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From Mission Control

Thank you everyone for your participation in our November meeting at Jax Grill! SCSC brought in **\$5,463** to help the Sunshine Kids suffering from cancer! See the fourth paragraph for more on the auction. Please note there will be no December happy hour due to the holidays and our special meeting at Sun & Ski December 14th.

The December General Meeting will NOT be at Jax Grill! It is a special off site meeting held at Sun & Ski Sports Westheimer, located at 6100 Westheimer, Suite 126, Houston, TX 77057 on December 14th starting promptly at 6:30 p.m.

We have arranged a very special meeting there including a 20% discount for that night only for SCSC members and guests on virtually everything in the store, including all sales and clearance merchandise! Sun and Ski is also providing us with FREE WINE, BEER AND CHEESE PLATTERS as well as several big door prizes! Don't miss the SCSC Fashion Show, featuring our own SCSC members as models. Our very own Bob Lombard will be doing a boot fitting demo and short talk in the boot fitting department. The general meeting will start at 6:30, with the business meeting at 6:45, so the fashion show can start at 7:00 sharp. The beer and wine will be flowing at 6:00, along with membership check-in, so feel free to arrive early to look around. Where else can you party while you make a major dent in your Christmas shopping or shopping for your upcoming ski trip? You will be able to sign up for the Gala, as well as other activities and trips, at this meeting also.

Now, back to the auction. I would like to send out a very special thank you to Judy Schiro for her hard work on this event, as well as the rest of the Presidential Meeting Committee: Bruce Lowther, Gary Barrett, Olga Adair, Gayle Dale, Chip Stokes, Bil Cusack, David Burrows, Craig Campbell, Ron Hayes and Diane Stotz. Bob Donnelan helped out as well. A huge thank you also goes out to Marti Turner. We could not have

put on this event without her help and knowledge. Also, the important ending time for bidding was gonged flawlessly by "Gong Goddess" Ali Pethick!

Everyone please welcome Deb Cini to the new position of Director of Publicity. She is already what I would call a "Face Book Queen" in her own right. She will now put those social media skills to work for the good of SCSC. Please send her any photos and SCSC updates to deb@spacecity.org (cc marketing@spacecity.org) that you think should be posted on social media. Also contact her with ideas of marketing events and connections you have with large companies so we can hook up to their HR Departments to let them know what benefits our club offers for their employees. Barry Casper has also volunteered to be on the marketing committee to reach out to Exxon HR to bring this huge market to SCSC.



Cindy Moore,
President

Countdown to Liftoff

My my how time flies when you are having fun.
Is it just me watching the calendar on the run?
December is upon us and Vail is on its way. Where did the year go?
You must make a choice. Yes, decide on which ski trip you go on.

Many times in the past these messages were more subliminal.
But as the days go by, filling out remaining trips becomes more critical.
Getting folks excited about the remaining trips is more of a race.
The heck with subtle hints, reminders now are more in your face.

Quebec is as close to Paris as you may want to go these days;
ski, sled and party, you can have fun in so many ways.
Eat drink and be merry. Have no fear for at the least,
there is no such thing as altitude sickness when you ski in the East.

Crested Butte offers some of the best in traditional Colorado experience;
the mountain, the town, the people and of course the travel convenience.
Just a few more participants will make this trip complete.
Get off your duffs and sign up; we need this trip replete.

Sun Peaks BC is a place most of us have never been to,
and to date not many SCSCers have signed onto.
The lack of support has made the full package go away,
but the land package for only \$664 is quite the deal. What do you say?

All kidding aside folks, these three trips need your support. There is a lot of fun to be had on each one. The people involved have worked very hard to put together destinations off the beaten path to give us the opportunity to have a great adventure. Please show your support for their efforts by signing up today.



George Lopez,
VP of Trips

Signing up for a trip is very easy.

1. Go to 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".

Trips 2015-2016

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

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

SCSC General Meetings



**December 14th
meeting at Sun & Ski
Westheimer**

Monday is **MEAT NIGHT** with a 15% off rib eye steak, your choice of side, for only \$12.99.

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!

Having a Blast

Season's Greetings

I hope your Thanksgiving included whatever element you look forward to on that day. Space City offered up a slightly different version of it this year, thanks to our super hostess, Kay McKeough and her "Pardon My Turkey" party. We heard arguments for and against pardoning our little turkey. I fully expected Tom the Turkey to be pardoned. Marianne Pearce made an excellent case for granting respect to Mr. Tom as his ancestors enabled the pilgrims to survive. I pitched a message of hope. If Tom were saved the other turkeys would have hope that they, too, may escape their destiny.

