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Featuring the 2018-2019 Trips

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FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY JAN FERRELL, PRESIDENT

Summer time and the livin' is easy---as long as you are in air conditioning. Whew!



Be sure to check out Beverly's trip article as it will tell you when registration will open for our outstanding slate of trips.

Our next meeting will be September 10th at Dave and Busters from 6:30 – 8:30. It's located at 6010 Richmond with plenty of parking and great food. We will still gather at happy hours, activities and club dinners. All our trips will be showcased and you'll have a chance to chat with the trip coordinators.

A little trivia--Cervinia, Italy opened last weekend for skiing and in Blackcomb, British Columbia the glaciers are open for freestyle camps. If any of you are going to that camp, tell me and I will be there to video it for the club. Ski season is approaching, folks.

Think snow! Jan.

COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

We are a blowin' and a goin' at the trip desk! In this edition of the Sitzmarke, you will get your first detailed descriptions of the ski trips and the adventure trips that are lined up for the 2018-2019 travel season. After you read the articles, you will be in the predicament that I am in – soooo many fabulous choices!! I wanna be a millionaire and go everywhere!! There is something (many things!!) for everyone. There are domestic ski trips in Colorado, Idaho and Montana. For the international flavor, consider Japan - a really unique ski and travel experience. We'll be traveling with the Dallas and Austin ski clubs. And for a different international experience, you can join the Clear Lake club for the TSC Winter Expedition trip to Zermatt, Switzerland. Check everything out, and be ready to **sign up for your preferred trips on August 13 at 7pm. Yup, 8/13 at 7!!** That's when the ski trips will open up



for registration. First come, first served!! Remember - you **MUST** be a current, paid-up SCSC member to sign up for the trips. So, if you haven't renewed your SCSC membership – you better get on it, buddy, or you'll be left in the dust (snow?)

After ski season, don't worry – the fun goes on!! We have three wonderful luxury/adventure trip options, beginning in May 2019.

- For the first time in several years, the club is sponsoring a summer/beach vacation. But not just any beach – this is a luxury, all adult vacation resort in Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic. Punta Cana is the hot new summer vacation destination – Mastercard recently announced that Punta Cana is the number one summer travel destination for adventure and play.

- Next, the club is offering another one of those bucket list trips – Enchanting Peru. You will visit Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca. This will be a limited-size group – don't miss your chance on this.

- To complete the 2019 travel year, we have a fabulous TSC land-cruise combo trip to Portugal. You begin your adventure with two days in Lisbon, and then board a river boat for a luxury 7-day cruise on the Duoro River. Complete this trip with the optional extension to Barcelona, and you will have a truly memorable travel experience.

All of the trips combine excitement and value. Don't miss your chance to join your friends on the trips of your choice. Sign up early and often!!

In addition to all the articles for the upcoming trips, don't forget to read the article on the May trip to China. It was a spectacular trip – if you didn't go, read and weep!!

Finally, don't forget – we still have one trip to go for the 2018 travel season. Patagonia leaves in October. Check with Sarah Granbery for any last-minute availability.

Administrative Guidance Needed

Quick Books expert for some advice on running our club.

One board member, ex-officers/director & four members for a restructuring committee. Preferably members that have not been officers in SCSC, but with business experience.

If interested, please call me.

Bill Bomberger

SCSC Chairman of the Board

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HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

Dance classes are on every Wednesday. Michael is teaching different dances every couple of months, he started Salsa in June and will keep going on that dance for a while and then switch to another type. So far this year he has taught Waltz, Cha Cha and now Salsa.



The Happy Hour on May 31 at Rainbow Lodge was a huge success again. We had 50 to 60 people attend and it is such a pretty place.

On June 7, we had 16 of us go to see The Great American Trailer Park Musical at Stages theatre which was funny and very cute. I think everyone enjoyed it a lot.



A Wine tasting at Total Wine was held on Saturday June 9. We had 21 people attend and really learned a lot. This year we tasted European wines at a little higher price point.



We had 28 go to dinner at Moxie's in the Galleria area on June 16. It was a really nice restaurant and the food was very good.



