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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

What a way to start our 2017/2018 Space City Ski and Adventure Club's trip sign ups, activities and meetings.



I hope that all of you have survived the storm that hit Houston. Sharon and I were stranded in North Carolina for 6 days waiting for the airports to re-open so I could get home and survey the damage. We also had members on the Iceland trip in a similar situation trying to get home. I do know that some of you had some serious damage to your homes and cars. That some of you needed some assistance in the clean up.

But, there is not a good effective way for a volunteer organization like Space City Ski and Adventure Club to offer assistance to help everyone in a fair and equitable manner.

This is a no win situation. Unfortunately, someone would end up being left out or someone will get a perceived extra benefit that someone else did not receive. That is why there was not an effort by the club to advertise any type of assistance program or network. I do know via some e-mails that our membership did give a lot of assistance through our friendships within the club.

Now the hard part for those of you with damage: the waiting for everything to happen and everything to get fixed. This is going to take a long time due to the massive amount of damage that the Houston area received. This will be in months, not days and even going into years.

If you are signed up for any trip and have some issues, please contact your trip leader for assistance. Your lives are the most important thing after a storm like this one.

Join us at our happy hours and general meetings to help get all of our lives back to something we enjoy.  
OUR FRIENDSHIPS.



## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

By now, we are past the initial trauma and devastation of Hurricane Harvey. If you were affected by the wind or water, our collective hearts go out to you, with prayers for strength and courage to face the challenges before you.



One of the impacts to all of us has been travel in the city. With many of the main arteries impassible, traffic has been a nightmare. In hopes of improving conditions, the 2017-2018 SCSC kick-off meeting was rescheduled to September 18, still at the Hess Club. Hope you were able to attend. This first meeting of the fall gave you access to trips leaders and information about the outstanding slate of trips for 2017-2018. The trip leaders are available to answer questions and generally get you fired up and refocused on the ski and adventure trips that we are offering.

The ski trips opened for registration August 13, and the three adventure trips opened for registration September 12. The full slate of trips is below. Many of the trips still have open spaces, but if your preferred trip/trips are full – don't give up. Please join the wait list. If there are cancellations, you will be positioned to snag the open places.

Trip	Schedule	TC	Full Pkg	Land
Vail	Dec 9-16, 2017	Dave Stotz	N/A	\$1,404
Steamboat	Jan 13-20, 2018	Kate MacDougall	\$1,381	\$892
Crested Butte	Jan 20-27, 2018	Betty Donellan	\$1,366	\$907
TSC Cortina	Jan 26-Feb 3, 2018	Ali Pethick	\$2,228	\$1,346
Big Sky	Jan 27-Feb 3, 2018	Cindy Moore	\$1,449	\$961
SLC Sampler	Feb 3-10, 2018	Arlen Isham	\$1,086	\$660
Beaver Creek	Feb 10-17, 2018	Thuy Rocque	\$1,243	\$1,004
Snowmass	Mar 3-10, 2018	Ann Dorn	\$1,171	\$876
China	May 16-25, 2018	Jill Nanney	\$2,115	Limited See TC
Croatia Bike	June 23-30, 2018	Rita Cardenas Leyla Ozkardesh	\$2,488	N/A
Patagonia	Oct. 17-26, 2018	Sarah Granbery	\$4,029	\$2,296

As you can see, Space City is offering a fabulous variety of destinations. Don't miss out on your favorite trip – sign up early!!

Hang in there Houston!!

# HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF OUR MEMBERS!!

I had this request in last month's Sitzmarke but had no replies so I am trying again, otherwise we will forget these 2 events. I would like to plan a bike ride in November but I need someone to run it. George Lopez talked to me about how much fun we had a long time ago when SCSC ran a road rally every year. These are really a lot of fun but it takes someone who knows how to organize and run it. I went on them, but I have no idea how to set it up. Anyone willing to step up to the challenge, please contact me!! If anyone has any ideas for new activities please contact me at [burchlynn@hotmail.com](mailto:burchlynn@hotmail.com). They cannot be overnight because that falls into trips.



We had 16 people attend the Stages play Always... Patsy Cline and had a great time. Bil Cusack ran the event and had everyone meet at Pimlico for a bite and a drink before we went to see the play. Bil had been in the play as the piano player years ago and was anxious to see it again.



