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South Africa

# adventure

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# spread your wings

**N**o issue of the Sitzmarke is more exciting than this one: **our inaugural**

**Annual Trip Issue.** Will you choose to ski Jackson Hole, Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany, or Mammoth this year? What about a quick trip to the California Wine Country this fall? Or will you set off on a grand adventure to South Africa where you'll start your tour on a private game reserve and wrap-up your 10-day visit seeing the prison where Nelson Mandela began his 27 years behind bars? I'm not sure where I'll be going yet, but part of the fun of deciding one's travel plans is dreaming about distant shores and mountains. In this issue, we also welcome

Jackson Hole as the first resort sponsor of the Sitzmarke. Join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Spencer Long for lining up their support. You can view their ad premiere on page [13](#). Get ready to journey to three continents in the pages that lie ahead. It's time to spread your wings and fly away...

**Lynda Meyer**

*Editor, and VP of Marketing*  
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"Not all those who wander are lost."

J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973)

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Welcome to Space City  
Ski and Adventure  
Club! You have

received this beautiful, coffee  
table quality magazine to keep  
over the year and use as a  
reference for our trips, meetings,  
and contact information. Trip  
sign up should begin soon so take  
advantage of the articles in this  
issue to help

you decide  
on a trip.  
Our General  
Meetings  
are held on  
the second  
Monday

of each month so mark your  
calendars ahead of time so you  
don't miss out on the exciting  
programs we have lined up! All  
meetings start at 6:30 pm and will  
be held at the HESS Club at 5430  
Westheimer in the Galleria area.  
The next General Meeting is  
August 12th -- the first 50

# from MISSION CONTROL



people that sign-in will receive  
one free drink ticket so get there  
early. Starting at 7:00 pm we will  
feature a short presentation from  
each of our Trip Coordinators to



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review the  
highlights  
of their  
destinations,  
so  
remember  
to bring your

checkbook or credit  
card to make a trip deposit that  
evening. Trips fill up quickly!  
Our new member recruiting  
contest which started July 1st  
will wrap on August 12th. The  
member who recruits the most  
new members by then will receive  
a \$50 Visa gift card.

Now's a good time to review

your membership profile on our  
website at [spacecity.org](http://spacecity.org). Log in  
and update your details – you now  
can tell us what activities you're  
interested in. Add a picture to  
your profile so club members can  
associate a name with a face. It is  
easy to do and a nice asset to the  
membership directory.

Join us on Social Media by 'liking'  
our Facebook page [facebook.com/  
spacecityskiclub](https://facebook.com/spacecityskiclub). Have friendly  
discussions, be among the first to  
get club news, and post pictures  
to share with the rest of your  
friends!

Finally, I would like to thank  
all of the Executive Committee  
members who have worked  
tirelessly this summer to help  
bring this excellent slate of  
trips and activities to fruition!

Thank you Lynda Meyer for the  
*Sitzmarke* facelift, Susan Blome  
for the trip slate, Gayle Dale for  
the monthly activities, Marti  
Turner for keeping us financially  
on track, Jan Ferrell for keeping  
abreast of the membership, and  
Sandy Fowler for documenting all  
of this!

And now, it's official, I can say – I'll  
see you on the slopes!

**Melinda Hughes**

*President*

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# having a BLAST

**H**ope you all had a great 4th of July. We watched the fireworks from the middle of Galveston Bay and could see the sky lighting up from all the surrounding areas. It was truly fantastic.

Please join me in welcoming our new **Director of Activities, Ali Pethick**. I could not be more excited that Ali will be working with me to create more fun activities to bring new and old members together. We are still looking for members to run and suggest activities. How about a pub crawl/scavenger hunt around Halloween and a Christmas Gala? Give Ali or me a call to volunteer.

Our next SCSC water themed activity is the **Lake Conroe Party Barge** on August 10th followed by **Pete's Pontoon Boat** on August 11th. There's still plenty of space to fill on the party barge. Anyone who went last year will attest to how much fun it is. There is even a water slide off the back of the boat. Our **August Happy Hour** will be on the beautiful patio of El Pueblito Patio Latin American-Caribbean Fusion Restaurant which features delicious \$3.00 margaritas.

As we leave the Caribbean and margaritas, we will



head to the islands of Katy, TX for a Mai Tai or two. Our next big blast will be the SCSC **Maui Wowie Luau** on September 7th, 2013. Peggy Schillinger is busy planning this activity. It will be held at my pool on the west side of town and my husband Dana hopes to have a real pig roast. It will be a little challenging



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for him though since he is roasting it here in Katy rather than the north shore of Oahu so we'll keep our fingers crossed that all goes well. He promised to take part in the Hawaiian entertainment planned and that alone is worth the price of the ticket. So get your grass skirts ready !!

To keep you in the ocean spirit, our **September Happy Hour** will be at the Trendy 4-Star Reef Restaurant, located in the Fourth Ward.

Ali and I are looking forward to hearing from you with any suggestions or offers of volunteering!!

## Gayle Dayle

*VP of Activities*

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## AUGUST HAPPY HOUR



El Pueblito Patio has been voted the number one patio bar in Houston.

It's located in a garden setting with waterfalls. Enjoy the Latin American/Caribbean fusion dining. Rated \*\*\*\*\*

\$3.00 margaritas until 7:00 p.m.

Free parking in the lot across the street

**WHAT:** HAPPY HOUR

**WHERE:** El Pueblito Patio  
1430 Richmond Avenue

**MAP:** <http://goo.gl/maps/4APNj>

**WHEN:** Thursday, 8/22  
5:30-9:00



# splash down on LAKE CONROE

## PARTY BARGE ON LAKE CONROE

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
12:30-5pm

April Plaza Marina on  
Lake Conroe  
17742 Hwy 105 W.  
Montgomery, TX

### MAP

\$40  
Final payment due  
7/10/13

ACTIVITY COORDINA-  
TOR:  
[Margaret McCord](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

One of the most popular activities last year was our Party Barge on Lake Conroe... so much so that we're bringing it back for you!

Beat the heat and have an SCSC "summer fun day" on the water with 50 of your closest friends.

Once again we have reserved our own private party boat on Lake Conroe for four hours. The boat has two levels. The lower level is shaded, and the upper level has a waterslide and a large deck area for soaking up some of that good ol' Texas sun.

And last but not least - the boat has an enclosed marina toilet on board!

Your activity fee will include the cost of the boat, lunch, sodas, and bottled water. Note that this activity is BYOB.

Bring your swim suit, towel, ice chest, plenty of sun screen, chairs, water toys, floats, and your favorite CDs.

Places are going fast!

\*\* For those who are interested in staying either Friday or Saturday night, contact [Margaret McCord](#) for more details.

# Ho'olu Komo La Kaua MAUI WOWIE LUAU

Aloha!  
Feel like heading to Hawaii and sipping Mai Tai's under swaying palm trees? Can't quite afford that? Then for only \$25 you can come to the imaginary Hawaiian Islands right here in Katy. You'll be entertained poolside by lovely hula dancers (maybe even a fire dancer) while having ono grinds like Dana's kuala pig cooked imu style, pineapple teriyaki chicken, macaroni salad and coconut cake.



Photo credit: Adrien, flicker.com, Mai Tai

Two Mai Tai's per person included in admission price (you can BYOB if you want more)

The lava will be flowing in the jacuzzi making it HOT HOT HOT so wear your swimsuit under your grass skirt.W

## MAUI WOWIE HAWAIIAN LUAU

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-10:30pm

Katy, TX - register to receive the exact address

### AREA MAP

\$25  
Final refund date 8/28/13

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:  
[Peggy Schillinger](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Don't leave money on the table.

Bring in the most new members by 8/12 and win a \$50 VISA gift card.



**SPACE CITY**  
SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB



Let's make a deal! You bring in the most new members between 7/1 and 8/12 and we give you a **\$50 VISA** gift card. And here, my friends,

is how you do it:

Have the new member join online at [spacecity.org](http://spacecity.org) and fill out their registration. HOWEVER—they must put your name in the field at the bottom that reads 'How did you hear about us?'

And how do I get credit in case they don't fill that field?

Glad you asked. Send me an email with their name in case they forget to do so and I will be on the lookout for the new member.

The new member can also print out the membership form online and mail it in to the address on the form. If received at our PO Box by August 12th, it

# membership CAPSULE

will count in our contest. Again, if they don't fill in the question 'How did you hear about us,' your email will alert me to look for the form.

A new member can always join in person at our August 12<sup>th</sup> Trip Kickoff and General Meeting.

Such a deal! They get to be part of the most dynamic and activity-diversified ski and adventure club in the state (and we are a very big state) and you get \$50.

See you at the August Trip Kickoff meeting and stay cool!!

**Jan Ferrell**

*VP of Membership*

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

become a member **TODAY**

[Click here to join NOW](#)



# countdown to LIFTOFF

As we move from summer into fall and winter, your SCSC Trip Team of Trip Coordinators (TCs) and Assistant Trip Coordinators (ATCs) has worked hard to finalize the details of their trips in preparation for the 2013-14 season knowing all of us are anxious to sign up for a trip. August 1st marks the official start of Trip Sign-Up! This will be your first chance to sign up for your favorite SCSC trip(s) for 2013-2014. I believe we have a wonderful slate of trips to offer this year and trust you will agree. It's likely that one of your current or potentially new favorite destinations is among the list of trips offered. So.....which trip(s)

will you choose?

We begin fall with a Tour of the California Wine Country in October. We kick off ski season with a return to Vail in December. In 2014, our domestic ski trips include Park

City, Jackson Hole, Taos, a return to Vail, Mammoth, Keystone, Breckenridge, and Winter Park.

While most of our trips are adult only, Keystone and Winter Park are family optional and are designed to accommodate the various Spring Break dates in the Houston area. Plus, don't forget our international destinations:

skiing in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany in January, and the 'bucket list' adventure trip to South Africa in September of 2014.



