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## From Mission Control

I know the Snowmass trip was fantastic because I was on it! Many of the trips have one space for a male or a female as of this writing so jump on it!

Our next general meeting is Monday, February 8th, at Jax Grill. To show our love for our members, we have a very special treat for Valentine's month! We will be featuring the Joe Valentino Show, which is a live oldies show with "Elvis" and his two talented girls bringing you mostly 50's and 60's favorites. Bring your dance shoes, or take off your shoes and wear just your socks for the traditional "sock hop"! If you don't dance, just sit back and enjoy the show. There will be a gift card prize for the best oldies sock hop attire for the best dressed male and the best dressed female! You get extra points for also working in the Valentines theme. This is a meeting that I would challenge everyone to bring at least one guest to show them how much fun our club is. All guests get in free, but need to sign in as an SCSC guest at the front door. Email your friends and spread the word to have the best Monday night ever! The band will be on the patio facing the inside and we will have the inside of the restaurant again. We will have the same overflow parking lots and our security officer will have fliers on how to find them. This is an important meeting because our Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Jeans, will announce our officer slate for 2016-17. We will also ask for other nominations from the floor.

Our new Director of Publicity, Deb Cini, is busy with her new job. She is keeping our Facebook site updated with photos and content. Email her any photos or things you would like posted at [Deb@Spacecity.org](mailto:Deb@Spacecity.org). If she deems them suitable for posting, she will post them to our site. Search for Space City Ski Club on Facebook and "like" the page and you will be included in the stream of postings as they happen!

### Upcoming General Meetings

**February 8th:** General Meeting: Joe Valentine and his ladies give you and your valentine a sock hop dance and show at Jax Grill. Be the first to hear the slate of proposed new officers. Win a gift card for the best Valentine sock hop attire!

**March 14th:** General Meeting: Rodeo Fun Night at Jax Grill. Participate in mini horse races, a horse shoe toss and a lasso contest, all for prizes! Please make sure you come! We need a quorum to vote in our new officer slate!

**April 11th:** General Meeting: The 2nd Annual SCSC Gong Show at Jax Grill. See our own terrific SCSC talent and our crazy gong girls!!



**Cindy Moore,**  
*President*

## Countdown to Liftoff

Well ski season is well on its way. Already we are starting to see those familiar happy faces of our friends enjoying themselves at places like Vail and Snowmass. As a matter of fact, when you read this Camille and I will be with another dozen or so SCSCers on Jan's Quebec trip. If you haven't already signed up for a ski trip, you may be out of luck (check with Dave Stotz for Sun Peaks).

The last of the ski trips is by no means the last of the trips we are offering this year. There is still much more to come. New Zealand is one of those trips of a lifetime. Linda Kuper is looking to



round out that group of adventurers, but you do have to hurry.

Deb Cini has put together a Memorial Day weekend trip to Fredericksburg that will have lots of appeal with the wine /dance /party enthusiasts.

Dennis Hughes will be leading a cast of thousands on a late August domestic adventure trip to Whitefish and Glacier National Park.

To close out the current slate of trips, there is that classic cruise on the Danube in late September. You can bike or just chill while taking in those fairy tale places in the Old World.

We try to make these trips as easy to join as possible, but the reality is that it does take a lot of advance planning to make them happen. It is this time of the year that next year's slate of trips begins to take shape. We need your input. We need your ideas and suggestions on where to go and what to include in future trips. Most of all we need volunteers to run future trips. Please send your responses to [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org) or just reach out to me at any of our meetings or activities. We are counting on you to keep on the traditions of the largest Ski Club in the great state of Texas. Space City lives on!

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

## SCSC Photo Contest 2016-2017

1. BEST SELFIE
2. ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE
3. SKI ACTION
4. PEOPLE
5. LOCAL TOWN


Send photos to  
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## Join the conversation!!!

Have something interesting to contribute? Share with fellow SCSC members your thoughts, experiences, memories of trips and activities. We'd love to hear from you!