August 19, there were 24 members who had dinner at Carrabba's and enjoyed the company of fellow SCSCer's and had a wonderful meal. The monthly dinners have turned out to be a big success. The September dinner had been planned for Union Kitchen on Memorial for September 23 but unfortunately they were in the flood area so it had to be cancelled. We will reschedule there in the spring.

The Happy Hour at Churrasco's in Memorial City was well



attended considering there were a lot of members who were away in Iceland and Norway. The September Happy Hour is at Beaver's on Westheimer September 28 and I will report on it in the November Sitzmarke. I will also report on the Skeeter's baseball game in the November Sitzmarke.

October activities include : Please go to our home page and sign up.

We were having a hike at Hershey Park in October but since the park is flooded, we will have to find a new place. Look at website for updates.

Dance classes are on hold until the roads open back up and it is easier to get there. Watch the website for dates.

The October Happy Hour is at FM Kitchen and Bar on Shepherd.

The October Dinner is at Rudi Lechner's for Octoberfest.

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

I handed out our schedule of events for September thru December at the September meeting.

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



## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Invite new people to join Space City Ski & Adventure Club and you could win a great prize! We have terrific prizes for current SCSC members in good standing who get the most new members to join our wonderful club. The Contest began September 1st and will end October 31, 2017. The winners will be announced at the November meeting. There will be a drawing in the event of a tie.



- First prize -- \$50 trip (or activity) credit to the member that brings in the most new members (Sept - Oct 31st)
- Second prize - one year free membership.

In order to get credit for the new membership, be sure the person you recruit types your name on their online application as the person who referred them to SCSC. You are welcome to

email [membership@spacecity.org](mailto:membership@spacecity.org) with any questions. We also have SCSC business cards available that you can have to give out to new prospective members. On the back of each card there is a place for you to add your name (and your contact information, if you desire). If any of those people join SCSC, you will get credit toward the contest. See me or Lynn Burch at the meetings and happy hours to get some business cards.

The 2017 SCSC directors and officers are not eligible to win this contest.

Now, go out and get those new members to sign on the dotted line! Good luck!

Enroll online [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org)

“Join” tab, “Membership” tab

Select Single 1 year \$40, or Dual 1 year membership \$70.

Or select a three year option \$99 single/\$189 dual membership.

Pay by credit card.

Complete the online application and membership profile.

For membership questions, contact Anne Thomas:

[Membership@SpaceCity.org](mailto:Membership@SpaceCity.org)

## ICELAND TRIP REPORT BY JAN FERRELL

Iceland—what a trip! I'd like to think of it as a great dinner at a lovely restaurant. We had an appetizer (New York City), main course (Iceland) and an outstanding dessert (Bergen, Norway).

### Let's start with the appetizer—The Big Apple.

Eight folks took advantage of the pre-trip to New York City. Ron and Roberta Rambin, Sandy Schneider, Cindy Harvey, Penny Chancey, and me, along with Frank Yu and Sue Ann Chu. Another member, Bill Brown, was in the area and hung out with us.

We stayed at the Millennium Broadway right on Times Square within walking distance of Broadway and Central Park. The weather could not have been better. Sandy and Cindy bought tickets to “Hamilton” about a year ago and thought it was terrific. Bill snagged tickets to “Chicago”. For those who did, visiting the 9/11 memorial, museum and the Freedom Tower was a very personal experience. Frank found an artist in Central Park from his own village in China (can you believe that?) who sketched a picture for him. What a



small world. It was unreal how crowded Times Square got starting around 2 pm. Roberta and I could not wait to make it through to

the hotel. Whew! Roberta is an avid walker and was up early to enjoy New York without the crowds. Ron is not an early riser so slept in until she returned. Wise move.

### On to the main course—Iceland.

For the New Yorkers, it was to be a short trip to the Reykjavik airport. Well, that did not happen. After boarding, Delta informed us that there was a mechanical problem so we returned to the gate. We were due to fly out at 9 pm. We left somewhere around 7 am the next morning. It's called a creeping delay. About every 30 – 40 minutes, we would get an announcement that “it will be about another 30 – 40 minutes”. Sleeping on the floor at the airport is not exactly how you want to spend an evening. Ask any of the New York contingent about their experience and the food Delta provided. I personally crashed about 3 am. We finally arrived around 5 pm in Reykjavik. Those of us from NYC missed the Blue Lagoon but heard everyone really enjoyed it. Ask Ellen Eastham about the condition of her hair after a visit to the lagoon.