Photo credit: South African Tourism

While you may use the Trip Registration Form



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Garmisch Ski Area



# ALL NEW ALL BLUE

Casper, the Intermediate Playground



## A THREE YEAR TRANSFORMATION

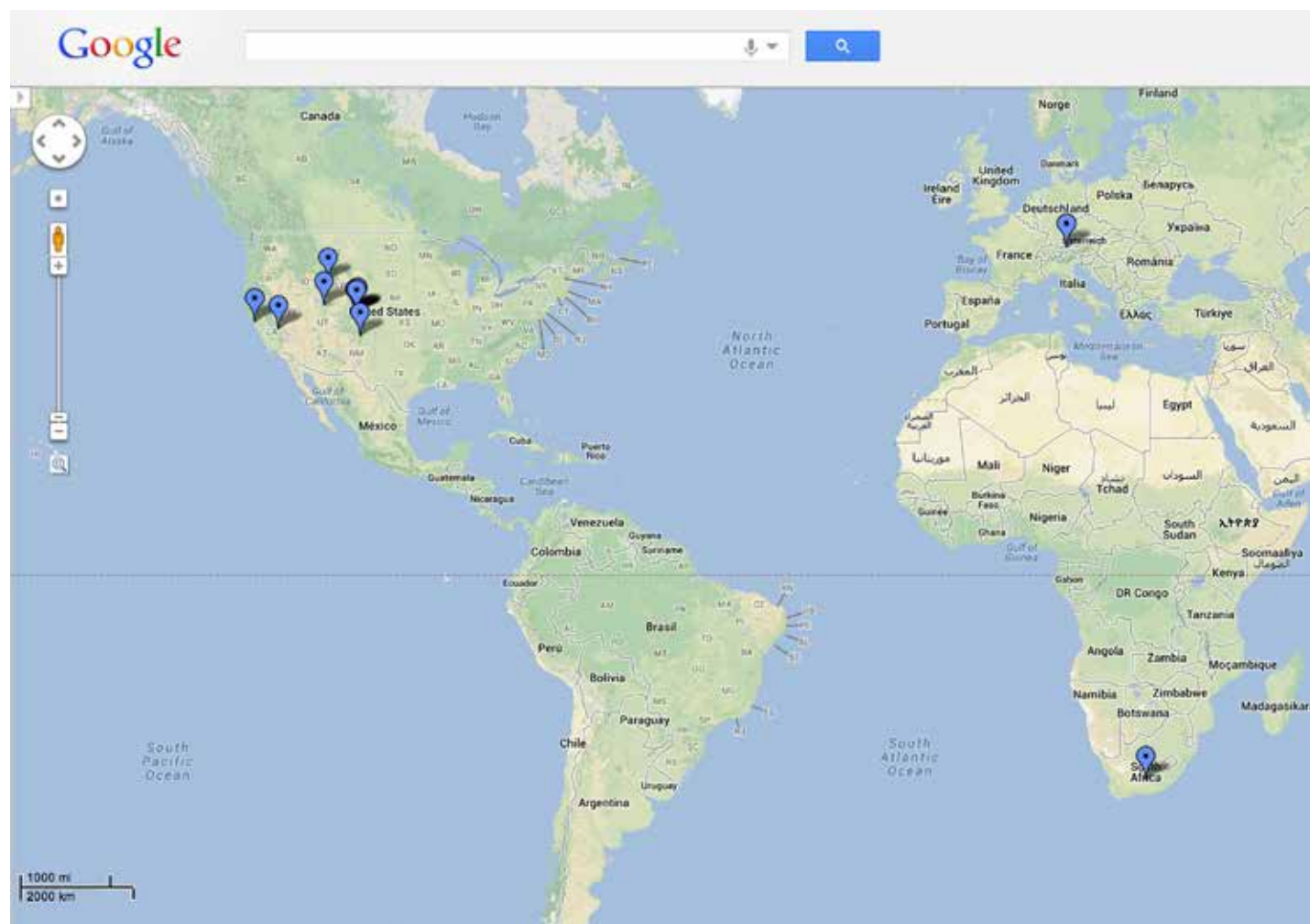
HAS TURNED THE CASPER AREA INTO AN INTERMEDIATE'S PLAYGROUND WITH EXTENSIVE SUMMER GROOMING, EXPANDED SNOWMAKING, THREE NEW SNOWCATS, A BURTON INTERMEDIATE STASH PARK AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CASPER LODGE. ALL THIS, PLUS THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW HIGH-SPEED DETACHABLE QUAD CHAIR LIFT, HAS CREATED THE ULTIMATE JACKSON HOLE "ALL BLUE" INTERMEDIATE EXPERIENCE. 40% OF JACKSON HOLE MOUNTAIN RESORT TERRAIN IS INTERMEDIATE.

FOLLOW US!





# Our 2013-14 trips cross three continents



included in this issue of the Sitzmarke to sign up for a trip, we also offer the convenience and ease of on-line registration. Trip registration opens online on August 1st on our website, [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org). Sign up for a trip online and pay your deposit by credit card, or you may follow-up your online registration with a payment by check mailed directly to the TC. A benefit of signing up online is that you will know immediately that you are confirmed for the trip of your choice when your on-line registration is complete.

Please note: On-line trip sign up is available for all trips with the exception of the California Wine Country trip in October, which, due to the tight schedule and limited number of places we have available (20 person maximum), we are only able to accept trip registrations and deposits by mail. Note that your registration for the California Wine Country trip must be postmarked August 1st or later and will be processed by the TC, Linda Kuper, in the order received. If the registration meets the above guideline, your name(s) will be added to the trip. Once the trip roster is full, additional registrations will be added to a wait list in the order received and the TC, Linda, will hold deposit checks for waitlisted

members until a space becomes available on the trip.

As a reminder, you must be a current member in good standing to be added to any trip. If you have questions about the status of your membership, please contact Jan Ferrell, VP of Membership at [membership@spacecity.org](mailto:membership@spacecity.org).

To find out more information about any of the trips being offered, be sure to attend the 2nd Annual Ski & Trip Kickoff at the August General Meeting on Monday, August 12th. We will have a short presentation on each of our trips and you will have a chance to meet your TCs and ATCs in-person to get additional information and answers to any questions you may have about a trip, including options and parties they have planned. I look forward to a fun filled and exciting ski and adventure season and trust you do too! Take care & stay safe! Cheers!

**Susan Blome**

*VP of Trips*

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



trip  
CALENDAR  
OCTOBER

3-7 CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

DECEMBER

7-11 VAIL SHORT

7-14 VAIL LONG

JANUARY

4-11 PARK CITY

24-31 GARMISH-PARTENKIRCHEN

FEBRUARY

8-15 JACKSON HOLE

22-MAR 1 VAIL

MARCH

1-8 MAMMOTH

8-15 KEYSTONE<sup>(1)</sup>

12-16 BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

15-22 WINTER PARK<sup>(2)</sup>

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

19-30 SOUTH AFRICA

Destination	Dates	Prices Full/Land Only (before cash discount)	Final Pay- ment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
2013					
California Wine Country	Oct 3-7	\$773 - land & cash only	8/30/13	Linda Kuper <a href="mailto:linda@spacecity.org">linda@spacecity.org</a> 713-478-9094	
Vail, CO - Short	Dec 7-11	\$776 - land only	10/14/13	Ann Rogers <a href="mailto:ann@spacecity.org">ann@spacecity.org</a> 281-703-0454	
Vail, CO - Long	Dec 7-14	\$1,229 - land only	10/14/13		
2014					
Park City, UT <i>TSC Winter Traditional</i>	Jan 4-11	\$1,310/\$851	11/11/13	Betty Donellan <a href="mailto:betty@spacecity.org">betty@spacecity.org</a> 310-775-9215	Leslie Hajdo <a href="mailto:leslieh@spacecity.org">leslieh@spacecity.org</a> 281-419-6237
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany <i>TSC Winter Expedition</i>	Jan 24-31	\$2,148/\$1,067	11/11/13	Barbara Brescian <a href="mailto:barbara@spacecity.org">barbara@spacecity.org</a> 713-516-5322	
Jackson Hole, WY <i>TSC Winter Showdown</i>	Feb 8-15	\$1,399/\$766	12/2/13	Anne Thomas <a href="mailto:anne@spacecity.org">anne@spacecity.org</a> 713-589-3660	Steve Ying <a href="mailto:steve@spacecity.org">steve@spacecity.org</a> 281-433-4122
Vail, CO	Feb 22-Mar 1	\$1,204/\$860	11/24/13	Jim Hodges <a href="mailto:jim@spacecity.org">jim@spacecity.org</a> 281-829-6155	Arlen Isham <a href="mailto:arlen@spacecity.org">arlen@spacecity.org</a> 713-560-0187
Mammoth, CA	Mar 1-8	\$1,479/\$901	1/13/14	Sandra McCunis <a href="mailto:sandra@spacecity.org">sandra@spacecity.org</a> 281-463-7717	
Keystone, CO <sup>(1)</sup> <i>TSC Final Showdown</i>	Mar 8-15	\$1,335/\$715	11/11/13	John Burk <a href="mailto:john@spacecity.org">john@spacecity.org</a> 281-468-1912	
Breckenridge, CO - Short	Mar 12-16	\$578 - land only	1/13/14	Patti Finch <a href="mailto:patti@spacecity.org">patti@spacecity.org</a> 936-520-1486	
Winter Park, CO <sup>(2)</sup>	Mar 15-22	\$941/\$550	12/9/13	Cindy Moore <a href="mailto:cindy@spacecity.org">cindy@spacecity.org</a> 713-628-7613	
South Africa <i>TSC Summer Expedition</i>	Sept 19-30	\$5,130/\$2,938	TBD	Christine Augustine <a href="mailto:christine@spacecity.org">christine@spacecity.org</a> 210-383-3779	Melody Bohlmann <a href="mailto:melody@spacecity.org">melody@spacecity.org</a> 210-410-7302

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1      (2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

**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 packages do not include air. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips for land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport in time to meet the group. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group. Check with your Trip Coordinator for ground transportation arrangements if you are choosing a land package.

Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. The number in parentheses is the price for the trip if you pay by check. All trip deposits can be made with PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the discounted rate. 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 5.1-5.3 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

**DEPOSITS:** All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1

(2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

# MEET THE TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

## CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

OCTOBER 3-7

Linda Kuper, TC  
linda@spacecity.org  
713-478-9094

- 2 custom tailored, guided wine excursions
- Harvest season in Sonoma/Napa areas
- Quaint town of Healdsburg (reminiscent of Tuscany in the fall)
- Complimentary wine tastings at local wineries
- Fall is a beautiful time to visit Northern California – experience fall color & crisp weather



Linda Kuper

## VAIL CO

DEC 7-14 or 7-11

Ann Rogers, TC  
ann@spacecity.org  
281-703-0454

- Short & long options available
- Largest ski resort in the United States
- 5,289 acres of skiing
- Famous Back Bowls



Ann Rogers

## PARK CITY, UT - TSC TRADITIONAL

JAN 4-11

Betty Donellan, TC  
betty@spacecity.org  
310-775-9215

- World's Best Snow
- Three mountains to ski – Park City, Deer Valley, The Canyons
- Terrain for all abilities
- Park City is a charming mining town to explore



Betty Donellan

Leslie's still on  
the mountain --  
haven't snapped  
his photo yet

Leslie Hajdo

# and why you should choose their TRIP

## GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, BAVARIA, GERMANY - TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 24-31

Barbara Brescian  
barbara@spacecity.org  
713-516-5322

- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of a Bavarian mountain resort town
- Ski the panoramic roof top of Germany
- Terrain for all abilities
- Step back in time to tour the 'real Disney castle'
- Historical sites, interesting excursions, art and culture



Barbara Brescian

## JACKSON HOLE, WY - TSC WINTER SHOWDOWN

FEB 8-15

Anne Thomas  
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713-589-3660

Steve Ying  
steve@spacecity.org  
281-433-4122

- SCSC/TSC trips are packed with activities on and off the slopes
- Offers 40% Blue Trails and ski terrain for all abilities
- Mountainside Lodging- No long bus rides!
- Elevation – base 6,311' is good for sleeping; summit -10,450' is great for skiing.
- Avoid Houston restaurant crowds by celebrating Valentine's Day in a skier's paradise



Steve Ying and Anne Thomas



# MEET THE TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

## VAIL, CO

FEB 22-MAR 1

Jim Hodges

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281-829-6155

Arlen Isham

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713-560-0187

- Largest, single mountain ski area in North America
- Vail International Condos located near Lionshead Village; walk or shuttle to gondola lift
- Dining and nightlife rated among the best in ski country
- Non-stop flight to Denver followed by a short 2 hr bus ride
- Skiing for everyone – wide open groomed runs, famous back bowls



Jim Hodges and Arlen Isham

## MAMMOTH, CA

MARCH 1-8

Sandra McCunis

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- Mammoth Mountain has the most open terrain in the U.S.
- Average of 400 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine
- Lodging in premier ski-in, ski-out condominium hotel
- The Village at Mammoth with shopping, dining and nightlife
- Overnight stay on Friday in Reno hotel with great entertainment included



Sandra McCunis

## KEYSTONE, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN, FAMILY TRIP

MARCH 8-15

John Burk

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281-468-1912

- Spring [Break] Skiing / Family Optional
- 3 Mountains at Keystone plus Breckenridge & Arapahoe Basin
- One scheduled day at Vail with transportation included
- Texas Ski Council (TSC) parties, activities and discounts
- Terrain for all abilities



John Burk

# and why you should choose their TRIP

## BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

MARCH 12-16

Patti Finch

patti@spacecity.org

936-520-1486

- Patti's favorite destination!
- Over 2,300 acres for skiing, including 800 acres of bowl skiing
- Breckenridge is an authentic mining town with lots of character
- Easy access from the Denver airport
- Terrific "learn to ski" area

Patti's still on the  
mountain -- haven't  
snapped her photo yet

## WINTER PARK, CO

MARCH 15-22

Cindy Moore

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- Coincides with Houston & Spring Branch ISD, several college spring breaks, and the trip is geared for children of all ages
- Seven nights of value-priced lodging are offered
- Lift tickets are inexpensive and lesson packages For all ages
- Winter Park offers terrain for all abilities, with lots of gentle slopes for beginners



Cindy Moore

## SOUTH AFRICA - TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 19-30

Christine Augustine

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Melody Bohlmann

melody@spacecity.org

210-410-7302

- 'Bucket List' South Africa destination with a 3 night post-trip option available for skiing in Lethoso.
- This trip has something for everyone – the adventurer, nature lover, animal lover, wine taster, historian, photographer, and the shopper.



Christine Augustine



Melody Bohlmann



# CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

## OCTOBER 3-7, 2013

**W**hat is there to say that you don't already know about this great area? The wineries are abundant and we will be there during harvest season. Crisp fall weather goes with great wines and good friends. The quaint town of Healdsburg is a favorite destination place for all wine connoisseurs. It is nestled in the hills of the northern end of Sonoma County and just a short drive from Napa Valley. Healdsburg has a lovely tree-lined plaza surrounded by antique stores, art galleries and wine tasting rooms (20+ in town). Take a cooking class near the plaza, enjoy a massage at

one of the spas, or take a walking tour of some of the historic homes. Dining will be a culinary delight. Choose from 5 star restaurants or one of the many local favorites. Enjoy a quiet weekend for the

romantic – a little wine, a leisurely stroll around town and a nice dinner in a very scenic location. Come join us as we experience fall wine harvest in the beautiful California wine country,

### WINE TOURS

On Friday and Sunday mornings we will board a comfortable tour bus and head to some choice wineries in Sonoma Valley (Friday) and Napa Valley (Sunday). Private tastings, lunches, and special guided tours will be presented to entice any lover of the wines of these areas. Our itinerary for the Sonoma Valley vineyards includes Ledson Winery



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Domain Carneros Winery



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(can't wait to see this castle), Wilson Winery, and Michel-Schlumberger Winery. Napa Valley vineyards on our itinerary are Domain Carneros Winery (with its sparkling wines), Monticello Vineyards, (with its lovely grounds and picnic lunch) and Baldacci Vineyards.

Come join in the fun of sampling many wonderful wines in the California wine country -- CHEERS!

### SATURDAY IN QUIANT HEALDSBURG

Take that leisurely stroll around town – explore historical homes, a wine library, numerous art



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galleries, or the local olive oil company. Another option is to stop by one of the tasting rooms near the plaza to enjoy some wines from vineyards we won't be touring as a group. At 10 a.m. there

is a Farmer's Market-to-Table Pizza Party. The spread of produce and local cheeses etc. will be displayed to select to make your own pizza at Relish Culinary Adventures. The cost is \$59 (not included in your package) and will be a great way to enjoy lunch at this unique event. Register at [www.](http://www.healdsburgwineauction.com/event)



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Wood-fired pizza oven

[healdsburgwineauction.com/event](http://healdsburgwineauction.com/event). Also available

are Segway tours for those wishing to add a fun mode of transportation for this trip.

### LODGING

We will be staying close to the town plaza on the beautiful grounds of the Best Western Dry Creek Inn. Comfort and great location describe this lovely



Photo credit: Best Western Dry Creek Inn, Best Western

Healdsburg hotel – nestled in the Dry Creek area with over 200 wineries within 10 miles. The heart of the wine country is the town of Healdsburg where local cuisine in world-class restaurants compliments the superb area wines. Each morning starts with a complimentary breakfast of hot waffles, pastries, fruit, cereals, yogurt, juice and coffee.



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Napa Valley vineyards

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING.

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY October 3-7 is harvest season in the Sonoma and Napa Valleys of California. Come explore the picturesque town of Healdsburg and taste wonderful wines at 6 selected wineries in the surrounding valleys. A small group of 20 wine connoisseurs will enjoy crisp fall weather, fine foods, good friends, and choice wines. Come join us as we experience the fall harvest in the beautiful California Wine Country!!

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Land Only	N/A*	\$773

\*We are not accepting payments by credit card or PayPal for this trip.

Trip Coordinator: Linda Kuper 713-467-8281 or [linda@spacecity.org](mailto:linda@spacecity.org)



# VAIL, CO December

## DECEMBER 4-11, 2013



Come to Vail and enjoy the experience of a lifetime! Vail has 5,289 acres of skiing and is the largest resort in the United States. The front side of the mountain has long, wide, groomed runs. If you love wide, open cruisers, then you will feel as if you are in heaven at Vail. When you tire of the front side, head over to the back side, with its famous bowls. Vail has fabulous views and great skiing, so you don't want to miss this trip. Vail has three Base areas. We will be staying at ski-in/ski-out accommodations in Lionshead. Vail Village is a short bus ride or walk away. As you walk through the covered bridge in Vail Village, you will find beautiful views of the mountain, shopping, restaurants and night life. Vail has a long history. During WW II it was a training ground for the U.S.

Army. Who knew that this place would one day become a world class ski resort?

### **MOUNTAIN STATS:**

[Front Side Trail Map](#)

[Back Bowls and Blue Sky Basin](#)

- 365 inches of annual snowfall
- Acreage: 3,300
- Summit elevation: 10,000 ft,
- Base elevation: 6,900 ft
- Vertical drop: 3,100 ft

116 trails:

- 17% Easy
- 52% Intermediate
- 31% Expert

16 lifts:

- Four high-speed 6 passenger chairs
- Three high-speed quads
- Seven triple chairs
- Two double chair lifts

### **LODGING:**

We'll be staying slopeside at the Lion Square Lodge in Lionshead Village. We will have a welcome party Saturday night where you can meet up with other skiers and make plans to ski on Sunday. Lion Square Lodge is located near the Eagle Bahn Gondola, just a short walk away. No trudging through the snow carrying your skis! The village has many shops and restaurants that are convenient to our condos. The condos are all non-smoking and have kitchens. Some of the amenities on the property include free wi-fi, heated swimming



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# VAIL, CO December

## DECEMBER 4-11, 2013

### OTHER SKI OPTIONS NEAR VAIL

Your Vail lift ticket will give you access to:

#### BEAVER CREEK

[www.beavercreek.com](http://www.beavercreek.com)

If you want to explore a nearby world-class resort, try the 'Beav' for a day. It features 1,832 acres of skiing on 149 trails, a terrific cross-country park on the mountain, and of course, famous chocolate chip cookies served après ski daily. A bus from the Vail Transportation Center will connect you to Beaver Creek.

#### BRECKENRIDGE, KEYSTONE

[www.breckenridge.com](http://www.breckenridge.com)

[www.keystoneressort.com](http://www.keystoneressort.com)

While you'll need a private car to take you from Vail to these nearby Vail Resorts properties, their high elevation helps ensure they'll have some of the best early-season snow in Colorado. See our trips to Keystone and Breckenridge in this publication to read more about them.

#### ARAPAHOE BASIN

[www.arapahoebasin.com](http://www.arapahoebasin.com)

'A-basin' offers the highest skiable terrain on the north-American continent. Half the mountain is above timberline with open bowl skiing and snowboarding.

Statistics

Vertical rise: 2,270 feet

Base elevation: 10,780 feet

Summit elevation: 13,050 feet

Average annual snowfall: 350 inches

Number of trails: 109

Longest run: 1.5 miles

Skiable acres: 960

Snowmaking acres: 125

Terrain

Beginner: 10%

Intermediate: 30%

Advanced: 37%

Expert: 23%

pool, hot tubs, sauna, fitness center and ski storage.

