Copper Mountain is just 75 miles from Denver with 2,465 acres of skiable terrain and a village that feels more like a neighborhood. Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, après ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff.

Here are the Resort's statistics:

- Summit: 12,313 ft (3,753 m)
- Base: 9,712 ft (2,960 m)
- Vertical: 2,601 ft (793 m)
- Trails: 126 total (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert)
- Acres: 2,465 acres (9.98 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Average annual snowfall: 310 in (790 cm)
- Snowmaking: 380 acres (1.5 km<sup>2</sup>)



- Bowls: 3 (Resolution, Spaulding, Copper)
- Peaks: 3 (Copper, Tucker, Union)
- Snowcat: 1 (Tucker Mountain Snow Cat)
- 22 total lifts (1 high speed six pack, 5 high speed quad lifts, 5 triple chairlifts, 4 double chairlifts, 2 surface lifts, 4 conveyor lifts & 1 tubing zone lift)

With local activities such as Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Tubing, Snowmobiling, Sleigh Rides, Dog Sledding, Cross Country Skiing, Racquet and Athletic Club, Spa Facilities, Shopping, Dining, Après, and Woodward, Copper has something for everyone! Come join us next spring.

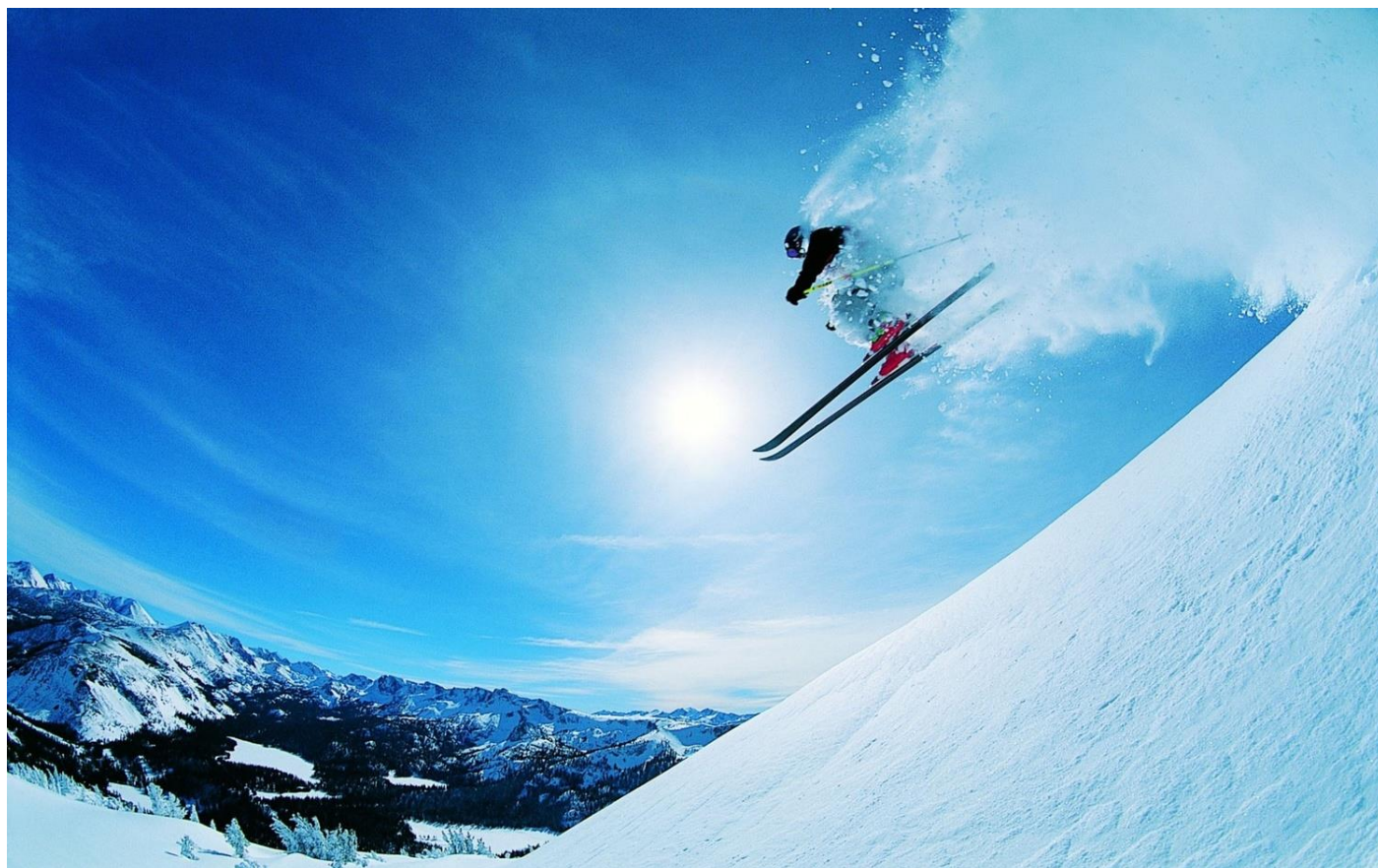
The package offers 4 nights lodging in 2 bedroom/2 bathroom condos located in Center Village of Copper Mountain Resort. These condos are just 50-100yards from the lifts!

#### PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$495	\$460

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/15/16**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.**





## New Zealand - CLUB TRIP

APRIL 22 -MAY 1, 2016

**Linda Kuper - TC**

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713-478-9094



### FIVE REASONS TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND

- Queenstown - the Southern Hemisphere's premier year round resort area - spectacular fall colors in April.
- Pleasant temperatures for hikes with views of snowfields, glaciers, waterfalls and majestic peaks.
- Visit New Zealand's award winning red wine region and sample their "Pinot Noir".
- Start your day before the rest of the world, (just west of the International Date Line).
- Sea kayak with fur seals and dolphins in a beautiful fiord near the Tasman Sea.

### NEW ZEALAND - LAND OF ADVENTURE

Travel down under to a multi-island nation complete with fiords, glaciers, mountains, alpine forests, rainforests, waterfalls, world famous wines and fall foliage in April. You will leave Houston on Friday evening and arrive in Queenstown on Sunday morning.

### FIRST STOP IS QUEENSTOWN.

Nestled on beautiful Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown in autumn is draped in a gorgeous color palette of reds and golds. Our home will be the Crowne Plaza hotel with its central location overlooking the lake and the surrounding mountains, called "The Remarkables". The hotel has a contemporary style and the layout allows each room to include its own private balcony or courtyard access. There are several great restaurants, bars and entertainment at the nearby Steamer Wharf on the lake. Included in your package are all meals except one dinner and two lunches.

To explore Queenstown in 5 days, we will take hikes near town and in the nearby wilderness area, cruise the lake on a historic steamship, enjoy world renowned wines at the local vineyards and stroll the shops for treasures to bring home. There is an option to fly







into Mt. Aspiring National Park, stay one night in a back country hut and hike the Siberian Valley trail to reach the river for a jet boat ride back to civilization.

The other option is to hike to the Rob Roy Glacier and the next day, visit a gold prospector hut in the nearby beech forest (this option stays in the comfort of the hotel overnight!)

## SECOND STOP IS MILFORD SOUND

Our journey continues to the west coast on a bus tour to Milford Sound, which is the best

known fiord of New Zealand and the only one accessible by road. There may be a close encounter with a mob of sheep on the drive to the sound. They obviously control the flow of traffic in the area.

We stay at the picturesque Milford Sound Lodge, where you can gaze on the rainforests and the mountains on the banks of the Cleddau River. We are roughly 10 miles from the Tasman Sea at the edge of the fiord. Sea kayaks will be our vehicles to explore this beautiful southern hemisphere treasure. We will experience the natural wonders of the clear water of the sound. Gliding along at water level allows us to get a real feel for the enormity of the peaks towering overhead and possibly a close encounter with the special marine wildlife in the fiord. All the gear will be provided for this trip but bring your containers to keep your cameras safe and maybe a pair of gloves (it is fall remember and you will be riding in the cold water).