Alas', it was Andy Smith's story that swayed the crowd against a pardon. At the tender age of seven years he had to make his own armor to ward off attacks by an aggressive turkey kept on his family's farm. His cardboard armor saved his hide! Many thanks to Kay McKeough for putting on this unique November party!

Due to the dates of the Vail trip and the December holidays we had to schedule two Club events in the third week of December and omit this month's happy hour. In lieu of the missed happy hour I hope you will join us for the bigger event which is our Annual Holiday Gala! Come as one or come as two, Members and non-Members, grinchy or joyful, we have worked to include all the things that make for an inviting and enjoyable evening for everyone.

This year's Gala will be held at Blue by Massa's on Smith Street, across from the Hyatt Regency, between Dallas and Lamar. I know some of you are filled with trepidation about heading downtown, however, Smith Street is very easy to find; it runs parallel to Louisiana. The only tricky part is not passing the parking garage entrance! (I do it all the time, sigh.) The garage entrance is just BEFORE the restaurant, so as you approach stay in the right lane and go slowly so you do not miss it. Bring your parking ticket with you so we can validate it. Enter Blue by Massa's from inside the garage, on the first floor. If you wish to register and pay online, go to:

www.spacecity.org and click on the "Holiday Gala" link under FUN EVENTS on the Home Page. You must LOG IN FIRST to get the Member price. If paying by credit card, select the PayPal option when it comes up and then you will be given a choice to pay by credit card. Please see ad below for details on what your evening will include. The deadline for payment has been extended to Dec. 14th to accommodate those who wish to pay at the General Meeting at Sun & Ski.

30 30 30! is the number of volunteers we need to help out at the Chevron Houston Marathon on Sunday, January 17th. With 30 volunteers our club will get the right to place a SCSC coupon in the Marathon's virtual goodie bag. Why is this important? The virtual goodie bag is a huge opportunity to get our club noticed, for free, by thousands of Houstonians! Please help us reach this goal. To sign up or get more information contact Activity Coordinators Sharon Simandl ssimandl@hotmail.com and Bill Bomberger bbomberger@hotmail.com.

Do not forget our first-ever New Year's Day Party! You can skip the expensive New Year's Eve events and enjoy a special afternoon party on January 1, 2016! Football viewing? Yes! Music? Yes! Dancing? Yes! Willing hosts with awesome house large enough for a couple hundred folks? Yes! Free? Absolutely! This event is made possible by George Sargent, and his friends and hosts, Bill and Barbara Moore. Please note:

1. This is BYOB. Bring a dish (finger food) or snack to share.
2. Only Space City Ski & Adventure Club Members and their guests may attend. (Please note that the party will include non-SCSC guests that are personal invitees of the Hosts.)
3. While Space City Ski & Adventure Club is offering an invitation to this event, it is not an official Space City Ski & Adventure Club event. No fees are being charged by the club and Space City Ski & Adventure Club holds no responsibility or liability in regards to this event. Check out the details at our website www.spacecity.org. Email Activity Coordinator George Sargent george_sargent@yahoo.com for more info.

We are in the home-stretch of 2015 and it is so hard to believe that a whole year has gone by. I hope 2015 was kind to all of you. If not, well, the saying goes: "Learning to ignore things is one of the great paths to inner peace." ... and for those things you should not ignore: "Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself!" Hopefully I have helped jump-start your new year's resolution!

Until next year ...



Jo Barrie,
VP of Activities

Upcoming Activities

December

December 19th – HOLIDAY GALA

January

January 1st – NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY

January 17th – SCSC Volunteers at
Chevron Houston Marathon

January 28th – Happy Hour at Post Oak
Grill

February 7th – Super Bowl Party

February 25th – Happy Hour

Membership

We are steadily continuing to increase our membership. We have reached the 400+ mark. Let's see if we can reach 450. We need your help. At the November meeting we had several past members rejoin and I enjoyed seeing and visiting with them. Would you please make it your goal to contact someone you know to encourage them to rejoin? The Club has so many fun activities to offer.

We have made it more convenient to register online to become a member. Go to spacecity.org and register for your membership and then mail your check to Space City Ski Club, P. O. Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227 or come to the General Meeting. We welcome everyone to attend our General Meetings and Happy Hours to learn more about what we do as a club.