I added a Game Night with board games at a new place we found called Tea + Victory. We had 17 members attend and it was a lot of fun, two groups played Mexican Train and another group

played Rummikub. It was decided to have a Game Night once a month. I have added it to be on the last Tuesday of each month. There are hundreds of games to choose from and a game master to teach you how to play them. We also had a Game Day on July 10 for the ones of us who are retired and had 8 members come and we learned a new game that could be played easily with 8 people. At the end, 5 of us stayed and played a couple of games of Rummikub. We had a great time and decided to have it once a month during the day as well as the night one.

Happy Hour on June 28 at Upstairs Bar and Lounge in Rice Village got to be a little warm as they put us on the upstairs patio. Even though it was covered and had fans, it got to be rather warm. Some members went inside to keep cool but it was a nice place.

We were worried the Dock Party at the Dale's Kemah house would get cancelled because of all the rain but the weather stayed dry and it was a fun time. Less people than last year but really a more manageable crowd. Plenty of food, drinks, and fireworks.

20 members went to the Astro's game against the Detroit Tigers on Friday July 13.

Our July dinner was at Sinh Sinh Chinese/Vietnamese restaurant in Chinatown on Bellaire off Beltway 8. The July Happy Hour was at the Tasting Room at Uptown Park.

Volunteer Party is July 28 and by now all volunteers should have received their invitation. If you did not receive one but still want to come to the party, you can sign up on the website and pay \$15. You must sign up in advance, no paying at the door.

In August, we have sailing on Galveston Bay on August 4, a Bowling Tournament on August 12, Game Day on August 14, our August Dinner at Café Adobe on August 18, Happy Hour at Brio's on August 23, the Galveston Sand Castle on August 25 and Game Night on August 28.

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

Thank you to all the members who participate in the events, as long as you keep coming and signing up for activities we will keep having them and adding new ones.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

-- Where are you???

We had a strong renewal rate this year however, as of this writing, there are 132 "Expired Members" or 132 former members that have not yet renewed their membership. Too



bad, so sad.....they are missing out on many members' only benefits:

- New for our September Kick Off meeting - 1 FREE DRINK ticket before 7pm. This is a gift to paid members from our President, Jan Farrell, as a thank you for membership support of SCSC.
- Odd, cool & interesting door prizes at the General Meetings.
- \$50 to \$75 trip registration credits to be awarded through December.
- Early access to trip and activity information.
- Trip registration is limited to current members - it may sell out before your last minute application is processed.
- Members have the ability to register online starting August 13th.
- Sense of belonging to an organization which shares your interests: ski/snowboarding trips in the US and international location, overnight adventure trips, cool local Houston events, dancing and lots of Happy Hours!

At the May general meeting:

- Jan Farrell won the international ski assortment - shopping bag, stickers, big pad of paper with cover, Buff head cover and neck warmer - woo hoo She's ready for another international venture! Leslie Cashio is ready too as she won a new Passport Cover.
- Dana Wardell snagged a bag of "wicked" chocolate covered snacks .
- A deserving sun lover won a beach mat and sun-glass croakies.
- Congrats to Pat Salinas - \$75 trip credit - She's ready to register for another fun adventure.

To renew or apply for Membership - www.spacecity.org
Membership tab on the left , Member sign up
Pay online with credit card - VISA and Discover Card preferred.
\$40 for individual; \$70 for couple/dual

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2018

No Monthly Meetings During the Summer

July 25 to August 22	Dance Lessons every Wednesday
July 28	Volunteer Party
August 4	Sailing on Galveston Bay
August 12	Bowling Tournament at Del Mar Lanes
August 13-7pm	TRIP SIGNUP BEGINS!
August 14	Game Day at Tea + Victory
August 18	Dinner at Café Adobe I10 & Wirt
August 23	Happy Hour Brio's at City Center
August 25	Galveston Sand Castle Competition
August 28	Game Night at Tea + Victory

Ni Hao (Hello)!

Our incredible journey began as we met at the airport for a 1:00 am Air China direct flight on May the 16th. We arrived in Beijing early on Thursday the 17th, and since it would be awhile before our rooms were ready, we opted for a tour to the Temple of Heaven.