Our last day in Queenstown, we experience a jetboat ride to the most spectacular river gorges on the mighty Kawarau River, which flows eastward, joins two other rivers and passes thru the steep Kawarau Gorge. The river is lined with beautiful willow trees and towering cliffs, which is the home of the first commercial bungee jumping site. The afternoon is free time for final shopping, exploring those areas not seen with the group like enjoying a horseback ride, a bungee jump or mountain biking. We have our final group dinner and bid fond farewell to lovely New Zealand. Sunday we leave New Zealand in the



afternoon and arrive in Houston that same afternoon (only about 5 hours later) – a real journey thru time. Come along for this incredible adventure down under!!! Airfares are not finalized as of now. Also, the post trip adventure to Sydney, Australia is not finalized.

**PACKAGES OFFERED April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$5,626	\$5,516
LAND ONLY	\$3,596	\$3,516

**DEPOSIT: 300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/16/2016**

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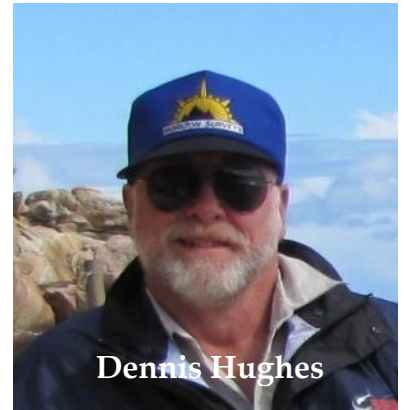
## Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP

AUGUST 20-27, 2016

**Dennis Hughes - TC**

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Ever wonder what they do in the mountains in the summer? The authentic mountain town of Whitefish, Montana provides for a unique vacation experience – a five-star town in the heart of the Rocky Mountain wilderness near Glacier National Park. This is a town built on the personalities, charm and wisdom of its local residents who work hard and play harder. While Glacier National Park is open year-round, summer in Whitefish offers close access to the hanging valleys and emerald peaks of this World Heritage Site, just 25 miles from town. Fish a clear mountain stream, hike an alpine trail, or embark on a historic driving tour of the famed Going-to-the-Sun Road. More than 700 miles of well-marked trails provide an incredible variety of hiking to explore mountain lakes, glaciers, plant life, and glimpses of the full-time residents such as grizzly and black bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, deer and more.