Send articles, essays or photos to  
[marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:marketing@spacecity.org)

## Trips 2015-2016

Destination	Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator
<del>Vail, CO Club - Long</del>	<del>Dec 5 - 12 2015</del>	<del>\$1,429/\$1,171</del>	<del>1-Oct</del>	<del>Jim Jeans</del>
<del>Vail, CO Club - Short</del>	<del>Dec 5 - 9 2015</del>	<del>\$751 (Land Only)</del>	<del>1-Oct</del>	<del>Jim Jeans</del>
<del>Snowmass, CO TSC Winter Traditional</del>	<del>Jan 9 - 16 2016</del>	<del>\$1,370/\$1,062</del>	<del>12-Oct</del>	<del>Marti Turner</del>
<del>Quebec, QB, Canada TSC Winter Expedition</del>	<del>Jan 31 - Feb 7 2016</del>	<del>\$1,671/\$1,005</del>	<del>15-Dec</del>	<del>Jan Ferrell</del>
 <b>Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas</b>	May 28 - 30 2016	TBD	TBD	Deb Cini
<b>Crested Butte, CO Club</b>	Feb 6 - 13 2016	\$1,294/\$762	15-Nov	Betty Donellan
<b>Sun Peaks, BC, Canada TSC Winter Shootout</b>	Feb 13 - 20 2016	<del>\$1,485/\$664</del>	1-Nov	Dave Stotz
<b>Steamboat, CO Club</b>	Feb 24 - Mar 2 2016	\$1,363/\$941	24-Nov	Andy Smith
<b>Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC Final Showdown</b>	Mar 5 - 12 2016	\$1,607/\$1,059	1-Jan	Bill Bomberger
<b>Copper Mountain, CO Club</b>	Mar 13 - 17 2016	\$495 (Land Only)	15-Jan	TBD
<b>New Zealand Club</b>	April 22 - May 1 2016	\$5,626/\$3,596	16-Jan	Linda Kuper
<b>Whitefish, MT Club</b>	August 20 - 27 2016	\$1,360/\$780	1-Mar	Dennis Hughes
<b>Danube River Boat/Bike Tour TSC Summer Expedition</b>	Sept 24 - Oct 2 2016	\$3,605/\$2,003	24-June	Leyla Ozkardesh

\* Published prices are before cash discount.

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

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





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## SCSC February General Meetings



MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
JOE VALENTINO SHOW

**Don't  
Miss**

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

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

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

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

## Having a Blast

### Greetings!

First, I offer my sympathy to all of you good people nursing faded Powerball dreams. Oh the places we could have gone! Well, back to reality...

The deadline for us to submit our columns for last month's Sitzmarke came early due to the holidays so I was not able to report on two big events that occurred. We had a wonderful evening in December at our Holiday Gala at Blue by Massa's with 52 guests enjoying food, drink, music, and dancing. Many thanks to Lori Aubrecht for planning this event for us!

New Year's Day held another fabulous and different type of party with big screen football viewing and a gigantic dance floor — in a residence! Thank you George Sargent and Bill and Barbara Moore for including our club in your New Year's celebration.

The Chevron Houston Marathon counts on hundreds of volunteers to make the event run smoothly and Space City Ski Club Members were there! ...at 6am! ...in the cold! Hey, sacrifices must be made to be a proper Sector 4 Road Guard. Bill Bomberger and Sharon Simandl successfully recruited a motley crew of 26. Our responsibility was to monitor the street for safety concerns. The benefit was the fun we had watching and cheering on the runners, including Spider-Man, Superman, and Chewbacca!

In January, a group of us enjoyed an action-packed Rockets game and cheered Houston to a 115-104 victory over Dallas. Thank you Craig Campbell for initiating and coordinating this event.

Now I ask your attention on two important event changes:

The February Happy Hour has been moved to Thursday, February 18th. Mark your calendar for February 18th and then dust off your boots, it's almost rodeo time! Join us for happy hour at The Armadillo Palace off Kirby Drive. Unfortunately

their expansion renovations will not be ready for show but they are eager to host our club in their original bar and restaurant space, still offering saddle bar stools and plenty of Texas memorabilia, not to mention great food. Look for the giant silver armadillo on their patio.