The core trip to Iceland left on the 21st. Thank you, Marsha Lutz, for making sure everyone was accounted for and arrived in Reykjavik





safely.

On our Iceland trip, we had members from Littleton, CO, Charlene Baca, a member from El Paso, Young Jackson, another from Maine, Betsy Kyle, and Mariette Allan from New York City along with Michelle Cowart and Darla Lemaire from Beaumont.

Members from our Houston club included Joan Waddill, Lori Albrecht, Barbara Carlson, Charlene Baca, Andy and Jenny Berg, Bill Brown, Penny Chancey, Michelle Ellen Eastham and Tom Danowski, Barbara Della Longa, Bob Fried, Betty Gosse, Dave and Diane Gresko, Cindy Harvey, Sandy Schneider, Jim Hassing and Vivian Wang, Jim Hodges and Marina Wang, Vicki

Cowart, Darla Lemaire, Ellen Eastham and Tom Danowski, Barbara Della Longa, Bob Fried, Betty Gosse, Dave and Diane Gresko, Cindy Harvey, Sandy Schneider, Jim Hassing and Vivian Wang, Jim Hodges and Marina Wang, Vicki Jud, Joan Korpall, Marsha Lutz, Ann Rogers, Shirley Machleit, Brian and Nancy Reagan, Nancy Richards, Beverly and Charlie Roberts, Dave and Diane Stotz and Jo Ann Zemlicka.



Dave and Diane Gresko made reservations far in advance to dine at 2 lovely restaurants in both Reykjavik and Bergen. Good planning!



The second day in Reykjavik found several of us going whale watching where we saw whales, seals and porpoises in the fjords. The weather could not have been

better for photos.

Because of the size of our group, we were able to have a bus of our own. We had a dedicated tour guide and driver for the duration of the trip. A highlight of the trip was a visit to a horse farm with a demonstration. Icelandic horses are world famous for their “fifth gait”. They look like they are floating.



We saw stunning waterfalls, geysers and a black sand beach. The Icelanders are friendly and helpful and, thank heavens, they speak excellent English, as their language is impossible.

On August 29th, many of us were to return home. Hurricane Harvey had already camped out over Houston and there was no getting in as the airports were closed. All of us were worried



about family, friends and our homes. Many hours were spent with our tour operator trying to get us back home. Most of us went to Minneapolis and then on to other locations.

Sandy Schneider was a great guide for the folks in Minneapolis. I call her my “wing man”. I am very grateful for her help. Thanks, Sandy!

**Next is dessert—Bergen, Norway.**

Bergen was and is very special. It's large enough to have a lot





bus ride and a boat through the fjords. Our bus driver had nerves of steel but you could tell it wasn't his first rodeo.

Strolling through the fish market, eating outside at one of the many cafes, enjoying the nightlife and shopping made our visit extraordinary. Put it on your bucket list.

Eventually it was time to return home but we carry with us great memories and photos of an exceptional trip with friends.

*Thanks for being part of it--Jan*

of places to visit and outstanding restaurants, and small enough to feel the warmth of the people and the beauty and charm of the city. Pictures do not do justice to the city and its surroundings. Most of us took the Norway in a Nutshell tour. That was thanks to Ellen Eastham and her Norwegian friend, Rigmor, who brought it to our attention. We travelled by train, a hair-raising



## NOTICE:

We will only process Deposits via Paypal and your credit cards. Final Payments and trip options must be paid by check.

This is due to technical issues with our club website software and how it calculates outstanding balances. We have requested that the software company revise the way this calculation is handled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

### Vail – Like No Other Place on Earth

December 9-16, 2017

Land only \$1404 (no full packages)

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



Photographer: Daniel Milchev

At 5,289 acres, Vail is the largest single Ski Mountain in North America, featuring seven powdery bowls, the back-country skiing of Blue Sky Basin and the front side. 1,500 acres of “corduroy” each day means the most groomed terrain on the planet. Combined with a yearly average of 346

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



Photographer: Jack Affleck

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

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?** Vail consistently has good early season snowfall. While there are never any

guarantees when the weather is involved, you are highly likely to enjoy good conditions at Vail in early December.