A place where many locals gather in the surrounding park for Tai Chi, board games, line dancing, badminton and more. Then we were on our way to the Beijing Zoo to see adorable pandas lunching on bamboo. That night we enjoyed a welcome dinner hosted by Li Bo (American name Oscar), our fabulous tour guide. It was the first of many Chinese “Lazy Susan” meals where sticky rice and assorted bowls of chicken, beef and vegetables were served. Since the bowls seemed to keep coming, it was at first difficult to know when the meal would end. Eventually they served watermelon for dessert and we learned (just like “the opera ain’t over ‘til the fat lady sings”), that the meal is over once the watermelon is served!



Our first full day in Beijing started with one of the daily full breakfasts, including Chinese and Western style. Luckily the sky was clear due to rain the day before and we were off to visit the famous Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, an architectural masterpiece and home to the National Palace Museum.



We were pleased to find a 4-star bathroom – Western style, with paper and a lid! After lunch and a stop at a pearl store where we saw a fresh water pearl demonstration (20 pearls in one oyster!) we traveled to the Summer Palace where we rode a dragon boat to the summer resort of the Empress Dowager.

On Saturday, May 19, we ventured outside the city - after a quick “shoppertunity” at a jade store - to the legendary Great Wall which extends nearly 4000 miles. Thirteen of us climbed to the top of the wall which was a challenge in itself. Afterwards, my tracker had recorded 2.8 miles walked, 7221 steps and 49 flights climbed, whew! At the base, we got to enjoy bargaining with the local vendors selling a variety of Chinese souvenirs.



Next, we visited the Ming Tombs, a burial site of 13 Emperors of the Ming Dynasty. In the evening, we enjoyed a Peking Duck dinner followed by a “Legend of Kung Fu” show, featuring music and martial arts at the Red Theater.

On Sunday, we ventured out to Beijing’s ancient back alleys and took a Pedicab ride before having lunch in a family home in Hutong where we were surprised with a show by “Mr. Cricket”.



We then stopped at the Beijing Tong Ren Tang Pharmacy of Traditional Chinese Medicine for a foot reflexology massage. The next day, we boarded our short flight to Xian, the ancient capital of China for eleven dynasties. It was Monday the 21st when we got to experience 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. At night we enjoyed a delicious dumpling dinner prior to a spectacular folklore show featuring music, dances and costumes from the Tang Dynasty.



In the morning, we visited the Tangbo Art Museum to learn calligraphy of Chinese characters before we were off to the airport for our flight to Shanghai.



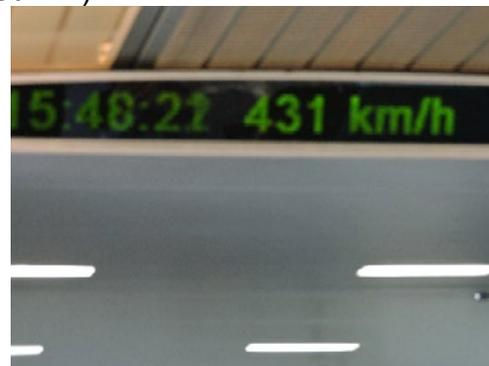
On Wednesday, May 23, we embarked on a guided stroll down the Bund, the bustling waterfront along the Huangpu River, then visited Chinatown before we strolled through the scenic ponds, pavilions and walkways of the 16th century Yu Yuan Garden.



We had a tea ceremony at the Yu Shanghai Tea House before some had lunch at a local noodle house (others opted to try a taste of home at the local McDonald's).



Our afternoon excursion took us to the former French Concession, a premier residential and retail district of Shanghai, before we went to the MagLev (Magnetic Levitation) Train station where we took a short ride on the world's fastest train, topping out at 431 km/h or 268 mph. After dinner, we got to experience the breathtaking performance of the renowned Shanghai Acrobats (sorry, no photos allowed! :)



On our final day, we journeyed about two hours outside the city to the charming, canal laced Suzhou often called the Venice of the East. We took a short cruise on the ancient "Grand Canal" then a walk of the old town. Next, we visited a silk factory followed by lunch and a visit to the Master of Nets Garden, one of Suzhou's most famous Chinese gardens.