The Super Bowl 50 Party location has changed! Rita Cardenas is the Activity Coordinator but the party will be located inside the Loop at Stuart Traver's home. BYOB and a snack or finger-food to share. YOU MUST RSVP by registering online at [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org). You will then receive the address as well as further details. For questions please email Rita at: [ritacardenas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ritacardenas@sbcglobal.net).

Horses Camels and Ostriches! Oh My! We are going to the races! Sam Houston Race Park is putting on live camel and ostrich races between the live horse races on Saturday, March 5th. \$14 Members; \$17 Non-members; fee includes Admission and Reserved Counter Seats. Watch, wager, eat, drink, and socialize! Contact Marianne Pearce for tickets or questions: [mariannetx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariannetx@sbcglobal.net). Final refund date is 2/20/16.

Plans for April, May, and June include a Pedal Party with Art Car Museum stop, Sailing, Paddle Board Beginners' Class, a Dynamos game and/or Sugar Land Skeeter's Game. Some of these activities, and others coming up, still need A/C's (Activity Coordinators). If you would like to help, please contact me at [activities@spacecity.org](mailto:activities@spacecity.org) with one of these events or if you would like to host an event of your own creation.

In closing, I leave you with a few helpful reminders about our website, [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org):

For a quick glance at events coming up, check the Home Page: "FUN EVENTS" located in the center of the screen & "COMING UP" further down on the right side.

**For details on a specific event:** The most complete set of details is found by clicking the CALENDAR tab, then go to the month and date of the event, then click on that event title. This will bring up all the details, contact info, and the Register button.



If you are a club member, you MUST log in first, before clicking "Register" to receive the Member Price.

If paying for more than one person, select "Group" after clicking "Register".

Until next month ...



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

## Upcoming Activities

### February

February 7<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl 50 Watch Party

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour at Armadillo Palace

### March

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Horses Camels & Ostrich Races - Live!

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour

## Membership

We have approximately 450 members. We need our present membership to recruit new and/or previous members. Any person who joins our Club after Feb. 1, 2016, their membership will not expire until April 30, 2017. The Club has a lot of activities to offer this year.

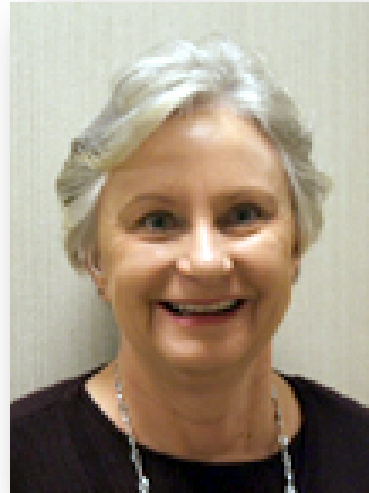
We have made it more convenient to register online to become a member. Go to [spacecity.org](http://spacecity.org) and register for your membership. You can elect to pay online or mail your check to Space City Ski Club, P. O. Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227.

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](mailto:membership@spacecity.org).



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

# Nomination Committee Slate 2016-2017

During the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2016, members will vote to accept the nominations. Please be sure to attend the annual meeting to approve this slate.

We want to thank the Nominating Committee for their work in selecting this excellent list of Candidates. The following members served on the Nominating Committee:

Gary Barrett Jim Hodges  
 Melinda Hughes Linda Kuper  
 Diane Stotz Steve Ying  
 Chairman Nominating Committee: Jim Jeans

## Nominating Committee Slate 2016-17

### Office

### Nominee

**President**

**George Lopez**

**Treasurer**

**Maria Mendez Koteris**

**VP of Trips**

**Chuck Pena**

**VP of Marketing**

**Cindy Moore**

**Secretary**

**Ann Dorn**

**VP of Activities**

**Jo Barrie**

**VP of Membership**

**Leslie Cashio**



## Member's Corner







Photos by Keith Kirkman & Bob McKenzie



## Trip Report - Vail

### Vail delivers early season snow...Again!



The 2015 Vail Trip was populated with many, many Vail regulars. It is traditionally the club's first trip of the year and brings out our hard core group. Many members have 10 years in a row and more!! This group is experienced, tight knit and continually watch out for each other. It was a complete delight for me to lead our crew.