There is also a restaurant that serves breakfast

from 7:30AM to 11AM, prices are under \$10.



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Photo credit: Copyright © Jack Affleck / Vail Resorts -- All rights reserved. Arabelle ice skating rink



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### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

VAIL SHORT and LONG- Join us Dec 7-11 or Dec 7-14 for our annual trip to Vail. We will be staying at the recently renovated Lion Square Lodge. This is a 'land only' trip. There are convenient flights to Denver on both United and Southwest. We will bus to Vail from the Denver airport with our usual grocery stop along the way. For those who have not been on this trip before, Lion Square Lodge is conveniently located near the Eagle Bahn Gondola. The El Sabor Restaurant is located right in the hotel. Breakfast is served from 7:30-11AM. After a hard day on the slopes, you can ski right in to Lion Square Lodge. Then hit the hot tub and relax those sore muscles. There is also a heated swimming pool and sauna. Vail has 5,289 acres of terrain. There is something for every level of skier and snowboarder. In addition, Vail boasts a variety of world class restaurants, shopping, and night life!

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Land Only - LONG	\$1,129	\$1,079 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only - SHORT	\$756	\$721 (\$35 check/cash discount)

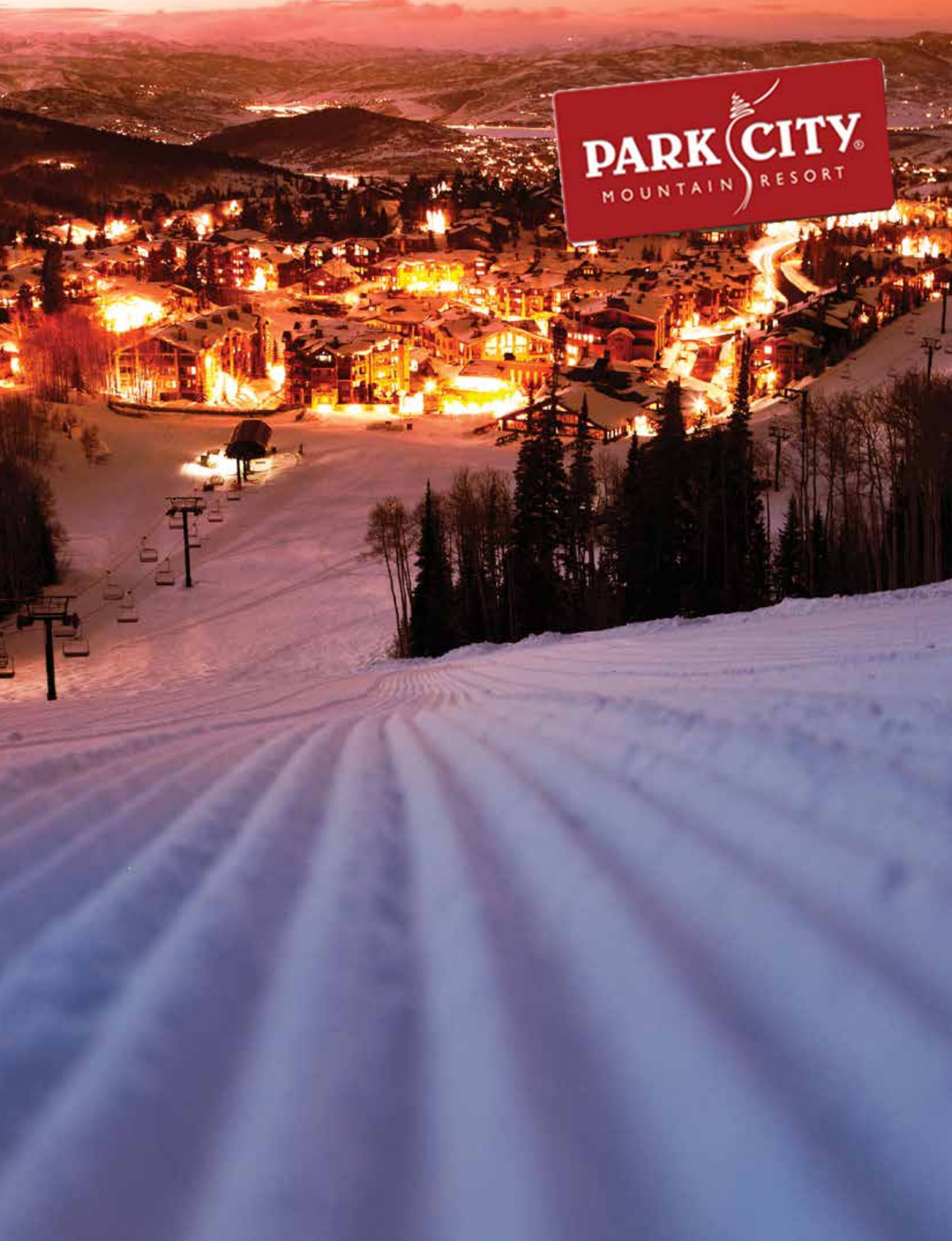
Trip Coordinator: Ann Rogers 281-703-0454, [ann@spacecity.org](mailto:ann@spacecity.org)

Trip prices and details are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please check our website [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) or contact the Trip Coordinator.



# PARK CITY

## JANUARY 4-11, 2014



Join SCSC to experience the 'WORLD'S BEST SNOW'. Whether you are looking for knee deep powder or groomers, this trip has it all. Park City ([www.parkcitymountain.com](http://www.parkcitymountain.com)) has something for everyone, including night skiing. For you thrill seekers there is Utah's only Alpine Coaster. Race through Aspen trees on an elevated track with loops and hairpin curves at speeds up to 30 mph!

The character of Park City has been influenced by its proximity to the Wasatch Mountain Range. The mountains give Park City a feeling of isolation, even though the city is only 32 miles from Salt Lake City. Explore the historic Main Street district with its many art galleries, shopping, and fine restaurants. The famous Sundance Film Festival is held here every January and the streets fill up with celebrities.



Photo credits: above, Eric, Park City Mountain Resort, Ted Ligety skiing at home at left, Dan Campbell, [visitparkcity.com](http://visitparkcity.com)

However, the city still manages to maintain its down-to-earth feel. Park City began as a mining town and now has evolved into a world-class ski resort.

### MOUNTAIN STATS:

#### [Trail Map](#)

- 365 inches of annual snowfall
- Acreage: 3,300
- Summit elevation: 10,000 ft,
- Base elevation: 6,900 ft
- Vertical drop: 3,100 ft

#### 116 trails:

- 17% Easy
- 52% Intermediate
- 31% Expert

#### 16 lifts:

- Four high-speed 6 passenger chairs
- Three high-speed quads
- Seven triple chairs
- Two double chair lifts

### LODGING:

We'll be staying at Shadow Ridge Resort. Its stunning views and location make this property an ideal destination. Shadow Ridge is just 100 steps from the PayDay chairlift at the base of Park City Mountain Resort. Besides Shadow Ridge's close proximity to the ski resort, you will appreciate being close to the galleries, restaurants, delis, boutiques and night life of Park City's historic Main Street. Main Street is a short half-mile walk or an even



# PARK CITY

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### OTHER SKI OPTIONS IN PARK CITY

#### DEER VALLEY

[www.deervalley.com](http://www.deervalley.com)

Park City's posh resort is Deer Valley. Deer Valley raises the bar on elegance and excitement of your skiing vacation. The uncrowded slopes offer a great skier experience; you won't find any snowboarders here. The resort has six bowls and 800 acres of glade skiing. The vertical drop is 3,020 feet, summit elevation is 9,633 feet and the base elevation is 6,613 feet. There are plenty of runs for all levels of skiers.

#### THE CANYONS

[www.canyonsresort.com](http://www.canyonsresort.com)

The Canyons Resort is one of North America's largest single ski and snowboard resorts, with an endless number of options. There are 3,700 acres of diverse terrain, 163 trails, and 17 chairlifts to take you around the mountain. The Canyons Resort offers more trails and terrain for skiers and boarders of all levels in the Park City area. The Orange Bubble Express (the heated chairlift) will get you up the mountain faster than ever.

#### OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP ALTA

[www.alta.com](http://www.alta.com)

Plans are in the works for us to ski Alta so you can experience why everyone raves about this fabulous resort. Two words associated with Alta are pure and unspoiled skiing. There is a wide variety of terrain, breathtaking scenery and superb snow conditions. Alta has a great reputation for powder skiing and is a skier-only resort. The best kept secret about Alta is the great beginner and intermediate terrain available. The mountain is 25% beginner, 40% intermediate and 35% advanced. There are 2,200 skiable acres, with 116 runs. The base elevation is 8,530 ft, top elevation is 10,550 ft with a vertical drop of 2,020 ft.

shorter half-mile ride via the complimentary on-demand shuttle service. You will find easy access to ski and snowboard rentals and clothing shops right in the newly remodelled lobby. Moreover, the Park City Municipal Golf course is just steps away and transforms into a cross country skier's dream



Photo credit: Visitparkcity.com

in winter, winding through low, rolling hills and snow-tipped old growth trees. We will be stayin in spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath condos. The units have a fully equipped kitchen, living area, warm



Photo credit: Justin Olsen, The Canyons Resort

fireplace and a comfortable dining area. Other amenities of the property include an outdoor heated pool, complimentary fitness center, 24-hour front desk, on-site ski rental shop, complimentary

wireless internet, indoor hot tub and sauna, and complimentary on-demand shuttle transportation.



### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

TSC TRADITIONAL TO PARK CITY, UTAH - Jan 4 - Jan 11, 2014 Join SCSC members to experience the WORLD'S BEST SNOW. Whether you are looking for knee deep powder or groomers, this trip has it all. There are three mountains close by, Park City, Deer Valley and The Canyons. There is something for everyone on this trip. Park City has night life that ranks it among the nation's best ski towns. The charming Main Street is full of galleries, shops and fabulous restaurants. You'll discover why the famous Sundance Film Festival is held here each year. Experience for yourself why people come back year after year to this charming mining town.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$1,310	\$1,260 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$851	\$816 (\$35 check/cash discount)

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Garmisch  
Partenkirchen

# GARMISCH, GERMANY

JANUARY 24-31, 2014

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany's best known ski resort, is the site of the famous annual ski jumping and World Cup Races. The large traditional Bavarian town with incredible facilities and a population of 30,000, is tucked beneath Germany's highest and snowiest mountain, the Zugspitze (9,715 ft). We arrive in Munich, where we will have a short one-

can also immerse yourself in world famous Bavarian history during optional excursions nearby such as Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Royal Castle, historic Oberammergau and more.