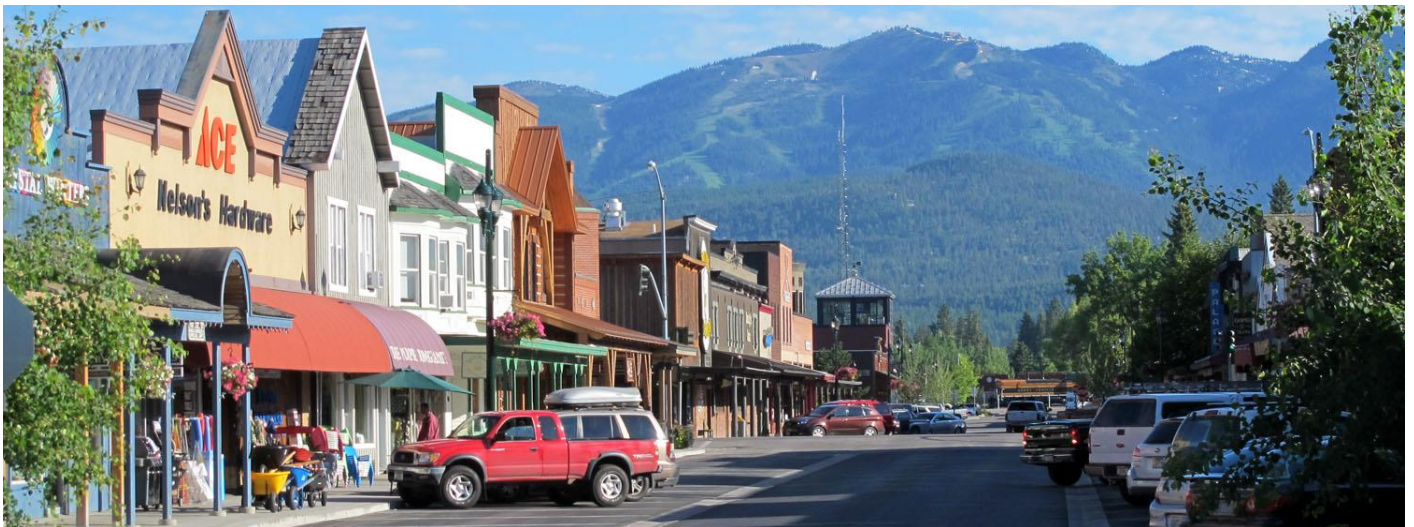






### RED BUS TOUR - GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

With their multiple doors and rollback canvas tops, the Reds are as much a part of Glacier National Park as the Going-to-the-Sun Road. While on a tour of the Park, you will marvel at the views from Logan Pass - 6646 feet high on the Continental Divide - the highest point on the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Road. Transfer to the Park via 50 person coach for a Full Day Tour. Sack lunch provided by Whitefish Mountain Resort.





**SCENIC LIFT AND USFS NATURE CENTER PRESENTATION**

A scenic lift ride is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy Mother Nature. The approximately 15 minute ride to the summit offers a chance to cool off, enjoy the scenery & visit the USFS Nature Center Presentation for local knowledge of flora and fauna and to take a guided nature walk.

**ALPINE SLIDE**

Grab a sled and race down the Alpine Slide controlling your speed through straight ways and banked curves. A fun experience unlike anything else you've ever done. The Alpine Slide is fun for all ages.

**What are you going to do the rest of the time? Golf, rafting, fishing, hiking, shopping, the options are unlimited. You decide. Join me in Whitefish, 2016.**

**PACKAGES OFFERED Aug 20<sup>th</sup> – Aug 27<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	\$1,360	\$1,310
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$780	\$745

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 3/1/2016**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.**

**TRANSPORTATION****AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS**

*Check our website for the latest info.*









## Danube River Boat/Bike Tour, Austria TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 2, 2016

**Leyla Ozkardesh – co-TC**

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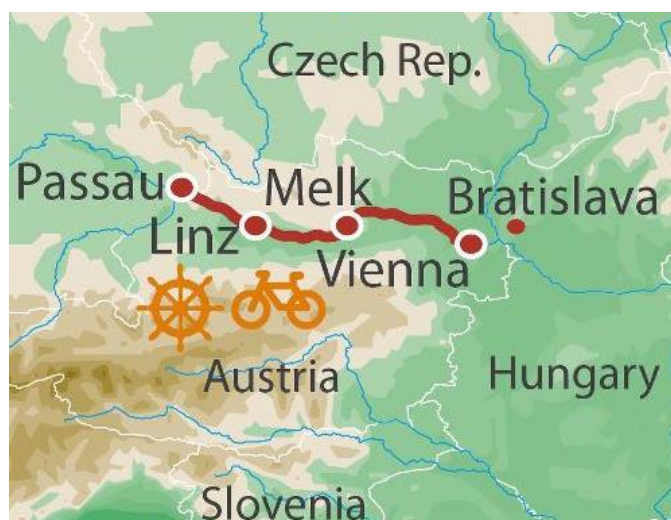
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Leyla Ozkardesh & Rita Cardenas

The Danube Impressions Excursion is an easy, leisurely and enjoyable bicycle tour along the meandering lush green river banks of the Danube River going from village to village on quiet bike paths. This makes it an ideal way to explore the rich art, history and architecture of the Austrian and German countryside. The bicycle route we will be riding is flat with only a few gradual up or downhill sections, so if you can ride a bike 20-30 miles with 2-3 hours on the saddle, you can probably complete this bicycle tour with no difficulty. The guide is on the boat and will describe the ride to everyone each day. Then, everyone is free to do the ride on their own and at their own pace. Most of the sights will be seen by bicycle.