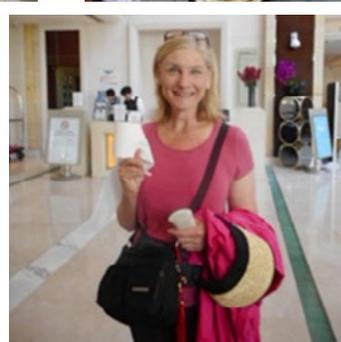
We had a final delicious dinner with the locals, our last “Lazy Susan” meal of the trip. Afterwards, many of us opted for a nighttime Huangpu River Cruise, the cherry on the sundae to top off this incredible adventure!



We departed Friday, May 25 for our return flight home.

I think everyone would tell you that this tour exceeded all expectations. A ding ding hao (wonderful) trip! It was a pleasure to be the trip leader for this group of 22 accomplished travelers (or “Smart People” as referred to by our exceptional tour guide): Vicki Faulkner, Pat Musemeche, Ross Baker, Craig Campbell, Cecilia Newburn, Sandy Schneider, Ron Rambin, Roberta Rambin, Jo Ann Zemlicka, Alan Simpson, Diane Stotz, David Stotz, Kim Hlavinka, Anne “Pearls” Thomas, Patricia Salinas, Sandy Upchurch, Patti Richards, Tom Hogle, Terry Gray, Beverly Vosko, Alice Allbritton and Dale Albritton.

We would recommend you all take the opportunity to visit China one of these days. The Chinese aren’t much on wine or desserts, but there’s always plenty of beer, lots of watermelon, abundant flowers (not to mention bicycles), friendly folks (who loved taking pictures with tourists) and much much to see. Just don’t forget your hat and other “essentials”!



VAIL – the Best Skiing on Earth

December 8-15, 2018

Land only - \$1,439

(single supplement \$1,409 with group bus, \$1,312 without bus)

TC Kasia Rezmer vail@spacecity.org



Photographer: Kasia Rezmer

At 5,289 acres, Vail is the largest single Ski Mountain in North America, featuring seven powdery bowls, the backcountry 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. Vail is certainly the largest ski mountain in North America, stretching seven miles from east to west and 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.



Photographer: Kasia Rezmer

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 2 bedroom condos. Lodging

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. 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!



WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE? This is a land only trip, so it includes your round-trip bus transportation from Denver International Airport to Vail, seven nights accommodation at Lion Square Lodge and a Welcome party on Saturday night. You will need to arrange your own round trip airfare tickets to Denver. Please make sure that you get air that arrives in Denver no later than 11 am on Dec 8, 2018, and leaves no earlier than 2 pm on Dec 15, 2018. The travel agent that we are using for this trip can also arrange airfare for you (contact details below).

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. Please go to their website (www.chartersports.com/lion-square-lodge) or call 970-476-8813, and reserve your equipment to ensure they will have what you want when we get there.

LIFT TICKETS: For individual lift tickets or an Epic Pass, please contact Randall Howard at SnowVentures directly. His office phone is 800-845-7157 Ext: 3502, and his mobile is 970-390-4706.

LIFT TICKET COSTS	
3/7 day adult—\$372	Senior (65 and older)
4/7 day adult—\$439	3/7 day senior—\$342
5/7 day adult—\$565	4/7 day senior—\$432
6/7 day adult—\$689	5/7 day senior—\$515
Epic Pass \$899 club price \$839	6/7 day senior—\$588
Epic Local Pass \$669 club price \$629	

BIG SKY. BIG ADVENTURE. BIG FUN!

Let's do it AGAIN!