## **MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN STATS** **(Hausberg, Kreuzeck and Alpsitze)**

[Trail Map Garmisch-Classic](#)  
[Trail Map Zugspitze](#)

- Base elevation: 2,362 ft
- Slope elevations: 2,297 to 8,530 ft

### Runs:

- 23% beginner
- 62% intermediate
- 14% difficult served by 1 cog rail train
- 15 miles of downhill runs
- 24 miles of cross-country runs

### Lifts: 33

- One cog rail train
- Four cabin cable cars
- Two gondolas
- Six chairs
- Sixteen surface lifts

## **THE SKIING**

Three ski mountains – Hausberg, Kreuzeck and Alpsitze – are joined in the Garmisch-Classic Area linking 25 miles of exhilarating trails including The Zugspitze area, the highest skiing and the only glacier skiing in Germany. Excitement awaits up high on the roof of Germany with 15 miles of perfectly groomed runs that offer pure skiing and snowboarding fun. For 2014, a chair was upgraded to a high-speed,



Photo credit: Ted Ligety, U.S. Ski Team. Garmisch-Partenkirchen World Cup practice runs will take place while we're there.

hour motor coach ride to this winter wonderland. Garmisch (properly known as Garmisch-Partenkirchen) originally was two separate towns but merged in anticipation of the 1936 Olympic Games held here. The town hosted the 2011 Alpine Skiing World Championship, proof that skiing still is king in the winter. Snowboarders, nordic and alpine skiers all enjoy the breathtaking experience of being surrounded by 400 mountain peaks. You

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# GARMISCH, GERMANY

## JANUARY 24-31, 2014

bubble-enclosed 6-passenger chair with heated seats.

### APRES SKI

The local friendly attitude to visitors is known as the Gemutlichkeit, and they are proud to show off their town. Once you leave the slopes, there are many cafes and restaurants, extensive shopping, charming streets and ancient churches to enjoy.

While the trip includes most meals, you may want to sample more of the local Bavarian cuisine. And check out the Olympic Rink, as ice shows and hockey matches are open to spectators there.

### BAVARIAN CHARM

Garmisch is a more modern area, while Partenkirchen with its frescos and cobblestone streets has a more traditional and historic appeal. In town you can stroll streets like Fruhlingsstrasse or the historical Ludwigstrasse and see tradition come alive. Magnificent façade paintings tell you stories about the residents, the region and its customs that even non-German visitors can understand. Garmisch is connected to most of Europe by excellent train service, an additional option for those wanting to explore beyond the quaint village and the ski areas.

### LODGING



Photo credit: Hotel Mercure GarmischPartenkirchen, facebook.com Dining area

Convenience and comfort are by-words for our trip – we'll be staying at the Hotel Mercure where we'll be treated

to a Welcome Reception and resort orientation. The hotel is located in Partenkirchen's Town Center, a stone's throw from the historic Ludwigstrasse and just a few miles from the ski areas. A hospitality desk is open each evening. Included are a full breakfast buffet daily and four dinners at the Hotel Konigshof located nearby. All rooms include free WiFi, satellite TV, telephone, minibar and hair dryer, and the hotel has a fitness facility and heated indoor pool. The town will host a Texas Ski Council welcome parade and party in Town Center with hot gluhwein, snacks and local music. We'll also be guests at a special party night in Garmisch with a DJ for dancing, snacks and complimentary refreshments. Skiers have free use of the town shuttle buses for travel to the nearby ski slopes.

### OTHER TOUR/TRAVEL OPTIONS

At an additional cost, the travel operator is finalizing optional half-day or full-day sightseeing excursions all within a short distance of Garmisch, as well as optional pre-trip and post-trip extensions to Prague and Berlin.

Photo credit: © 2012 Markt Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Church on Mohrenplatz



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### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN GERMANY– Book Jan 24-Jan 31 and immerse yourself in German hospitality and Bavarian charm at this winter wonderland. Enjoy breathtaking views of 400 mountain peaks on 175 miles of trails and glacier skiing. Stroll historic cobblestone streets and savor Bavarian delicacies at cafes and restaurants and extensive shopping opportunities. Consider optional nearby half day and full day excursions of castles, historic towns, distilleries and more

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$2,148	\$2,083 (\$65 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$1,067	\$1,017 (\$50 check/cash discount)

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# JACKSON HOLE

# JACKSON HOLE, WY

FEBRUARY 8-15, 2014

Jackson Hole is located on the northwestern side of Wyoming and is home to the town of Jackson which is visited each year by literally millions of tourists on their way to the [National Elk Refuge](#), the [Grand Teton National Park](#), and of course, the simply vast [Yellowstone National Park](#) which is sited directly north and dominates the region.

## THE MOUNTAIN

### [Trail Map](#)

- Terrain: 2 mountains, Apres Vous and Rendezvous
- 2,500 acres of in-bounds terrain
- Vertical drop of 4,139 ft
- Base elevation: 6,311 ft
- Summit elevation: 10,450 ft
- Snow: Average of 459 inches/year over past 5 yrs in season and 195 acres with snow-making
- Uphill capacity: 17,833 skiers per hour
- Open backcountry gate system accesses 3000+ acres

Runs: 116 Named Trails on the map

- 50% expert black
- 40% intermediate blue
- 10% beginner green

### Lifts

- One 100 passenger Aerial Tram
- One eight pax high speed gondola
- Three detachable quad chairlifts
- Four fixed grip quad chairlifts
- Two double chairlifts
- One fixed grip triple chairlift
- One magic carpet

## THE SKIING

Jackson Hole's reputation for steep and deep precedes it, eh? Yes, there's plenty of powder

and pitches, but here's a little known fact: Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is a great place for beginners to learn how to ski and for intermediates keen to cruise long groomers. Beginner and intermediate trails make up half of our terrain, meaning that our non-advanced/expert terrain acreage – 1,250 acres – is larger than many ski resorts' total terrain. While JH is famous for the Aerial Tram and expert chutes, they're only half the story: Bridger Gondola and Apres Vous Quad access the mellow side of the mountain, and the new and improved Casper area caters to intermediates. JHMR offers beginning to advanced ski lessons at their Mountain





# JACKSON HOLE, WY

## FEBRUARY 8-15, 2014

### OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP TO GRAND TARGHEE

We will offer transportation and discounted lift tickets to this ski jewel. Grand Targhee Resort is situated on the western slope of the Tetons in Alta, Wyoming, accessible only through Teton Valley, Idaho. Located in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, their abundance of light powder snow (more than 500 inches annually) and lack of lift lines creates an uncrowded (wide open) skier and snowboarder paradise. Grand Targhee is continually recognized for great snow, genuine western hospitality, scenic beauty, excellent value and commitment to sustainability.

Total Acreage: 2,602  
Annual Average Snowfall:  
500+ inches/41+ ft  
Vertical Drop: 2270  
Base Area Elevation: 7,851 feet  
Number of Lifts: 5

Sports School, and if you're looking for a little more challenge, you might consider a Steep and Deep Camp or Backcountry Guide.

#### ACTIVITIES

Complimentary Mountain Host tours are offered daily. Get to know the mountain through an intermediate guided tour on groomed terrain by one of their fabulous Hosts. Tours run daily at 9:30 AM and 1 PM.

Check the Saddlehorn Activity Center Headquarters for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, dog sledding and telemark adventures. Also, tours are available into Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for all activities.

#### VERTICAL FOOT CLUB™

For our avid 'Big Dog' skiers, the Vertical Foot Club™ is a fun, exciting, and challenging way to keep track of all those runs you're racking up. Do you have what it takes to reach a million vertical feet? Vertical Foot Club members are recognized for their achievements at several levels: 100,000 feet in one week, and also lifetime totals of 300,000, 500,000, and 1,000,000 feet! **SCSC will recognize our members that achieve 100,000 feet during our trip.**

#### LODGING

##### TETON VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS

All of the Space City Ski Club and TSC lodging will be conveniently located Mountainside on Michael Road in Teton Village. Our ten units (2 Bedroom/2 Bath each) condominiums will be selected from several Teton Village properties including: Nez Perce, Rendezvous, Sleeping Indian, Teewinot and/or WindRiver.



Photo credit: Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

Jackson Hole - Join us Feb 8 -15 for a fabulous ski week with mountain side lodging in Teton Village.. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort offers an authentic, friendly, western getaway with incredible skiing (and snowboarding) on a variety of terrain. Climb 4,139 vertical feet to the summit of Rendezvous Mountain aboard the world famous Aerial Tram for amazing powder skiing. Space City Ski Club is one of several Texas Ski Council (TSC) clubs participating in an action packed week of fun skiing and partying in the Tetons.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$1,399	\$1,349 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$766	\$731 (\$35 check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: Anne M. Thomas (713) 589-3660 [anne@spacecity.org](mailto:anne@spacecity.org)

Trip prices and details are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please check our website [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) or contact the Trip Coordinator



# VAIL, CO February

## FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 1, 2014

Vail Ski Resort is the largest resort in the United States with 5,289 acres of the most diverse and expansive skiing in the world, blessed with over 300 days of sunshine a year. Vail has been the number one ski resort in the United States 14 times in a 17 year period<sup>1</sup>. Vail has something for every type of skier or snowboarder



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from the wide-open groomed runs, to 7 legendary back bowls and Blue Sky Basin, which offers an adventure skiing experience unlike anything else on the mountain. This entire mountain simply can't be conquered in one visit!

When the ski day is done, Vail continues to deliver with unlimited non-skiing activities, dining and

nightlife that are rated among the best in ski country. For non-skiing activities, there's Vail's Adventure Ridge at the top of the Eagle Bahn Gondola with lift-serviced tubing, ski biking, kids' snowmobiling and winter ziplines. The Vail Valley delivers everything from casual to haute cuisine with more than 100 restaurants. And the vacation experience continues with live music, dancing, incredible shopping and more found in Lionshead and Vail Village. It is a level of sophistication and service designed to exceed your expectations!