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

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



Photographer: Jack Affleck

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

## Steamboat Resort – TSC Traditional Ski Trip

January 13-20, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 day adult—\$360

4 day adult—\$419 (This is an Epic 4 day season pass product, best value)

5 day adult—\$545

6 day adult—\$630

3 day senior—\$330 (senior defined as 65 and older)

4 day senior—\$416

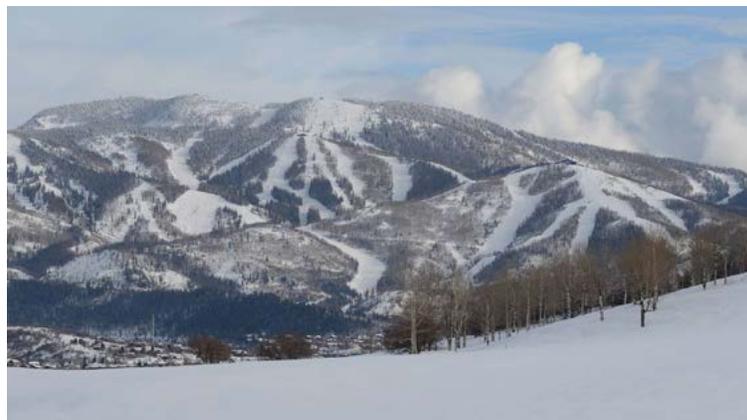
5 day senior—\$495

6 day senior—\$570

Epic Pass—\$819

Epic Local Pass—\$599

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Crested Butte

January 20-27, 2018

Full Pkg: \$1366 Land Only \$907

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



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



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

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

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



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

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

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

**What Else to Expect:**

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

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**SKI YOU SOON!!!!**

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

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

Full Pkg \$1449 Land only \$961

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

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

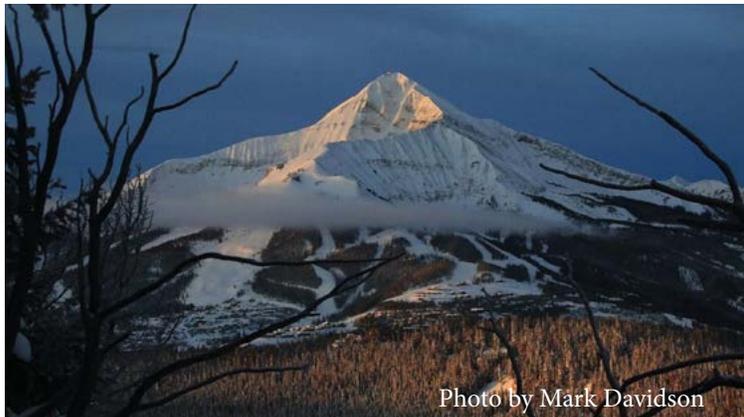


Photo by Mark Davidson

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

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

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



Photo by Jeff Engerbretson

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

**THE RESORT STATISTICS:**

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



Photo by Big Sky Resort

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

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

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

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



Photo by Jacob W. Frank

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

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

# Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# SLC Utah Ski Sampler

Feb 3 -10, 2018

Full Pkg \$1100 Land Only \$700 (subject to slight change)

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SKI UTAH – THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH! Ski the fabulous snow of Snowbird, Alta, Deer Valley, Park City, Canyons, Solitude and Brighton – all during a one-week ski club trip. You have the opportunity and challenge of skiing a different resort every day.

We will fly to Salt Lake City on an American flight leaving Houston on Saturday morning at a great 10:25 a.m. flight. (No early morning!) and arriving Salt Lake in the midafternoon. On arrival, we will be taking vans and a shuttle to our accommodations located in Midvale. This is close to both Cottonwood Canyons. That will leave time on Saturday for getting settled-in, picking up discounted rental skis, and joining your ski friends for a Saturday evening welcome party.