TSC Traditional: Big Sky
Jan 5, 2019 – Jan 12, 2019

If you have never experienced Big Sky, Montana, this is the opportunity you have been waiting for to play in the snow with your TSC and Space City friends at a fantastic price and amazing Ski playground! Due to the success of last season's trip, SCSC is excited that the Texas Ski Council decided on Big Sky as the destination for the TSC Traditional trip. It's not to be missed!. We are staying at the fabulous Huntley Lodge, a slope side hotel within an easy 1 minute walk to the main Explorer lift. The resort has a spa on-site, hot tubs for after apres additional enjoyment, mountain side shops, mini grocery store for healthy snacks and items, Ski sporting store, restaurants as well as Starbucks! The free bus shuttle every 15 minutes offers easy transportation into downtown Big Sky, where you will find more shopping and local eateries. Big Sky is your answer to easiest attitude adjustment as we stay at 7510 feet above sea level vs. the 10,000 to 12,000 feet of many Colorado ski resorts. If you've never skied Montana, then you've haven't skied some of the best snow skiing offers! This package includes a wonderful hot and hearty breakfast buffet to start your day, including omelets made to order, all while you are enjoying a beautiful Mountain View from their huge dining room. New members can meet new ski buddies at breakfast, so no one skis alone and everyone is immersed in the fun!! What is a lift line at Big Sky?? They are nonexistent as you ski around and around as fast as you want to tackle the mountain! 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, with coach bus transportation to the resort about 50 minutes away. This adventure only has 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 Intermediates 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 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!

	TOP ELEVATION	BASE ELEVATION	SKIABLE AREA
4,350 ft.	11,166 ft	6,800 ft	5800 acres

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 we mention the best full breakfast buffet 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 housekeeping 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.

ACTIVITIES: You will enjoy a complementary Welcome Orientation on Sunday evening. All the TSC participants will be there to enjoy wine, cheese, and some light hors d'oeuvres while you hear all about your fun week to come. During the week, our group will plan a special elective dinner at Buck-T's, a restaurant where the local chef offers a menu featuring area specialties, such as wild elk, buffalo and other traditional entrees. We will also offer a Yurt mountainside meal reached via snowcat with a 3 course dinner up ON THE MOUNTAIN! Both are optional, and we hope you choose to enjoy one of these extra dining experiences while in the region! Then Friday, there will be the TSC awards dinner (included in your price), with an array of yummy food choices.

TRAVEL: We have secured 36 seats on United Airlines from Bush Intercontinental airport. Flight arrangements are:

United 1499 Depart IAH 1/5/2019 5:24AM Arrive ORD 8:04 AM
United 2185 Depart ORD 10:00 AM Arrive BZN 10:20

United6089DepartBZN1/12/20192:07pmArriveIAH6:36PM

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.

What a great trip and we want you to join us! Sign up for BIG SKY and see hat Montana skiing is all about!!

TC: Cynthia Broom bigsky@spacecity.org

Full Package: \$1637 **Land Only:** \$1059

Lift Tickets

	TSC Adult Rates	TSC Senior Rates
Age Range	18-69	70+
Daily Lift Ticket	\$ 94	\$ 82
3 out of 7 Day Ticket	\$ 252	\$ 217
4 out of 7 Day Ticket	\$ 336	\$ 290
5 out of 7 Day Ticket	\$ 373	\$ 326

FAME!

EVERYBODY WANTS IT!

SEND YOUR BEST SKI & LANDSCAPE PHOTOS FOR THE SITZMARKE COVER!

Vertical, high-quality photos needed to be considered for upcoming issues!

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SNOWMASS, COLORADO

January 12- 19, 2019



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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Deluxe Ski-in/Ski-out lodging at Top of the Village Condominiums in Snowmass.
- It's "MASSIVE" with 3,332 skiable acres and 4,406 ft. vertical drop.
- Lift ticket for four great areas – Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, & Buttermilk with terrain for all levels.
- Fun après ski with parties, happy hours, and other events.
- This will be the **FUNNEST TRIP TO SNOWMASS EVER!!!!**

GREAT SKIING

Snowmass has something for everyone! With a wide spectrum of terrain (from easy going to extremely exciting), 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 every level of skiing. Want more fun in the snow? Take a free short bus ride to Aspen Mountain for expert terrain, Buttermilk for more easy-going gentle cruising

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 activities. 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 spacious 2 bedroom/ 2 bath condominiums with fireplaces, private balcony, and views of the surrounding mountains. The amenities include 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.