Single \$40 ending April 30, 2016

Family \$70 ending April 30, 2016

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at membership@spacecity.org.



Patty Finch,
VP of Membership

**** 2015 HOLIDAY GALA ****

Saturday, December 19, 2015 6:30pm - 11:30pm



Blue by Massa's

1160 Smith Street (across from the Hyatt Regency Hotel)

Attached parking garage has inside entrance to Massa's. Parking will be validated.

Massa's has recently undergone renovations, producing a fine dining room, both large and cozy, and soon to be decked out for the holiday! This event is definitely for everyone, singles and couples, Members and Non-Members. Please come eat, drink, and raise some merriment with Space City friends, acquaintances, and guests. Attire is "dressy". Plan to arrive at 6:30pm for appetizers and mingle time. Dinner buffet begins at 7pm.

Appetizers

Fried Calamari / Boiled Shrimp / Fried Green Tomatoes / Seafood-Stuffed Jalapenos

Entree Choices

Redfish Ponchatrain * Filet Mignon * Chicken Francese * Veggie Pasta

Buffet includes Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Assorted Mini Desserts, Coffee / Tea / Soft Drinks

Full bar available for alcoholic drink purchases.

After dinner DJ Ron Harrison will set us up with music and dancing (yes, there is a dance floor!) and he promises something for everyone, singles and couples!

\$60 Members; \$63 Non-members. Final payment date: December 14th.

Activity Coordinator: Lori Aubrecht loriaubrecht@hotmail.com

Member's Corner



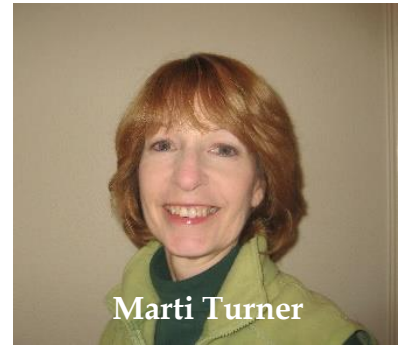


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Snowmass, CO TS C WINTER TRADITIONAL JANUARY 9 - 16, 2016

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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 9th- Jan 16th, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,370	\$1,320
LAND ONLY	\$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**

	TSC Adult Rate
4 Day	\$252
5 Day	\$330
6 Day	\$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

Quebec, QB, Canada TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Jan Ferrell - TC

jan@spacecity.org

281-799-0001



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 31st - Feb 7th, 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

Betty Donellan - TC

betty@spacecity.org

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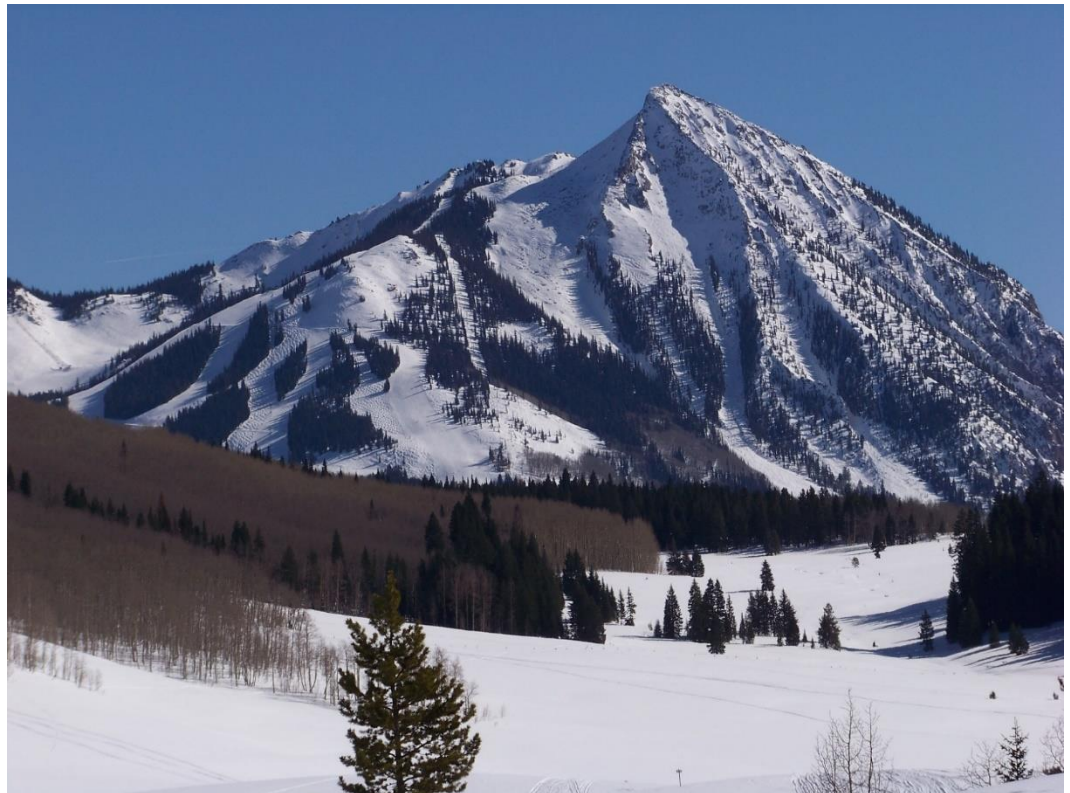
WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- 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 6th - Feb 13th, 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[™]
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



Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Adam Stein

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



Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Kelly Funk

- 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 13th – Feb 20th, 2016

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

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

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 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

Check our website for the latest info.



Steamboat, CO – CLUB TRIP

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

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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 inbounds 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



- 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 24th – Mar 2nd, 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
Age Range	18-69	70+
3 out of 7	\$219	\$ TBD
4 out of 7	\$292	\$ TBD
5 out of 7	\$330	\$ TBD
6 out of 7	\$383	\$ TBD



Photo courtesy Dennis Fuster

Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

MARCH 5 - 12, 2016

Bill Bomberger - TC

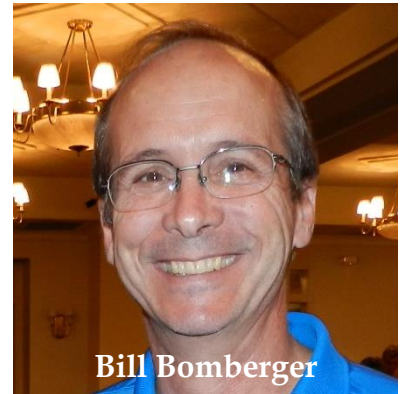
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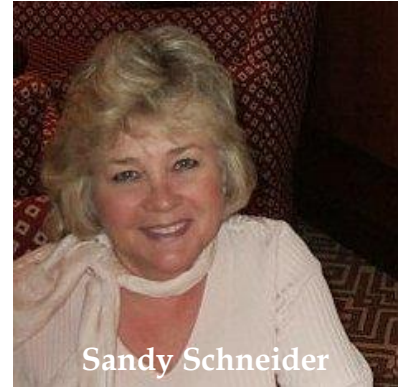
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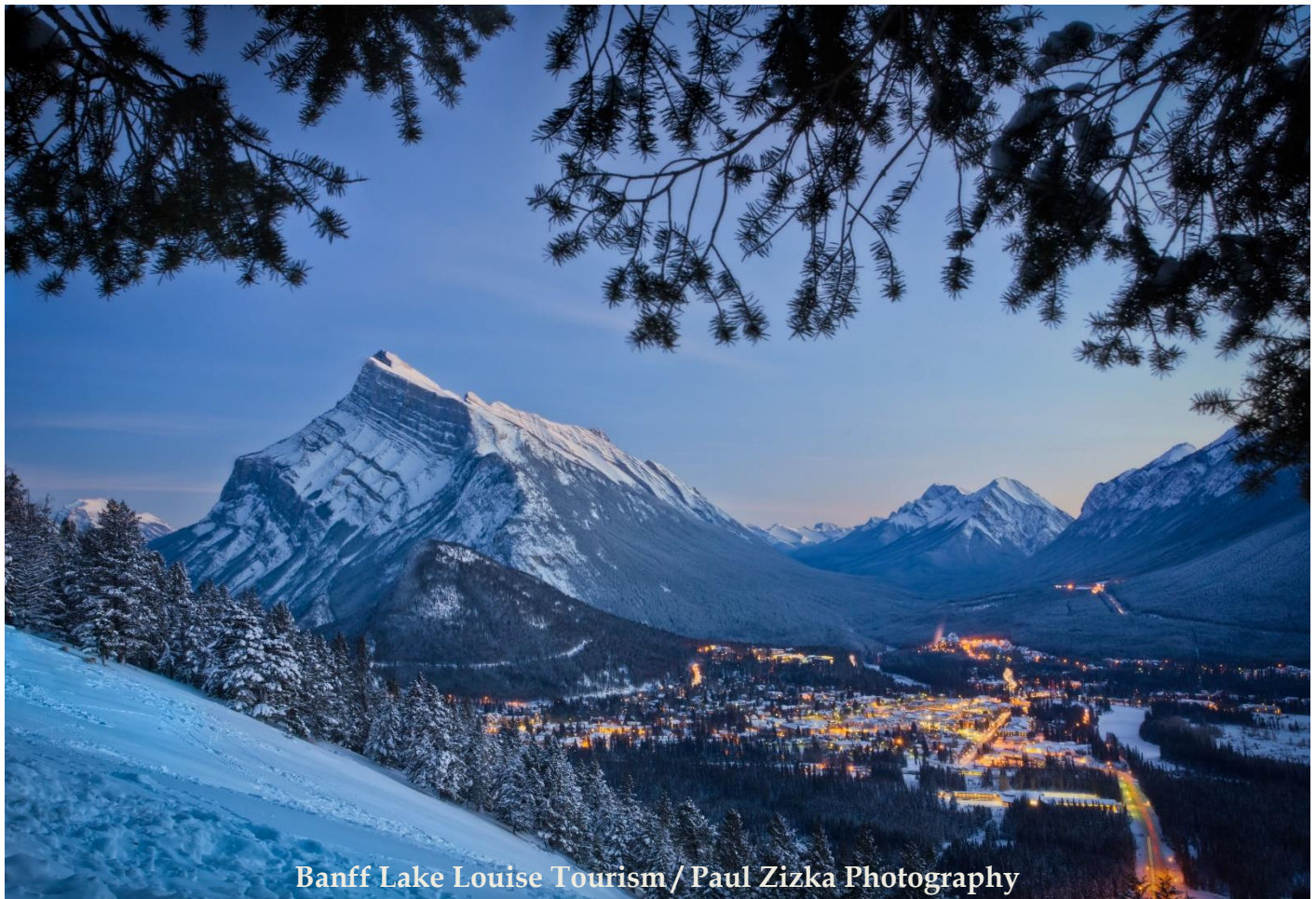
Bill Bomberger