This year we had 8 members on the short trip and 24 on the long. Our outbound trip was great as it was uneventful!!!! No flight delays, no missed flights, no missed connections, no lost bags or skis. After about 4 attempts at a headcount in the terminal, we all boarded the coach and did our headcount where I could hold them all in one place!!! No missing



Houstonians!! We were off with all on a Colorado High.

The whole crew was entertained by Barry Caspar's wonderful Geology overview of the Colorado Front Range. No one would let Barry take a break and eventually Barry expanded his session to include ideas on how we can thwart climate change.

Our next event was a quick stop at King Scooper for groceries and Apple Jack's for beverages. I must have been counseled 30 times to not encourage a long stop. 45 minutes tops was the goal set by all. Of course, guess who took the longest?? It was the rookie trip leader who was late as he searched every aisle for the right combo of soft drinks, wine and beer. Then I made a mad dash to King Scooper for our Welcome party supplies. Marilyn Swanson and Janet McKenzie were my guardian angels as we loaded up on high quality, healthy, low cal snacks. We built a menu on the fly and it would have been a 1.5 hour stop without their help.



Shortly, we were at the Lions Square Lodge (LSL). No wonder everyone insisted that I not change the location. LSL provided very spacious and upscale condos with the Gondola outside most of our front doors.

It was so smooth. All bags went to the right rooms and after the usual musical beds everyone was settled in and getting ready for the welcome party to be hosted by Marilyn, Janet and their condo mates; Bobbi and Ron Westendorf, Kasia, Rezmer, David Stotz and Keith Kirkman. Bobbi and Ron are new





members who live in Dallas and are longtime friends of Marilyn Swanson. Everyone loved Bobbi and Ron. Again, I was impressed how everyone was made to feel welcome and watched over.

Our welcome party was great!! Lots of food, wine beer and big smiling faces. We had everyone in one place to distribute our lift tickets and nail down our optional dinner. All was organized and maybe a little loud but our lunch rendezvous points and après ski sites were named and everyone was settling in. Hey, I thought these folks were supposed to be quiet and mostly retired!! I needed a drink and a nap but everyone else was calm, happy, looking at the trail maps and choosing their favorite dinner spots.

Here is a list of what sounded like the favorite restaurants: Lancelot, Montauk, my favorite Sweet Basil, Mo's BBQ, Garfinkles, Bully Ranch, Tavern on the Square and our in house restaurant El Sabor was good for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Barry Caspar

and the Hirasakis go for top notch sushi. Again this year, from Day 1, we had good snow coverage on the front of the mountain and Sun Down Bowl on the backside was open from the beginning of our trip. We have been blessed with good coverage, uncrowded slopes and great grooming at Vail in early December. Of Course the pedestrian nature of Vail makes everything special.

Vail Village can be dangerous for your credit card!!! Here's a picture below of the annual Fur shopping expedition. Please note the red tags on all the furs and think of all the money saved.

David Burrows, Meera Raghavendra invested in lessons and raved about their classes.

All the on mountain restaurants were good but most would agree that Two Elks had the best view and was the least congested.

Tuesday night we had our Vail Happy Hour party.







We had an informally catered Fajita bar, queso, chips and homemade guacamole at El Sabor. Ok, I won't compare Colorado Mexican food to Houston's but it was a great atmosphere, tequila was smooth and it was good to have all our people together.

The hot tub crowd respectfully accepted everyone's ski lies. After a long day and couple of beverages; we all graciously convinced each other that each of us was ready for the pro skiing circuit!!

Barry Caspar again did a great job arranging our group dinner held Wednesday night at The Left Bank Restaurant. The location was on the creek in Vail Village. LB offers fine continental dining and an even better wine list at a first class, formal dining spot in the heart of Vail Village.

Blue Sky Basin opened on Thursday. The snow, especially in the trees, was a real treat. Once Thursday hit, most spent max time on the slopes as our time was winding down.

Friday night we had our leftover party. Later Craig Campbell and Jim Jeans went to the Snow Daze concert in Vail Village to hear Big Head Todd and the Monsters.. You remember Big Head and his big hit Bittersweet?? It was a big young crowd and the aroma of



legalized Cannabis was everywhere. It was funny but we still felt old!