Our American departure flight on Saturday, Feb 10 leaves Salt Lake around noon arriving Houston IAH late afternoon.

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

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

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

The Homewood Suites are located 15 miles from the Cottonwood Canyon ski areas and 32 miles from the Park City Areas. On the days we ski the Cottonwood Canyon areas (Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude) we can take the Utah Transit Authority “ski bus” or use the two 15 passenger vans rented for the entire week for our convenience located at our hotel. Our discounted lift tickets from UTA include complimentary access to the UTA ski bus, with its bus stop very close to Homewood Suites. Ski shuttles run frequently during ski season and you will be able to depart and return as you wish. Our two 15 passenger vans will give us great convenience for either trips to the resorts or for use in Midvale. For the day trips to Park City and Deer Valley the club will use the rented 15-passenger vans. Lift ticket prices are not yet confirmed, but they will be discounted. Join a group that will have fun, great snow, at a great price.



# TSC Winter Shoot Out Beaver Creek

Feb 10-17, 2018

Full Pkg \$1245 Land Only \$1004

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## Beaver Creek

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

February 10-17, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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# Snowmass, Colorado

March 3-10, 2018

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

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## WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# CROATIA BOAT & BIKE TOUR

## NATIONAL PARKS OF DALMATIA

JUNE 22 – JUNE 30 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ABOUT THIS TRIP

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



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

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

Come bike in Croatia, land of a thousand islands!

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Individual travel to Split Airport

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

## SKILL LEVEL

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

## ITINERARY

Day 1: Trogir – Rogoznica

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

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

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

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

Day 6: Krka Waterfalls – Šibenik - Zlarin Island

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

Day 8: Trogir, disembarkation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After breakfast, we disembark and head home.

**Changes**

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

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

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

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

**OUR BIKES**

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

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

# EXPERIENCE CHINA

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

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

May 16-25, 2018

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

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## Trip at a glance

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

## Day-By Day Itinerary

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TSC Patagonia

October 17-26, 2018

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

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

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**PATAGONIA?** Uh sure, but where exactly is Patagonia? According to Wikipedia and a few of our well-traveled members, it is a region shared by Argentina and Chile at the southern tip of South America.

TSC has chosen Patagonia as the destination for the 2018 Summer Expedition. This exotic adventure includes stops in Santiago, Punta Arenas, Torres del Paine, Perito Moreno

Glacier, and El Calafate. The main trip is scheduled to leave Houston October 17th and return October 26, 2018. Also offered are a pre-trip to Easter Island (Oct. 14-18) and a post-trip in the wine region of Mendoza, Argentina (Oct. 24-28).

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

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



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

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



<b>EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR</b>	
October 11, 18, 25 November 1	“Two Step Dance Classes”- Wednesdays
October 14	Hike with Don Macken Place to be Determined Later
October 21	Dinner at Rudi Lechner’s
October 26	Happy Hour at FM Kitchen & Bar on Shepherd

## \$TELLAR TRACKING

### 2016-17 Financial Results

Once again, Space City Ski & Adventure Club has had a successful year, providing 10 trips and 18 non-ski activities for our members to enjoy. Below is a link to our financial statements.

2016-17 Financial Statements  
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## October Happy Hour

# FM

## KITCHEN AND BAR

1112 SHEPHERD  
(Between Center & Nett)  
Couple of blocks off Washington



### HAPPY HOUR OCTOBER 26 5PM to 8 PM

\$1.00 off drinks on tap until 7.  
Cocktails on tap: FMargarita- Watermelon Mule -  
Peach Mule - FM punch and  
Farmhouse tea (with whiskey)  
Wine is \$7.00 glass Lots of choices.

All sorts of food from  
Bites, Soups and Salads, Burgers to Plates  
all at very reasonable prices.

Plenty of parking, a lot beside them  
and a lot behind



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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

6:30-8:30pm Monday  
October 9, 2017

### LIVE OAK BAR AND GRILL

10444 Hempstead Road  
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Don't miss the October 9 General Meeting at Live Oak  
Bar and Grill. Mingle, eat and drink with your friends  
and possibly win a great gift card door prize!

Easy to find outside of the 610 Loop, West of Hwy 290,  
on Hempstead Road just west of Dacoma.