### MOUNTAIN STATS:

[Front Side Trail Map](#)  
[Back Bowls and Blue Sky Basin](#)

- 366 inches of annual snowfall
- Top Elevation: 11,570 ft
- Base elevation: 8,120 ft
- Vertical drop: 3,450 ft
- Total skiable terrain: 5,289 acres

Runs: 193 named runs

- 18% beginner
- 29% intermediate
- 53% advanced/expert
- Longest run: Riva Ridge 4 miles

Lifts: 31

- Two gondolas
- Seventeen high-speed quads
- One fixed grip quad
- Two triple chairs
- One double chair
- Nine surface lifts

<sup>1</sup>Top 10 Resorts, "Ski, June 2007, Retrieved 17 December 2010



# VAIL, CO February

FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 1, 2014



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THE SKIING

The Front Side of Vail is home to the most groomed terrain on the planet. Wide, long runs such as Riva Ridge, Born Free, and Simba, Lodgepole, and Bear Tree are popular.

The World Famous Back Bowls offer wide open skiing and amazing views. Start by exploring Sun Up and Sun Down Bowls, and work your way back to China and Teacup Bowls. China Bowl offers the only groomed blue runs in the Back Bowls (access from Front Side via Sourdough Express #14). If you are feeling adventurous, make your way all the way out to Siberia Bowl and the surface T-Bar style lift #22 and Inner and Outer Mongolia Bowls!

Follow signage from Patrol Headquarters back to the three high speed quad lifts and Blue Sky Basin. Ski the steep and snow filled sections under Skyline Express #36, or explore the runs on Pete’s and Earl’s Express lifts (#38 and #39), named after Vail’s founders Pete Seibert and Earl Eaton.

OTHER SKI OPTIONS

While at Vail, your multi-day Vail lift ticket can also be used at these nearby ski areas: Beaver Creek, Keystone, Breckenridge, and A-Basin.

Daily bus transportation is available from Vail to

Beaver Creek. Other areas require a rental car.

LODGING

Vail International Condominiums offers well-decorated and fully furnished two bedroom/ two bath condo rentals with spacious kitchens, living and dining rooms, TVs with cable, DVD players, complimentary wireless internet and daily housekeeping. Enjoy breathtaking mountain views

from your balcony. Vail International is located on the In-Town Bus Route near the Dobson Ice Stadium. Walk or take a very short shuttle to the Eagle Bahn Gondola and Born Free Express Lift. Walk or take a very short shuttle to restaurants, shops and nightlife.



Photo credit: Vail International Condominiums

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

Vail, CO February - Join us Feb 22 to March 1 for an exciting week of skiing at Vail. Vail has been named the number one ski resort in the United States multiple times by Ski Magazine. We will be staying at the Vail International Condos near Lionshead Village. Vail International is a short walk or short shuttle ride to the Eagle Bahn Gondola. We have a short travel day – fly nonstop Houston to Denver, with a short bus ride to Vail.

Planning multiple ski trips this season to ski areas owned/operated by Vail Resorts? You may want to consider an Epic Pass at [www.snow.com/epic](http://www.snow.com/epic)

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$1,204	\$1,154 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$860	\$825 (\$35 check/cash discount)

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# MAMMOTH, CA

MARCH 1-8, 2014

**M**ammoth Lakes is known for winter adventures that will get your adrenaline flowing! It is home to the world-class Mammoth Mountain, one of the largest skiing and snowboarding areas in North America. It boasts the highest elevation in California with an 11,053 foot summit and over 3,500 acres of skiable terrain which includes heart-pumping steep chutes, wide open bowls, tree skiing, bumps, gullies and wide open, well groomed trails suitable for all ability levels. With an average of 400 inches of snow, Mammoth has one of the longest skiing seasons anywhere. On most days, you will be skiing and riding in the sun, true California fashion!

## THE MOUNTAIN

### [Trail Map](#)

- Top elevation: 11,053 ft
- Base elevation: 7,953 ft
- Vertical drop: 3,100 ft
- Skiable acres: 3,500
- Snowmaking: 477 acres on 46 trails

Runs: over 150 named trails & 8 terrain parks

- 25% beginner
- 40% intermediate
- 20% advanced
- 15% expert

### Lifts

- Three gondolas and trams
- Two high speed six-packs
- Nine high speed quad

Photo credit: NatalieJean/Shutterstock.com  
Winter wonderland in Mammoth Lakes, CA



## LODGING: SLOPESIDE AT THE JUNIPER SPRINGS RESORT

Juniper Springs, Mammoth's premier ski-in, ski-out condominium hotel, was recently named one of Conde Nast Traveler's Top 50 Ski Resort properties. Their goal is to bring comfort and simplicity to your mountain experience. We will be staying in 2 bedroom/2 bath units with scenic mountain views of California's Eastern Sierra. Each unit has a gas log fireplace, a gourmet kitchen and high speed internet access. Their amenities include bell service, 24 hour front desk, concierge, driver, housekeeping and complimentary local and airport transfer shuttles. After skiing, you can relax in their 2 heated pools, 6 hot tub spas or 2 fitness rooms. Upon arrival, we will be treated to a Welcome Reception with light snacks, wine, beer and soft drinks and midweek beer tasting at Mammoth Brewing Company.



# MAMMOTH, CA

## MARCH 1-8, 2014

### WINTER ACTIVITIES IN MAMMOTH LAKES

In addition to traditional alpine skiing and snowboarding, Mammoth Mountain offers 19 miles



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of cross-country and snowshoe terrain, snowmobile adventures through the Sierra backcountry and heated luxury snowcat tours with stunning scenery. If you are still looking for more winter fun, try fishing, dog sledding, ice skating or snow tubing at Woolly's Tube Park. Scenic hot air balloon rides and helicopter tours are available year-round. For a unique experience, instructions to learn the basics and enjoy world-class ice climbing are just a short drive north of Mammoth Lakes.

### SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTION

Mammoth has one of the leading ski and snowboard schools in the nation. Their professional staff of AASI and PSIA-certified instructors from all over the

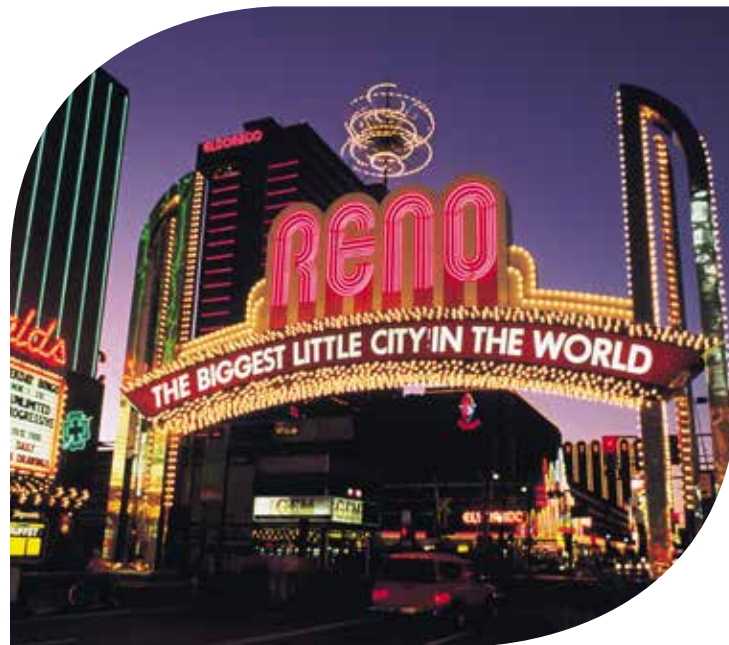
world will help improve your skills so you will have a more enjoyable experience on the mountain.

### APRES SKI

Let's keep the fun going off the slopes with Mammoth's exciting après ski scene. We will select several places for our group to gather after skiing where we can enjoy food and drink specials and catch live music from some of the region's best acts.

### RENO: SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO

Our lodging on March 7, 2014 will be at the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV. We will depart Mammoth after skiing on Friday and bus to Reno where we can enjoy a fun-filled evening before our return flight on Saturday. Indulge in more than



six unique restaurants, shop in their exclusive boutiques, explore more than 85,000 square feet of casino excitement and experience top-name entertainment. Dance the night away, enjoy yourself in Reno's only rum bar or let them pamper you in their award-winning health spa. The Silver Legacy is connected to the Circus Circus so you will also have a chance to catch one of their fantastic free circus shows.

Mammoth and Reno are two exciting destinations that you don't want to miss. Sign up soon!



### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

Mammoth, CA - Join us March 1 – 8, 2014 at Mammoth, a world-class mountain with an 11,053 foot summit, a 3,100 foot vertical drop and 3,500 acres of terrain for all ability levels. Add 400 inches of annual snowfall, 300 days of sun-shine, lodging at a premier ski-in, ski-out condo, a village with a variety of dining and nightlife, and top it off with a fun-filled overnight stay in Reno and you have the ingredients for a fantastic vacation.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$1,479	\$1,429 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$901	\$866 (\$35 check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: Sandra McCunis 281-463-7717 [sandra@spacecity.org](mailto:sandra@spacecity.org)





# KEYSTONE®

## KEYSTONE, CO MARCH 8-15, 2014

Join us during spring break on this family optional trip and experience the longest ski day in Colorado with lifts operating from 8:30am-8pm. Three magnificent mountains contain 3,148 skiable acres on 135 trails serviced by 2 gondolas and 20 lifts, 6 of which are high-speed. Night skiing is available on 15 trails. If you purchase a lift ticket

snowbiking, indoor tennis, ice skating (two rinks), snowmobiling, snow cat tours, sleigh rides, gondola rides, wine tasting, shopping..... With an annual average snowfall of 235 inches and snowmaking on over 662 acres, Keystone offers the best of the Rocky Mountains.

### MOUNTAIN STATS:

[Trail Map](#)  
[Night Skiing Trail Map](#)

- Summit Elevation: 12,408 ft
- Base Elevation: 9,280 ft
- Vertical Drop Feet: 3,128
- Skiable Acres: 3,148
- Annual Snowfall: 235 inches
- Largest night skiing operation in Colorado
- Snowmaking capabilities: 662+ Acres

Runs: 135 trails + A51 Terrain Park

- 19% beginner
- 32% intermediate
- 49% advanced
- Longest Run: 3.5 Miles (Schoolmarm)

Lifts: 20

- Two gondolas
- One high-speed six person lift
- Five high-speed quads
- One quad chair lift
- One triple chair lift
- Three double chair lifts
- One surface lift
- Six carpets

### THE SKIING

At 11,640 feet, Dercum Mountain in Keystone is home to long green and blue runs and perfect groomers to keep you cruising all day. This is a great



for 3 or more days, a day at Vail is offered and your lift ticket is always good at Arapahoe Basin and Breckenridge. The A51 Terrain Park is top ranked in the state and one of the best in the country. Keystone Ski & Ride School offers instructional programs for all levels. The Children's Center and Kidtopia offer a fun-filled, kid-friendly experience. Choose from a variety of non-skiing activities both on and off the mountain including tubing,



# KEYSTONE, CO

MARCH 8-15, 2014



place to start for beginners and intermediate skiers and snowboarders. For the daring, A51 Terrain Park invites you to show off your skills. Named top-ranked parks by Freeskier and Transworld Magazines, this is the place to be for shredders and jibbers. If tree skiing is what you're after, you can access The Windows – truly legendary tree skiing. High above the green and blue runs, you'll find Bergman, Erikson and Independence Bowls – the perfect opportunity for guided cat skiing tours. And, you can take a Mountain-Top Snowcat Tour from the top of Dercum to Independence Bowl for a breathtaking scenic journey.