Photo provided by Top of the Village Condominiums



Living Room at Top of the Village Condos
 Photo provided by Top of the Village Condos

MORE THAN JUST GREAT SKIING

We are also arranging some fun parties and events during the week. Snowmass Village restaurants and shops are within walking distance or a short shuttle ride away. Buses run between Snowmass Village and Aspen (~ 10 miles) for those that want to partake in Aspen's legendary fine dining, clubs, art galleries and other shopping.

On our last night (Friday) there is a winter wonderland party at Elk Camp on Snowmass called Ullr Night. For \$10/person there is a gondola ride to Elk Camp to enjoy s'mores and hot chocolate by the bonfire from 5-9pm. There is live music and food served a la carte (for purchase) as well as tubing and riding the new Breathtaker Alpine Coaster (a pass will need to be purchased before riding the gondola for these rides).

PACKAGES OFFERED

Jan 12th- Jan 19th, 2019

PACKAGE PRICE FULL \$1,260

LAND ONLY \$990

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online using credit card

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/26/18

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Online payments using the credit card of your choice is available and preferred.

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

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) The full package includes air transportation direct from HOU to Denver International Airport on Southwest Airlines where Bags fly free!!! Check our website or with the TC for the latest info. Land package participants may want to consider flights to Denver, Aspen, Eagle, or Grand Junction airports.

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

OPTIONAL LIFT TICKETS

	<u>3 Day with 4th day free</u>	<u>5 Day</u>	<u>6 Day</u>
Adult Rate	\$271	\$365	\$455
Senior Rate (+65)	\$213	\$269	\$325

Lift Tickets can be used at Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk mountains.

RENTALS & SKI SCHOOL

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

Nagano - Hakuba, Japan

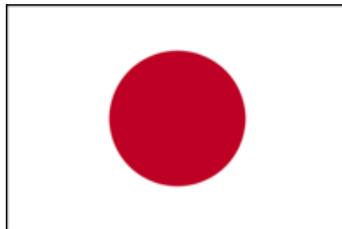
January 18-26, 2019

LAND PACKAGE \$2,029

FULL PACKAGE \$2,811

Japan, also known as The Land of The Rising Sun is our 2019 International trip. We are partnering with Austin Skiers and Dallas Skiers for an extraordinary multi-club trip. It's the best of both

worlds. Where else can you have some of the best skiing in the world as well as enjoy such a rich and unique culture that spans thousands of years! Japan offers something for everyone, whether it's deep powder skiing, long winding groomed skiing, or just sightseeing in some of the ancient



temples, or the Wild Monkey habitat, there is something to please everyone here.

For the skiers - the ski areas of Hakuba are quite fantastic in their own right. First founded in 1928, Hakuba boasts some of the highest snowfall levels in Japan, with an annual base of snow exceeding 10 meters (that's 393.7 inches!). The region is well known internationally due to it having hosted major skiing events including the 1993 World Alpine Championships, the Global Interski Championships in 1995, and of course, the 1998 Winter Olympic Games. There are 9 ski areas stretched across the broad valley of Hakuba totaling 135 lifts and over 200 runs. Most resorts are accessible by a free ski bus or a public ski bus for about \$4 US roundtrip if farther away. These ski areas are every bit as challenging and expansive as one would find at any major ski resorts in the US Rockies or Europe in terms of ski terrain, snow quality and natural beauty. Equipped with

high speed quads, gondolas and chair lifts, the area boasts spectacular skiing that certainly fills up a week. And an added bonus for Epic Pass holders – Hakuba is an Epic Pass location!!

For non-skiers - day trips are available with excursions to Nagano City, Nagano Temple and Olympic Village, a visit to Matsumoto City with its medieval castle, a trip to see the “Snow Monkeys” lounging around and swimming in the natural hot springs, a sake brewery tour, and many more! Take the opportunity to experience Japanese culture first-hand and take some local classes and try making soba noodles or origami folding. You can even enjoy a Japanese tea ceremony while dressed in a kimono! Of course a visit to Japan wouldn't be complete without experiencing the traditional art of hot springs bathing where the mineral water is famous for its healing properties.