We begin in Passau and tour to Vienna, a firework of places of interests! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Town Hall and the world's oldest Ferris wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach. At the Naschmarkt (famous food market), a stroll will become a cultural and culinary adventure. We will tour new wonderful sites on the way back to Passau. This bike tour along the German/ Austrian Danube is a very special pleasure because your "hotel" riverboat is always with you.



Please imagine yourself sitting in a café alongside the majestic Danube River, enjoying a snack, wine or espresso with your friends. Your bike is just outside, waiting to take you further along your journey of





cycling the most famous bicycle path in Europe, passing castles, monasteries, vineyards and more. And knowing that after each day's ride, you will join your TSC friends onboard the boat for dinner, drinks and stories of the day's adventure. Sound good? Then this might just be the cycling-themed holiday you've been dreaming about!

### DAY 1 - PASSAU

We begin in Passau, the "Bishop City", close to the Bavarian/Austrian border and also known as the City of Three Rivers. It has long been regarded as one of Germany's most beautiful cities. It is recommended to spend time visiting the world's largest Catholic Church organ or a typical Bavarian beer garden before we board the boat at 5pm.



### DAY 2 - MAUTHAUSEN TO GREIN (22 MILES)

Our first biking day takes us directly along the Danube where we will enjoy the natural state of the meadow landscape. We have opportunities to visit the medieval village and former concentration camp of Mauthausen and Celtic village Mitterkirchen or an alternate slightly hilly route to "Clam Castle" which takes you through the beautiful back country of the "Strudengau". Optional trip to Grein - Austria's oldest city theatre and a castle.



### DAY 3 - GREIN TO MELK TO TULLN (30 MILES)

Starting at the Strudengau, the valley expands and our bike tour leads you to Melk with its gorgeous baroque Benedictine monastery. On board the boat, we travel down the river to Tulln famous for its numerous market gardens while enjoying the sunset and evening illumination of the Wachau.



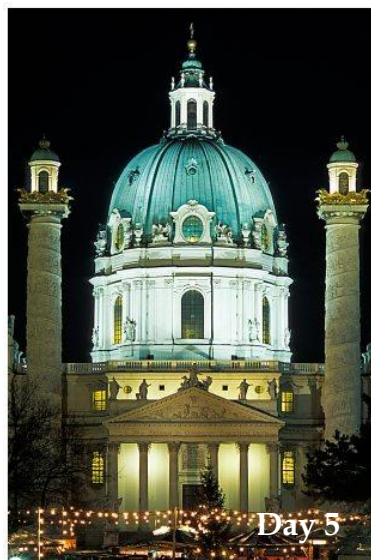
### DAY 4 - TULLN ONTO VIENNA (22 MILES)

Starting in Tulln, a key historical crossing point is where we will find a number of well-preserved architectural monuments dating to the High Middle Ages and even back to Roman times. At Vienna's entrance embedded in beautiful scenery, is the monastery of Klosterneuberg. Stroll through wine vineyards and enjoy panoramic view of Vienna.



### DAY 5 - VIENNA (REST DAY):

A day to explore beautiful Vienna - an abundance of sights! Famous sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the city hall and the world's oldest Ferris wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any





of the cozy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern. An optional Waltz and Opera concert at the Hofburg is offered.

### DAY 6 – WACHAU/ROSSATZ-EMMERSDORF (29 MILES)

This day's biking enchants you with small dreamy towns, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins. Weißenkirchen- perfect for a wine tasting right alongside the cycle path.

### DAY 7 – GREAT DANUBE LOOP-ENGELHARTSZELL (22 MILES)

Awaken your senses as we cycle through the Danube valley. Follow the walking trail to the lookout high above the Danube Loop with breathtaking views of the Danube valley. Tonight on board there will be a farewell dinner and a crew show - it is sure to be a night with lots of fun and entertainment.