## LODGING: THE RIVER RUN BASIN AREA

One walk through the center of River Run Village and it's clear why River Run Village Condominiums

are the most popular lodging units at Keystone. The condos are within walking distance to the Gondola and a high speed lift – the main access point on the mountain, and walking distance to all shops,



restaurants and services. The 2BR/2BA condos have access to a heated pool and hot tubs. Each living area has a gas fireplace and a queen sleeper, a fully-equipped kitchen, satellite TV, free wireless high-speed internet, and a DVD player. Conveniently located in the River Run Village are bars, rental shops, restaurants, a newly renovated spa and a brand new ice skating rink.

## THE KEYSTONE AREA

Shuttle bus service is available to the nearby town of Dillon and the Breckenridge ski area. Once a

trading post and stage stop, Dillon is a full-service community with a grocery store, movie theater, movie rentals, restaurants, sporting goods and an outlet mall. Breckenridge is a small mining

town with numerous shops, bars and restaurants welcoming visitors.



West from Loveland Pass  
Photo credit: uni3d, wikimedia.org, Keystone Resort

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

Keystone - Join us March 8 to March 15 at Keystone, Colorado for spring skiing at the final TSC trip of the year when the best discounts are offered! This trip is during spring break and is family optional. Keystone has three mountains to ski without ever getting on a bus. The summit elevation is 12,408 feet, with 135 trails serviced by 2 gondolas and 18 lifts, 6 of which are high-speed. Night skiing is available on 15 trails. Lift tickets for 3 or more days include an optional day of skiing at Vail, and your lift ticket is always good at Arapahoe Basin and Breckenridge. The A51 Terrain Park is one of the top terrain parks in the country and the largest in Colorado to be lit at night. The Keystone Ski & Ride School offers programs for all levels. Choose from a variety of non-skiing activities both on and off the mountain: tubing, snowbiking, indoor tennis, ice skating (two rinks), snowmobiling, snow cat tours, sleigh rides, gondola rides, wine tasting, shopping...With an annual average snowfall of 235 inches and snowmaking on over 662 acres, Keystone offers the best of the Rocky Mountains.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$1,335	\$1,285 (\$50 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$715	\$680 (\$35 check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: John Burk 281-468-1912 (call or text) or [john@spacecity.org](mailto:john@spacecity.org)



# BRECKENRIDGE, CO

## MARCH 12-16, 2014

**B**reckenridge Ski Resort, or just Breck, is perennially one of North America's top two most visited ski resorts, and is located in Summit County, Colorado in the town of Breckenridge. The resort is owned and operated by Vail Resorts, Inc., which also operates three other resorts in Colorado as well as resorts in California,



,Photo credit: Breckenridge, Vail Resorts, facebook.com

Utah, Switzerland and Austria.

Even non-skiers love Breck!! It is a very picturesque mountain town with plenty of activities if you elect not to ski/snowboard. There is tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, cross country skiing and dog sledding and, of course, the most important: shopping and wonderful spas! You will find lots of fabulous restaurants and a variety of nighttime entertainment. There is something for

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everyone!

### MOUNTAIN STATS:

#### [Trail Map](#)

Breck offers 2,358 acres of Skiable area with 155 total runs. The mountain appeals to all ski levels.

- Base Elevation: 9,600 feet
- Summit Elevation: 12,998 feet
- Vertical Rise: 3,398 feet

Runs: 155

- 14% beginner
- 31% intermediate
- 19% advanced
- 36% expert
- Longest run 'Four O'Clock' - 3.5 miles (5.6 km)

Lifts: 31 Total

- Two high-speed 6-passenger SuperChairs
- Seven high-speed quad lifts
- One triple lift
- Six double lifts
- One 8-passenger gondola
- Five surface lifts
- Nine carpet lifts

### LODGING

Our club has stayed at the Pine Ridge

Condominiums many times. They are conveniently located to Peaks 8 and 9 and are walking distance to the town. If you prefer not to walk, the bus stop is right outside your door.

We will be



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# BRECKENRIDGE, CO

## MARCH 12-16, 2014

staying in 2 bedroom units located on the first or second floor of each building. Units A and B are on the first floor, units C and D are on the second floor

of the building. Each unit features:

- 1,200 square feet
- King or Queen bed in master suite
- Two Twin beds (in most), one Queen bed or bunk bed in guest room
- Queen sofa sleeper in the living room
- Fireplace in the living room
- Two full bathrooms
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Washer and dryer
- Two private balconies
- Private ski locker
- Free wireless internet
- DVD player and rental library
- Expanded cable television with HBO/Showtime
- Telephone with voicemail and free local calls



Photo credit: jasonstravels.com

Additional amenities include flat-screen TV's, additional televisions in the bedrooms, games, iPod docks and stereos, private safes, black-out curtains, boot warmers, and more. All packages include lodging at the Pine Ridge Condominiums, a welcome Pizza party reception, where Vail Resort reps will give us an informative presentation on the Breckenridge ski area. Our also Post Trip party will be on our last night in Breck.



Photo credit: Evonne, flicker.com, Peak 8 at Breckenridge



Photo credit: AHodges7, wikimeida.org, view of Brecknridge from Keystone

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

Breckenridge, CO - March 12-16. This is an All-Adult short trip during Spring Break: March 12-16, 2014.

Breckenridge Ski Resort, or just Breck, is perennially one of North America's top two most visited ski resorts, and is located in Summit County, Colorado in the town of Breckenridge. We are offering Land Only packages to allow your choice of airlines to Denver. We will meet at the Denver International Airport and take a bus over to Breckenridge. The condos are 'ski-in' (via the 4 o'clock Run) and close to the town. There are four peaks to ski. There are plenty of other winter activities if you elect not to ski/snowboard. There is tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, cross country skiing and dog sledding and, of course, the all-important SHOPPING and WONDERFUL SPAS, not to mention lots of fabulous restaurants and nighttime entertainment. You'll find there is something for everyone in Breckenridge.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Land Only	\$578	\$553 (\$25 check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: Patty Finch 936-520-1486 (any time) or [finchp@gtlaw.com](mailto:finchp@gtlaw.com)



# WINTER PARK, CO

## MARCH 15-22, 2014



**W**inter Park is the closest resort to Denver International Airport, at a distance of 90 miles. Not only is getting there easy and do-able by plane or car, but it's spring break for many Houston area schools. Many universities might also have spring break during this week, so bring your older, or younger children for a family ski/snowboard experience you



Photo credit: Winter Park Lodging Company

will never forget! This is an all-around amazingly economical trip, with the cheapest lift tickets you will find for any age group. And if that's not enough, kids ages 17 and younger stay free in their parent/guardian's room with full bedding! Winter Park is known as one of the most family-friendly ski/board resorts in the world. Your lift ticket will include access to Winter Park, Mary Jane, and Vasquez.

Photo credit: Winter Park Lodging Company

### MOUNTAIN STATS:

#### [Trail Map](#)

- Annual snowfall: 370 inches
- Skiable acres: 3,081
- Summit elevation: 12,060 ft
- Base elevation: 9,000 ft
- Vertical drop feet: 1,700 (Winter Park) and 2,610 ft (Mary Jane)
- Snowmaking capabilities: 26 trails on 299 acres

#### 143 trails:

##### Winter Park:

- 28% beginner
- 21% intermediate
- 33% advanced
- 18% most difficult

##### Mary Jane:

- 1 % beginner
- 19% intermediate
- 22% advanced
- 57% most difficult

#### Lifts:

- Two high speed 6 packs
- Seven high speed quad chair lifts
- Four triple chair lifts
- Six double chair lifts
- Three surface lifts
- One platter and one rope tow

### UNBELIEVEABLE LESSON PACKAGES FOR ALL AGES!

No matter if you are 4 or 64, we have secured the best full day lesson packages (all including lunch) that you will find over Houston's spring break!

Note that participants must purchase ski lift tickets and rentals separately.



# WINTER PARK, CO

## MARCH 15-22, 2014

### SKI AND RIDE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Adult (13 years old +)**  
**Full Day Lesson including lunch - \$69**  
 5 hours @ 9:30am (full day for 1/2 day price!)

**Adult (13 years old +)**  
**Half day Lesson - \$69**  
 3 hours @ 11:45am  
 Max 10 people/lesson

**Kids (Ski: 3-14 years old / Snowboard 4-14 years old)**  
**Full Day Lesson including lunch - \$79**  
 5.5 hours @ 9:30am,  
 Max 4 kids/lesson

### LODGING

We will be staying at The Vintage Resort Hotel, a Winter Park, Colorado landmark. Located at the entrance to Winter Park Resort, the Vintage offers 118 finely-appointed guest rooms. In 2012, the Vintage Hotel underwent a series of upgrades including new beds, bedding & linens. Our group has reserved several two-bedroom, two bathroom lofts. These units can accommodate families of up to 10 people if all are willing to share two baths. Uniquely, there is actual bedding (or sleeper sofas) for all 10 people in these units! Youth 17 years-of-age and younger sleep FREE in their parent/guardian's unit. We are also offering one bedroom units. All units come with a kitchenette (refrigerators, dishwashers, counter top with sink, stove top burners, microwaves and dishes) for convenient cooking.



Photo credit: Winter Park Resort

Amenities include a pool, hot tub, ski shop, game room, fitness facilities with sauna and restaurant/bar. The Vintage is also family and pet friendly. The restaurant serves a breakfast buffet and dinner during ski season.

To reach the lifts, take The Village Cabriolet. It provides free transportation from the hotel parking lot to the base of Winter Park Resort. Free shuttles to the slopes are also available.

Want to drive? No problem. The Vintage boasts

FREE parking

for its guests!