Saturday morning LSL was on the ball with all our bags picked up and stored out of the falling snow. The crew of bellman deserved extra praise as they worked quickly and kept everything dry and organized while we waited for the bus to arrive. Minor issue, no bus!!! 9:30 no bus; 9:45 no bus 10 no bus 10:15 no bus... Now we were all worried as our cell phones were saying that the roads were very slow going into Denver.. 10:35 our bus arrived and our bellmen went to work loading us up pronto. Those guys were great; the bus driver... not so much.. he was 1 hour late. Lesson learned. It was great to again see everyone watching out for each other and helping to pull bags as we headed to our flights. We had time for us all to load onto our United flight. No lost bags or lost skis or lost people.

It was a pleasure to lead this well-seasoned group of courteous, cooperative and happy Space City skiers. Plans are being made for our Vail trip next year. Everyone was truly a big help but Janet McKenzie, Marilyn Swanson and Barry Caspar were indispensable for this rookie TC.. Thanks guys!!!



## Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas

MAY 28-30 – Memorial Day Weekend

Deb Cini – TC

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Join us for our Space City Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas on May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend)! We did this trip two years ago and it was a blast!

We will tour three award –winning vineyards on our Wine Bus and enjoy some music, dancing and lunch at Torre Di Pietro winery on Saturday! Saturday night will be an optional USO style 1940's Hanger Dance at the airport with a big band and optional costume contest! If dancing is not your "thing" there is a Crawfish Festival and plenty of restaurants and live music on Main Street, walking distance from the hotel.

Day two (Sunday) will be on your own to enjoy the Crawfish Festival, World War II reenactment (really cool!) or shopping and dining in Fredericksburg, just steps from our centrally- located hotel. Sunday night we will get back together for a hot tub and wine/beer sharing party (with snacks of course!) on the hotel grounds.

Each attendee will need to book their own hotel at the Fredericksburg Inn, where we have blocked rooms for \$328 (plus tax) for two nights (double occupancy) with the option of two queens or one king bed. There is a two night minimum (Saturday and Sunday to get this club rate). Note: Up to 4 members can share a room if desired but the room should only be booked with your credit card after you have paid for the trip fee.

The trip fee of \$61 includes the Wine Bus transportation on Saturday, snacks and water on the bus, lunch at the winery, transportation to the dance and the hot tub party on Sunday. Optional tickets to the Hanger Dance, WWII reenactment, Nimitz museum, Crawfish Festival may be purchased prior to the trip from us. We are obtaining discounted prices and don't anticipate these to be expensive, most events are around \$7 and the dance approximately \$25. All participants will travel to Fredericksburg on your own or in carpools. The club is not responsible for this travel or liable.

We will have only about 30 spots available on this trip and they will sell out quickly. Flyers will be available at the meeting or happy hours and information on the web site and Facebook page. Sign up on line will start early February. Contact Deb Cini, Trip AC at [Deb@spacecity.org](mailto:Deb@spacecity.org) or 832-528-6125 with questions.

So.....stop "whining" about the cold and let's go "wining" together in May!!



## Crested Butte, CO - CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 6 - 13, 2016

**Betty Donellan - TC**

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

310-702-2090



Betty Donellan

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

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

Crested Butte has plenty to offer everyone, including the longest run at 2.6 miles, Peak to Treasury. From the abundant wide open green and blue groomed trails to more advanced long cruisers and the famous extreme limits of the North Face and Headwall, this mountain truly has it all. The area boasts 23% beginner, 57% intermediate and 20% advanced terrain. That does NOT INCLUDE the EXTREME terrain of the upper steeps which has bowls, chutes, glades and cliff jumps! No wonder this area is host to the Freestyle Championships held here every February. Take a free guided tour of the area or test your relationship with gravity on Rambo, said to be the steepest-cut ski run in North America, at up to 59 degrees in pitch. More than half of Crested Butte's groomed trails, however, are rated intermediate. If fast cruising is your style, there are buffed runs off the Silver Queen Express lift. Crested Butte is well known for the Best Off-Piste and Steeps. The area has 15 lifts with a capacity of 20,310/hr. **NO LIFT LINES AT THIS RESORT.** The lifts run from 9-4 pm with East River and High Lift closing at 3:30pm and North Face closing at 3 pm. There are also two terrain parks, Gold Link and Cascade, part of a complete freestyle haven.

### CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN STATS

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





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

### LODGING: PLAZA CONDOMINIUMS

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



### THE TOWN

No traffic lights, no chain stores, there is a difference here. There are few places remaining that can be called a true Colorado ski town; this one is the way others USED TO LOOK. Look no further because THIS IS Colorado's Last Great Ski Town!! Crested Butte oozes charm as a National Historic District. A Victorian town dating back to the late 1800's, it was a bustling mining town and today it embraces a laid back lifestyle for locals and tourists alike. They come here to ski, others come to experience some of the most extreme skiing in North America, and others come to enjoy all this beautiful area has to offer year round. It is located 231 miles SW of Denver and 28 miles north of Gunnison,







CO.

Beautiful colorful buildings offer the visitor everything from over 40 restaurants and bars, art galleries, and plenty of shopping. You won't go hungry as there is everything from sushi restaurants, many pizza places, and everything in between, and prices are reasonable. There is also live music almost every night so you can dance to your heart's delight at places like Eldo bar or the Princess wine bar. Check out the Ice Bar.

Free shuttles take you to town every 15 minutes until 9:40 pm, then every 30 minutes until midnight. Then, there are taxis to get you back to your home, only minutes away. Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, that is, the mountain area and the town, are everything you seek in a ski town and more, and that includes a local friendly sense of community where you can be as casual as you want and seek as much adventure as you and your body can handle. If this town doesn't stir your inner spirit and sense of adventure, we are not sure what will. Come with us and experience the adventure.

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

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

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

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

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

*Check our website for the latest info.*

## OPTIONAL

### LIFT TICKETS

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

### GROUP DINNER

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

### WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT

Possible Day Trip to Monarch Ski Area-TBD and, of course, the parties. We'll have a welcome party, a dinner party with games and prizes during the week, and an optional dinner at one of the oldest saloons in town. Don't hesitate, be one of the first 25 to book your trip and you'll be entered into a raffle...

SKI YOU SOON!!!!





## Sun Peaks, BC, Canada TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

FEBRUARY 13 - 20, 2016

Dave Stotz - TC

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# SUN PEAKS<sup>™</sup> RESORT

CANADA'S ALPINE VILLAGE



### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

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

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

Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Adam Stein





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

## MOUNTAIN STATS

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

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

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



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



- Deluxe room is approximately 350 sq. ft. and features one king or two double beds.

- Room includes coffee/tea maker with complimentary coffee & tea, hairdryer, beverage cooler, and alarm clock.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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



**DOG SLED TOURS:** If you have never driven a sled pulled by a pack of dogs just raring to run, you don't know what you have missed! All Sleds are guided, but guests are given the option to drive the sled if they wish! Remember, if you're not the lead dog, the view never changes!

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



**LESSONS - WHY TAKE A LESSON:** It's fun and exciting! This is made a top priority at Sun Peaks Resort. Improve your skills. Regardless of your current ability level, you can always learn and improve to better your experience. Build confidence. More confidence will allow you to find more enjoyment in snow sports. Explore more terrain. Learn the skills and confidence to explore every acre of our mountain playground. Make friends. You're sure to meet new people and make friends from around the world.

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

#### AND MANY OTHER OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

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



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

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

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

**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.*

Photo courtesy Sun Peaks/Adam Stein



## Steamboat, CO – CLUB TRIP

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

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Halcyon Learned

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

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

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

### MOUNTAIN STATS

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



Photo courtesy Jim Pierce



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

### **LODGING: THE DULANY AT THE GONDOLA CONDOS**

Comfort and convenience will define our time at Steamboat. We will be staying in the Dulany at the Gondola Condos, a luxury slopeside property in Gondola Square. Complimentary baggage service on arrival and departure, ski lockers, elevators to all floors, and free parking are all provided. Several eateries, bars and shops are nearby, and the complimentary shuttle provides easy access to town, a short ride away.