Trip Package includes:

- Nonstop roundtrip airfare between Los Angeles and Tokyo via United Airlines (full package only).
- All ground transfers in private coaches and Bullet Train with English speaking local guides.
- A city tour of Tokyo.
- 5 nights accommodations at 5-star Hotel Tokyo and 2 nights accommodations at 4-star Grand Prince New Takanawa.
- Full hot & cold breakfast buffet daily.
- 4-course dinner for 3 evenings including a Special Ezura Goryu Drumming and Dinner Show.
- All local taxes & current air taxes

Options:

- 3 day Pre-trip Stop-over in Kyoto.
- Day Tour Programs in Hakuba: Matsumoto Castle, Nagano Temple & Olympic Village, Snow Monkeys, etc.

What are you waiting for? Tick off that bucket list and unlock the mystery of The Land of The Rising Sun and come with us to Japan. Let the adventures begin with a world of snow at your doorstep and a feast for the senses. Whether you're into discovering ski-

ing in an exotic location or experiencing the thousands of years of Japanese culture or simply eating sushi where it was invented, Japan awaits you and who else to better take you there than Space City Ski Club!

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Keystone

January 26-February 2, 2019

Full Package: \$887 Land only: \$658

Extra Savings !!!

**\$15 per day lunch credit per day of skiing (Epic Passes Count)

**5 day lift ticket: \$332.00 (Seniors - \$292.00)

**Keystone/A-Basin are Epic Pass locations

It's been five years since the Space City Ski Club has made a weeklong trip to Keystone, and it's not a minute too soon for a return to this beautiful resort in the White River National Forest of the Rocky Mountains. If you're looking to get a full dose of skiing/boarding at Colorado's largest ski resort, then now's the time. Featuring 3,148 acres of skiable terrain, Keystone is indeed the largest ski resort in Colorado. With a 3 or more day Keystone lift ticket, you can use the days of your multi-resort lift ticket however you want at Keystone and A-Basin Resorts. And as an added bonus, you get special access that allows you to use up to half the days of your 3 or more day Keystone lift ticket between the Vail, Beaver Creek and Breckenridge Resorts. All these options make this trip seem too good to pass up. Keystone has something to offer for anyone from the raw beginner to the hard-core steeps and mogul skier. And yes, night skiing is offered at Keystone for those who just don't know when to quit! And if all day skiing is not your cup of tea, there's much more to offer at Keystone. For those looking to do something different, there's tubing, snowbiking, indoor tennis, ice skating, snowmobiling, snow cat tours, sleigh rides, gondola rides, wine tasting, shopping and more.

The Mountain:

Keystone is spread across three peaks featuring gentle groomers, cruisers and steep bumps to gladed terrain, powder-filled bowls and the award winning A51 Terrain Park.

- Looking up the mountain from the River Run or Mountain House base areas, Dercum Mountain dominates the skyline at 11,640 feet. Its trails offer long, groomed beginner runs as well as a variety of wide, rolling intermediate runs. Located in the lower right portion of Dercum Mountain is the A51 Terrain Park, with its own dedicated lift to assure that you have plenty of time to do the jumps and ride the rails.

- Next up behind Dercum Mountain is North Peak at 11,660 feet in elevation. Featuring a wide array of challenging terrain including long bump runs, it is like eye candy to intermediate to advanced skiers. On-peak lunch dining is offered at Labonte's Smokehouse BBQ or The Outpost in the Timber Ridge food court. Or if you want to make an evening of it, come back later and take the gondola to dinner at the Alpenglow Stube or Der Fondue Chessei restaurants.

- Further behind North Peak stands The Outback,

Keystone's tallest peak at 11,980 feet. It's quite the place for those looking to play in the deep end making powder turns and tree skiing. And just a short hike off the top of the Outback Express Lift is access to North and South Bowls, where skiers can find wide-open turns and powder stashes. For those who relish skiing outside the lift lines, Independence, Bergman, Erickson, North Bowl and South Bowl feature more than 1,000 acres of incredible hike-to-terrain with secret stashes and untouched tree runs. Wanting to save your energy for mountain play? Taking a \$10 snow cat ride will get you to those areas. Or book a day of guided cat skiing with Keystone Adventure Tours for exclusive terrain in all five bowls.