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).



Banff Lake Louise Tourism / Paul Zizka Photography

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 5th – Mar 12th, 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



Banff Lake Louise Tourism
/ Paul Zizka Photography

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 km²)
- Average annual snowfall: 310 in (790 cm)
- Snowmaking: 380 acres (1.5 km²)



- 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 13th – 17th, 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

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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.

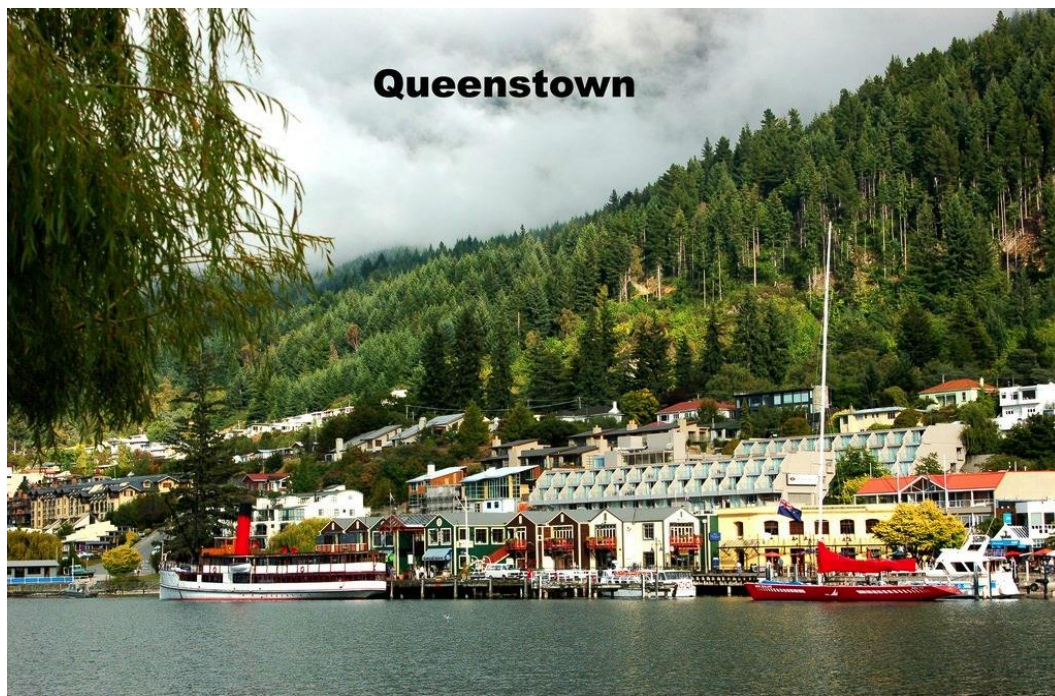
NEW ZEALAND – LAND OF ADVENTURE

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 22nd – May 1st, 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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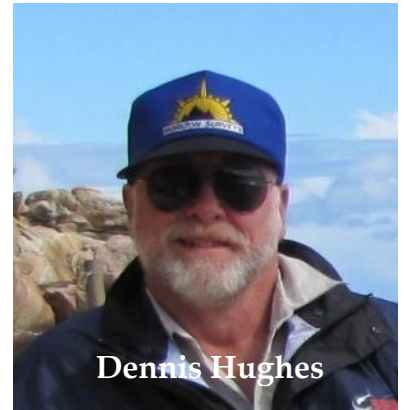
Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP

AUGUST 20-27, 2016

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Dennis Hughes

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 20th – Aug 27st, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,360	\$1,310
LAND ONLY	\$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