Fireplaces in all units, free Wi-Fi, en suite washer/dryer and hot tubs for those sore muscles at the end of the day round out the amenities.



### **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.



## THE TOWN OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

*Check our website for the latest info.*

### LAND TRANSFERS

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

## OPTIONAL

### LIFT TICKETS

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



Photo courtesy Dennis Fuster



## Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

MARCH 5 - 12, 2016

### Bill Bomberger - TC

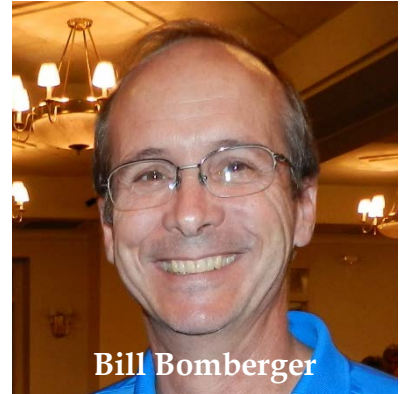
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Bill Bomberger



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).



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## FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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

**Copper Mountain, CO - CLUB TRIP**

MARCH 13 - 17, 2016

TC - TBD



TBD

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

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

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

Amenities include:

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

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

Here are the Resort's statistics:

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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.

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### NEW ZEALAND - LAND OF ADVENTURE

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

### FIRST STOP IS QUEENSTOWN.

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

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







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

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

## SECOND STOP IS MILFORD SOUND

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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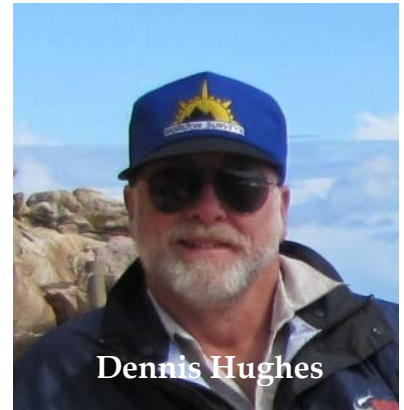
## Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP

AUGUST 20-27, 2016

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







## RED BUS TOUR - GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

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





## SCENIC LIFT AND USFS NATURE CENTER PRESENTATION

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

## ALPINE SLIDE

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

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

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

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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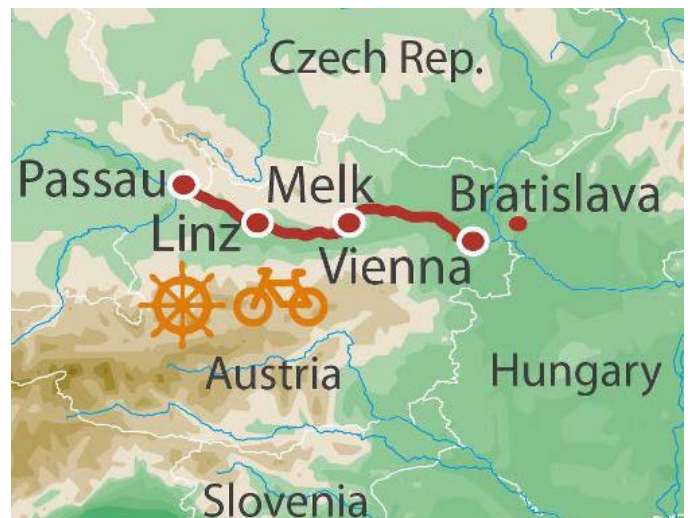


Leyla Ozkardesh & Rita Cardenas

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

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

Please imagine yourself sitting in a café alongside the majestic Danube River, enjoying a snack, wine or espresso with your friends. Your bike is just outside, waiting to take you further along your journey of cycling the most famous bicycle path in Europe, passing castles, monasteries, vineyards and more. And





knowing that after each day's ride, you will join your TSC friends onboard the boat for dinner, drinks and stories of the day's adventure. Sound good? Then this might just be the cycling-themed holiday you've been dreaming about!