They also have a courtesy van for grocery runs and can also



Photo credit: Winter Park Cabriolet, Winter Park Resort

take you to the slopes or in to town. The Vintage also has coin-operated laundry facilities for your convenience.

### OFF THE SLOPES

Take a day off from skiing or boarding and go to either the town of Winter Park, or the town of Fraser, and explore the more than 60 restaurants

and bars and shop until you drop!



Photo credit: Winter Park Resort



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### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

WINTER PARK - Join SCSC for seven economical nights, March 15-March 22, at Winter Park for Spring Break 2014! Both Spring Branch and Houston (HISD) spring breaks fall during this timeframe, as well as many other local school spring breaks and college spring breaks. 'Winter it up' in Winter Park with the younger set to try snow sports from boarding, skiing and even tubing! Learn to ski or board, or take lessons to improve, with our inexpensive all day group lessons, including lunch! Ski or ride 5 mountains (Winter Park, Mary Jane, Vasquez Cirque, Vasquez Ridge and Parsenn Bowl) with our downright cheap lift tickets! We have negotiated super low lift ticket prices for kids (6 to 12), youth/senior (13-17 and 65+) and adults (18 to 64). Kids 5 and under ski/board free! Youth 17 and under stay free on beds or sleeper sofas in their guardian's lodging. Two club parties are included -- one with full dinner and dancing! There is also an optional tubing/pizza party you won't want to miss!

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$941	\$906 (\$35 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$550	\$525 (\$25check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: Cindy Moore 713- 628-7613 or [cindy@spacecity.org](mailto:cindy@spacecity.org)

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# SOUTH AFRICA

## SEPTEMBER 19-30, 2014

**S**outh Africa seems like a world away but it is well worth the trip! On this journey to one of the most beautiful countries in the world, you will be able to experience a wide range of topography from plains to mountains, to sandy beaches, as well as a wide variety of culture. For the animal and nature lover and the adventurer, there is the photographic safari that can be experienced on a number of world class game preserves throughout South Africa. We will be staying at the Kariega Private Game Preserve that has a dramatic landscape incorporating five different eco-systems and two major rivers, and also has close proximity to the sea and beaches. You will be sleeping in a 4-Star 'bungalow' or lodge nestled in the midst of the reserve. The reserve itself is family owned and operated and comprises nearly 9,000 hectares of pristine wilderness. It is home to more than twenty-five species of game including lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo, rhino, hippo, hyena, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck, nyala, kudu, warthog and a variety of other antelope, with more than 280 species of birds, including high-soaring martial, crowned and fish eagles that nest on the reserve.

While the wide variety of animal life won't come as a surprise to most, what does surprise visitors to South Africa is seeing the uniqueness of some of the major cities while at the same time experiencing an intersection of diversity. For example, one might see a mother monkey feeding her baby in one of the inlets while driving along the scenic mountain roads near European-like Cape Town. You can experience shopping at the high end Victoria & Albert waterfront shopping area.

You may find yourself on a high speed ferry taking you to the stark maximum security prison on Robben Island that once housed political prisoners like Nelson Mandela. Even more interesting is that the prison tours are led by former political prisoners. While on Robben Island, you will see some amazing birdlife. From every area of the country there are breathtaking views and amazing diversity and we invite you to experience it all with us.

### **CLIMATE, HEALTH & SAFETY**

The climate is very moderate and we will be there at the beginning of spring when the temperatures will range from lows in the upper 50's to highs in the lower 70's. No special immunizations are needed for this trip.



ITINERARY

This will be a 10 day trip with arrival in Port Elizabeth where we will be met at the airport by local guides.

Coaches will transport us on a drive along the famous Garden Route from Port Elizabeth to nearby Kariega Private Game Reserve.

Enjoy an evening wildlife safari on arrival and then 2 wildlife safaris daily for 3 days thereafter. Morning safaris are before brunch and afternoon safaris are after high tea. Enjoy sundowner drinks while out in the bush and dinner will be served on arrival back at the lodge.

Depart Kariega in coaches with stops along the way to Tsitsikamma where we will have an opportunity to explore the Tsitsikamma Forest or enjoy an optional adventure activity. Guests will enjoy dinner at the hotel and a festive evening.

We will depart Tsitsikamma for Oudtshoorn and travel to the Cango Caves for a fantastic caving experience. After this there will be a stop at an ostrich farm. We will then depart for Cape Town along the famous Route 62. Enjoy a full day city tour of Cape Town visiting the main attractions such as Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Cape Point,

Simons Town, Boulders Beach (Penguins) and the Parliament Buildings.

Enjoy a full day Winelands Tour visiting a minimum of 3 wine farms together with a cellar tour and wine tasting.

Top off the trip with a visit to Table Mountain and Robben Island..

**LODGING**

4-Star main lodge at Kariega Private Game Reserve, Tsitsikamma Inn Hotel, Queens Hotel (or similar) in Oudtshoorn, Winchester Mansions (or similar) in Cape Town.

We will be staying at the Main Lodge at Kariega Private Game Reserve which has a total of 21 spacious and luxurious log-constructed chalets. All bedrooms are air-conditioned and include modern conveniences such as satellite TV. Some rooms have private pools and all have private viewing decks which offer intimate contact with nature and complete privacy. A spectacular architectural award-winning pub and restaurant serves tasty traditional South African cuisine or guests can enjoy the experience of a meal in the open air boma. The lodge also has a stunning outdoor pool.

Photo credit: Alciin T K Lai, Flickr.com  
Kariega Private Game Reserve Chalet



Photo Credit: Damien du Toit, Flickr.com  
Cape Town and Table Mountain

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & PRICING:

**South Africa Expedition:** 10 Days - September 19-30, 2014. If a safari in South Africa is on your bucket list, this is the trip for you! Only 40 lucky participants will get to see the BIG 5 and so much more wild life up close and personal during a 4 night stay at the Kariega Private Game Reserve. You'll be driven along the famous Garden route to Cape Town. From there, enjoy 4 days and nights exploring all the Cape has to offer including a unique botanical garden with mountains in the backdrop, visiting the penguins at Boulder Beach, taking a cable car to Table Mountain, shopping along the Victoria & Albert waterfront centre, visiting the Nelson Mandela Gateway and Robben Island, and tasting wine at several of the finest vineyards on the Cape.

PACKAGE	PRICE	CASH DISCOUNT
Full	\$5,130	\$5,020 (\$110 check/cash discount)
Land Only	\$2,938	\$2,873 (\$65 check/cash discount)

Trip Coordinator: Christine Augustine 210-383-3779 [christine@spacecity.org](mailto:christine@spacecity.org)  
Assistant Trip Coordinator: Melody Bohlmann 210-410-7302 [melody@spacecity.org](mailto:melody@spacecity.org)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All participants MUST have two (2) blank passport pages FACING EACH OTHER. If you do not have this you will not be allowed into South Africa.



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# 2013-14 ANNUAL SKI & TRIP KICKOFF

Monday, August 12th  
 6:30 - 9:00pm

The HESS Club  
 5430 Westheimer Road

Free parking  
 Free admission  
 Free drink ticket for the  
 first 50 to check in



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 2013-2014. The sign-up form will be in the August issue of the SITZMARKE and on-line. See [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) to sign up online starting August 1st and pay your deposit by credit card, or you may follow up your online registration by mailing a check directly to the TC. You also have the option of sending your registration by mail; however, your deposit can be postmarked no earlier than August 1 and wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the August meeting to verify your registration, sign the Trip Release Form and pick up additional information the TC will have for you.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begins on **August 1**. We take sign-ups in three ways: 1) through the mail or 2) giving your form and money directly to the trip TC at an SCSC event or 3) signup online and pay by credit card or check. However, the form and money cannot be postmarked prior to August 1 – for all trips. Any signup postmarked prior to August 1 will be returned.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Contact Jan Ferrell, VP of Membership, 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 and your deposit. The deposit for the international trips, Garmisch, Germany and South Africa, is \$300 per participant. The deposit on all other trips is \$150 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 – their address is listed on the bottom of the trip registration form. Additional information, TC telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, is listed in this SITZMARKE. If your registration is mailed or given to anyone other than the TC, it will be returned to you and you will not be registered for the trip.
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 on 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

1. 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.
2. 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 still arrange their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. If so, please arrange to do this in advance, ideally by the pre-trip meeting.)
3. Normal cancellation policies apply: 1) with 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

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Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

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

Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit. Deposit is **\$150** per participant (**\$300 for International trips**).  
**Make the check payable to "SCSC"** and **write trip name on the check**. Also, *write the trip name on the outside of the envelope*.

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

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

Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Participant # 1

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Note for South Africa participants: **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All participants MUST have two (2) blank passport pages FACING EACH OTHER. If you do not have this you will not be allowed into South Africa. In addition to your deposit, please take appropriate action as early as possible, if necessary, to insure this requirement is met.

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 after August 1 are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. *Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Trip Transfers were no longer permitted.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Participant 1

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

Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #2

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

Please mail your deposit check(s) and Trip Registration Form(s) to the appropriate Trip Coordinator (TC) below

(Remember: Include the trip name on your check and the trip name on the outside of the envelope)

TRIP NAME	TRIP COORDINATOR	STREET	CITY, STATE	ZIP	TELEPHONE
California Wine Country	Linda Kuper	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	713-478-9094
Vail, CO Dec '13 – Long	Ann Rogers	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-703-0454
Vail, CO Dec '13 – Short	Ann Rogers	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-703-0454
Park City, UT	Betty Donellan	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-374-2172
Garmisch, Germany	Barbara Brescian	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	713-516-5322
Jackson Hole, WY	Anne Thomas	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	713-589-3660
Taos, NM – Long	Chris Bryan	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-827-6790
Taos, NM – Short	Chris Bryan	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-827-6790
Vail, CO Feb'14	Jim Hodges	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-829-6155
Mammoth, CA	Sandra McCunis	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-463-7717
Keystone, CO	John Burk	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	281-468-1912
Breckenridge, CO	Patti Finch	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	936-520-1486
Winter Park, CO	Cindy Moore	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	713-628-7613
South Africa	Christine Augustine	P.O. Box 22567	Houston, TX	77227	210-383-3779

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## AUGUST

**10** Party Boat on Lake Conroe

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**11** Pete's Power Pontoon Boat Day (FULL)

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**12** General Meeting - Annual Ski & Trip Kick-Off

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**22** Happy Hour

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## SEPTEMBER

**16** General Mtg

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**21** Maui Wowie Luau

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**26** Happy Hour

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## OCTOBER

**14** General Mtg

**24** Happy Hour