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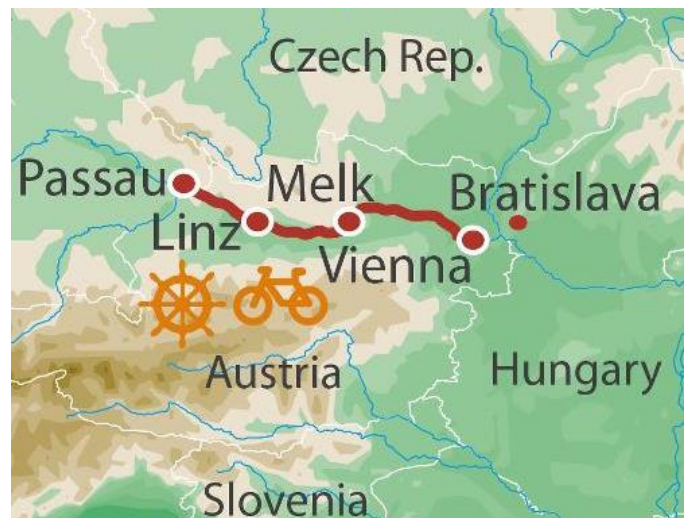
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Leyla Ozkardesh & Rita Cardenas

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.



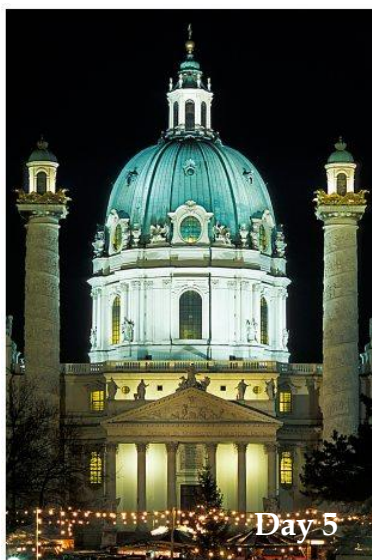
DAY 4 - TULLN ONTO VIENNA (22 MILES)

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.

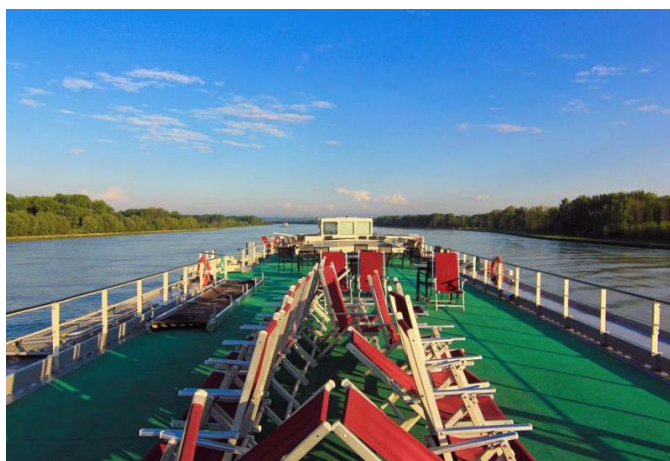
WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 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 24th – Oct 2nd, 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 to sign up online starting August 1st 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 1st 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 1st, 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 1st. Any signup postmarked prior to August 1st 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), 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: _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

Cell _____

E-Mail _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

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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) _____

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