### DAY 8 – PASSAU

We disembark at 10am as we say farewell to our friends. You might spend time in the lovely city of Passau taking in all its wonders. Take a walking tour through the cobblestone streets of this Baroque town renowned for its lovely stained glass and nearly 100 churches. See the Altes Rathaus, the old town hall with 14th-century origins, murals on the façade and a glockenspiel in the tower; and visit St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to a magnificent pipe organ that is the world's largest.

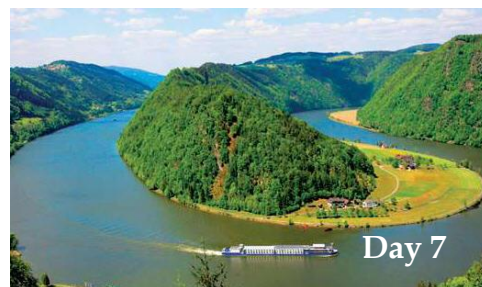
### RENTAL BICYCLES INCLUDED

The rentals are modern and high standard hybrid touring bicycles. They offer 28-Zoll-Unisex-tourbikes with deep comfort-entrance. The bikes are equipped with a 21-derailleur-gear with override, caliper breaks and robust wheels. The bicycles are mostly not older than 3 years. If you prefer to rent an electric bike, you will receive modern, high quality E-Bikes – Additional \$82. Bring own helmet or buy one for \$30.

### LODGING

Our floating hotel for the week will be the My Story. It is a very spacious and traditional ship. The MS My Story was built in 1971 and renovated in 2013/2014. The Sun Deck with its awnings allows you to enjoy the passing scenery. There is a sauna on board too! The Panorama Restaurant and the Panorama Lounge with its bar provide not only excellent food and drinks, but also a sense of conviviality with old friends and new acquaintances.

The outside cabins are about 97 sq ft of space. There are individual fresh air controls plus a central AC / heating, shower and WC, Satellite TV, hair dryer and roomy cupboards. All cabins are





equipped with two lower beds, one of which can be folded against the wall during the day to provide a homier atmosphere.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights lodging
- Captains welcome party
- Daily Cabin cleaning, towels, bed
- Full Meals – Breakfast, Lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee, dinner (2-3 dishes to choose from) (No beverages included)
- Gala Farewell Dinner
- Farewell crew show with live music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with group)
- Daily informational meeting

### TRANSPORTATION

#### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS

*Check our website to the latest info.*



### PACKAGES OFFERED Sep 24<sup>th</sup> – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$3,605	\$3,530
LAND ONLY	\$2,003	\$1,953

**DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 6/24/2016**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**

### DANUBE BOAT/BIKE TOUR EXTENSIONS

#### PRE-TRIP: BUDAPEST EXTENSION \$650 PER PERSON

Sept 22	Arrival by plane to Budapest
Sept 22	Transfer airport Budapest - hotel Budapest by bus & 1 guide in each bus
Sept 22	Day of rest at Budapest (no lunch included)
Sept 22	Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
Sept 23	Breakfast at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
Sept 23	Tour Budapest by bus whole day program (no lunch included)
Sept 23	Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
Sept 24	Breakfast at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria

- Sept 24 Explore Budapest on your own  
Sept 24 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria  
Sept 25 Transfer from Budapest hotel to Passau pier (~6-7 hrs) by bus & 1 guide per bus

**POST-TRIP: PASSAU & OKTOBERFEST EXTENSION \$469 PER PERSON**

- Oct 2 Disembarkation in Passau + transfer pier - hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 2 Day of rest at Passau (no lunch included)  
Oct 2 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 3 Breakfast at the hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 3 Transfer by bus to/from Munich Oktoberfest (no guide on the bus), day on your own at the Oktoberfest (no lunch)  
Oct 3 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 4 Breakfast at the hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 4 Day to explore Pasaua on your own  
Oct 4 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase  
Oct 5 Transfer from Passau hotel to Munich airport by bus (no guide at the bus)





## THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP AND THE FINE PRINT

**Trip Sign-Up: HERE IT IS!** Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2015-2016. The trip registration form is in the back of this issue of the Sitzmarke and online. Go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) to sign up online starting August 1<sup>st</sup> and pay your deposit using PayPal, or you may follow up your online registration by mailing a check to the TC. You also have the option of sending your trip registration form by USPS mail; however, the envelope can be postmarked no earlier than August 1<sup>st</sup> and you will need to wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September General Meeting to verify your registration.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. We take sign-ups in three ways: 1) mail your trip registration form and deposit payment to the TC or 2) give your registration form and deposit payment directly to the trip TC at an SCSC event or 3) signup online and pay your deposit by PayPal. If you sign up by mail, make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. The envelope cannot be postmarked prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Any signup postmarked prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> will be at the back of the line of day one sign-ups if it becomes necessary to determine the order that registrations were received.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Contact Patty Finch, VP of Membership ([membership@spacecity.org](mailto:membership@spacecity.org)), if you have questions regarding your membership status.
3. You may sign up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
4. If you choose to register by mail, include the trip registration form with your deposit. The deposit for domestic trips is \$150 per participant and international trips is \$300 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to 'SCSC' and write the TRIP NAME in the memo field on your check.
5. If you choose registration by mail, mail your trip registration form and check to the TC listed for that trip. Additional information, TC telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, is listed in this Sitzmarke.
6. If the registration meets the above guidelines, your name(s) will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster is full, additional registrations received will be added to a waitlist in the order received. The TC will hold deposit checks for waitlisted members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are confirmed on the trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
7. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all trip participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
9. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
10. Any registrations received which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.
11. Land packages have been approved by The Executive Committee for this year's trips. On the trips which have a limited number of available land packages, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.
12. Because of the restrictions noted below for land packages, be sure you have concrete travel arrangements made before you sign up for one of these. SCSC will not be responsible for any difficulties or extra expense you incur due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems.

### Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

13. The price of the land package will be the full trip price minus participant's airfare. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.
14. Other than the full package, this is the only package price available; no other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered. Note: As in the past, members may "Shadow" a trip by arranging

their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. Please arrange to do this in advance as some of the trip options (group dinners, parties, and lift tickets) are reserved well in advance of the departure date.

15. Normal cancellation policies apply: 1) the added stipulation that, on or after final payment date, land package participants must be replaced from a land package wait list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait list in order to receive a refund.
16. Be sure this is the package you want - It may not be possible to convert your trip from land package to full package, or vice versa. The Club may not be able to secure additional airline seats.
17. If you sign up for a land package, please notify the TC of your transportation plans in advance of the trip. The TC can tell you where to meet the group at the airport and other pertinent details.

## Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Deposit (per participant) is \$150 for domestic trips & \$300 for international trips.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. **Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### Participant #1

### Participant #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check one:**

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

**Please check one:**

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

**Note for Full Package participants:** Trip price includes all current air taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until ticketed. Does NOT INCLUDE any additional fees imposed by the airline such as baggage fees.

**Note for Land Package participants:** Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full deposit amount if I cannot be replaced on the trip. After that date, the deposit plus club cancellation fee are non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) \_\_\_\_\_



## Having a Blast

### Greetings to All!!!

I would like to start by offering a big thank you to Andy Cashio for coordinating our night out at the Sugar Land Constellation Field in September. The Skeeters lost that game but that did not detract from an otherwise entertaining ballgame night.

Another thank you goes to Louella Steller for arranging our night out at Miller Outdoor Theatre in September to enjoy a jazzed up performance by the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra.

Now, WHERE IS FALL?? In Houston, in October, one can only dream about cool air and fall foliage, but we do have OKTOBERFEST to look forward to on October 24th! This is your excuse to eat, drink and celebrate the coming of autumn, that two week period before winter begins. I hope you will join us at the Kuper's home for this special event. No Mexican food or BBQ, we are going German-style. Offerings include bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beer, wine, and music. \$25 Members /\$28 Non-members if you register by October 17th. Join the festivities! [Sandra Stalnacke](#) is the Activity Coordinator for this event.