### DAY 1 - PASSAU

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



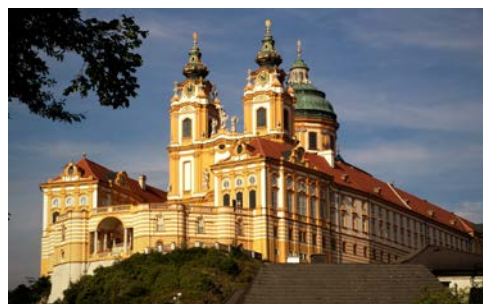
### DAY 2 - MAUTHAUSEN TO GREIN (22 MILES)

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



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

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



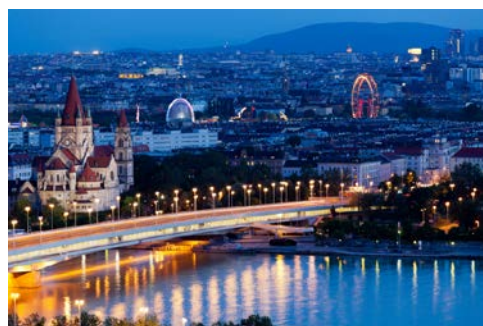
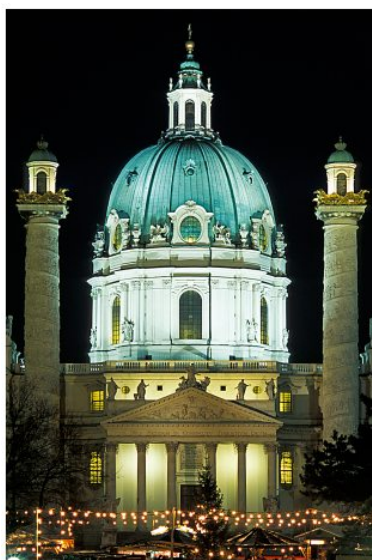
### DAY 4 - TULLN ONTO VIENNA (22 MILES)

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



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

A day to explore beautiful Vienna - an abundance of sights! Famous sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the city hall and the world's oldest Ferris wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cozy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern. An optional Waltz and Opera concert at the Hofburg is offered.





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

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

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

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

**DAY 8 – PASSAU**

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

**RENTAL BICYCLES INCLUDED**

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

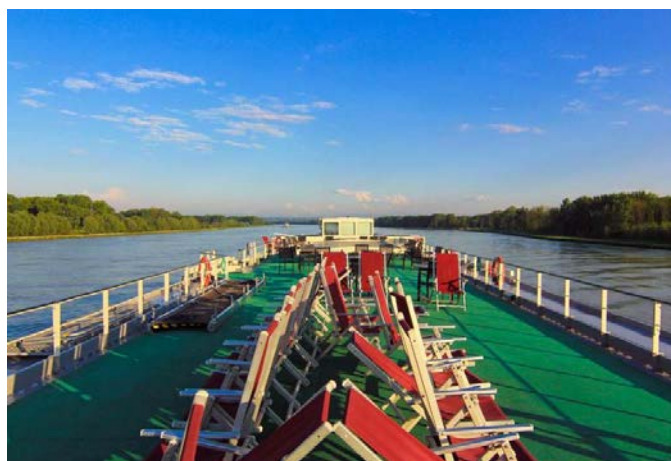
**LODGING**

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

The outside cabins are about 97 sq ft of space. There are individual fresh air controls plus a central AC / heating, shower and WC, Satellite TV, hair dryer and roomy cupboards. All cabins are equipped with two lower beds, one of which can be folded against the wall during the day to provide a homier atmosphere.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

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



## TRANSPORTATION

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

*Check our website to the latest info.*

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

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

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

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

## DANUBE BOAT/BIKE TOUR EXTENSIONS

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

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



- Sept 23 Tour Budapest by bus whole day program (no lunch included)
- Sept 23 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 24 Breakfast at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 24 Explore Budapest on your own
- Sept 24 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 25 Transfer from Budapest hotel to Passau pier (~6-7 hrs) by bus & 1 guide per bus

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

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



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

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

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

### Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

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



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

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

## Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

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

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

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

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

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

### Participant #1

### Participant #2

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

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

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

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

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

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**Please check one:**

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

**Please check one:**

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

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

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

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

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

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