OKRA Charity Saloon is this month's Happy Hour venue on October 22nd. No okra martinis here but you will find a variety of social action projects up for votes in this special bar housed in a historical building near Market Square. Every drink purchased earns you a token which you may use to cast a vote for one of four pre-selected Houston-based non-profit projects. At the end of the month, the cause with the most tokens wins all proceeds from the next month's revenues. (The August winner was Project Autism.) Each month four new causes are selected and placed for votes. Please see our [website](#) for details on happy hour specials and other pertinent information. Also please visit the saloon's [website](#) ([www.friedokra.org](http://www.friedokra.org)) for interesting facts about

this impressive nonprofit, the Organized Kollaboration on Restaurant Affairs.

November's special event is a pre-Thanksgiving Social: Pardon My Turkey! Kay McKeough is hosting this fabulous event at her home on Mid Lane on Saturday, November 14th. Wine and delicious food and hors d'oeuvres are included. No family issues or cooking to worry about at this Thanksgiving-themed party! For more info contact [Kay](#).

Our November Happy Hour will be held on the beautiful covered patio at Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen, Woodway location, on November 19th. Nice, relaxing ambience and authentic Mexican food. Join us!

Save the Date: Saturday, December 19th is the date for our annual Holiday Gala. We are planning a wonderful and festive event with good food, music, DJ and dancing. Details to be released very soon!

It is only October but I am already at work on filling our winter months with local activities. Would you like to host a Super Bowl or Rockets viewing party? How about a theater event? White elephant gift party? Cards/Games night? Two-step dance classes to prepare for rodeo season? A chili cook-off? Tell me how you would like to get involved! This is a great way to widen your social circle and make new friends. The first step is to contact the [VP of Activities](#) (me).

Until next month ...



**Jo Barrie,**  
*VP of Activities*

# Upcoming Activities

## October

October 22<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour at  
OKRA Charity Saloon

October 24<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest!

## November

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Pardon My  
Turkey

November 19<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY HOUR at  
Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen  
(Woodway/Voss)

## December

December 19<sup>th</sup> - HOLIDAY GALA

## Membership

### 2015-2016 "Recruit a New Member or Recruit a Previous Inactive Member" Contest

It is common knowledge that communication by word of mouth works! A recommendation from a friend, family member or colleague holds more credibility than most any form of advertising. So we are asking each member to recruit members. The person who recruits the most brand new members will win a \$100.00 gift card. The person who recruits the most members who have been inactive for 2 years or more will also win a \$100.00 gift card. If there is a tie in either, a drawing will decide the winner.

### The Rules

Members have 2 ways in which to win:

1. The member who recruits the most new members will win.
2. The member who recruits the most inactive members (who have been inactive for at least 2 years) to rejoin will win.

Prize for each category is a \$100 gift card.

The Contest began August 1st and runs through September 30th, 2015. October 1 deadline to submit your list of new members recruited or old members to rejoin. The winner of each contest will be announced at the October meeting.

A "new member" means an individual who has not previously been a member of Space City Ski and Adventure Club. Dual memberships will count as 2 new members.

On the application form of each new member, they must indicate who referred them to the club. For a renewal membership, the person also needs to indicate who contacted them and encouraged them to rejoin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Membership@spacecity.org](mailto:Membership@spacecity.org).



**Patty Finch,**  
*VP of Membership*



## Member's Corner











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**Space City Ski and Adventure Club** is a proud member of the **Texas Ski Council** and the **National Ski Council Federation**.





## October Happy Hour

*Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30 – 8:30 pm*

### OKRA Charity Saloon

924 Congress, Houston, TX 77002  
Ph: 713-237-8828



OKRA is a charitable organization with very specific views on how the industry should engage local communities. It is not a general membership association for restaurants, bars and other branches of the hospitality industry. Instead, it functions as an independent, community-supported advocacy group.

The concept is simple: For each drink purchased, guests receive one vote that they may cast that night for one of four charities selected by OKRA's members. The charity with the most votes at the end of the month receives the next month's proceeds.

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