The Resort Statistics:

Base Elevation: 9,280'

Vertical: 3,128'

Skiable area: 3,148

Largest night skiing operation in Colorado

Snowmaking Capabilities: 662+ acres

Lifts:

*Two gondolas

*One high-speed six person lift

* Five high-speed quads

*One quad chair lift

*One triple chair lift
& three double chair lifts

Lift Ticket pricing

	Adult	Senior
3 Day	233	209
4 Day	290	258
5 Day	332	292
6 Day	360	324

The Lodging:

The Pine condominiums are deluxe condos located in North Keystone, a five minute shuttle ride to the Mountain House base area and three minutes to Lakeside Village and one of the two ice rinks. Our accommodations include lodging for 4 in 2 bedroom/2 bath condominiums. Each condo includes a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, balconies/patios, and free wi-fi. On site are a large indoor pool and indoor hot tubs.

Travel:

We will be travelling nonstop from Houston Hobby on Southwest Airlines, which means no baggage fees on up to two bags per person ! There will be a limited number of land only packages available as well. All include RT ground transportation into Keystone and back to the Denver airport. Land only package participants are welcome to ride our bus, as long as your flights coincide with ours into Denver and back to Houston. Our group bus departs Denver to Keystone with a quick stop for groceries and beverages en route.

What else to expect:

- Group Dinner
- Welcome party
- Daily suggested lunch meetings
- Apres Ski Happy Hours

2019 TSC Winter Shoot Out



February 2-9, 2019

TC : Ann Dorn (281-989-9594) breckenridge@spacecity.org

ATC : Gin Knebel (713-412-7027)

Package Prices

Full package : \$1239.00

(Air, transportation, lodging and TSC Dinner)

Land package : \$981.00 (No Air)

Single Supplement : \$856.00 (additional)

Lift Tickets

ADULT	SENIOR (65+)
3 day : \$351	3 day : \$326
4 day : \$430	4 day : \$397
5 day : \$497	5 day : \$455
6 day : \$564	6 day : \$514

(Note: Breckenridge is an Epic Pass location)

Flight Information (Southwest Air)

2/2/2019 : SWA #3879 8:35 am -10:10 am : HOU-DEN

2/9/2019 : SWA #3787 12:45 pm – 4:00 pm : DEN-HOU

Accommodations

We will be staying at Beaver Run Resort, slope side at the Peak 9 base and just three blocks from Historic Main Street Breckenridge.

They provide many amenities including heated indoor/outdoor Pool, lift side heated outdoor Pool, 7 mountain view hot tubs, Sauna and Steam room, restaurant and bar/lounge, fitness center and on-site skier services. We can use the resort's



shuttle or the local area transit shuttle for sightseeing, shopping and dining out.



The resort's several distinct peaks provide varied terrain to suite all skier types and ability levels (11% beginner: 31% intermediate; 58% advance/expert)

Transportation

We will fly non-stop into Denver. The party begins with a 2-hour scenic ride to Breckenridge, after a stop at the famous Applejack Wine & Spirits and groceries at King's. We will be arriving early enough to pick up your rental ski gear or unpack your luggage before our Welcome party. Our Mid Noon flight from Denver to home will allow you to plan your Saturday evening in Houston if you still have some energy left after all the fun we had in Breckenridge.

Breckenridge

Breckenridge is a Colorado town at the base of the Rocky Mountains' Tenmile Range located 120 miles from Denver airport. It's known for its ski resort, year-round alpine activities and Gold Rush history. The Victorian core of this former mining town is preserved as the Breckenridge National Historic District, running primarily along Main Street, with colorfully painted buildings from the 1880s and '90s housing shops, galleries and restaurants, bars and entertainment venues.



Mountain

Vail Resorts owned, Breckenridge Ski Resort boasts one of the highest summit elevations in the U.S. at 12,998 feet. (Base Elevation: 9,600 feet; Vertical Rise: 3,398 feet)

and 34 Lifts including 1-8 passengers Gondola.

This TSC Winter Shoot Out trip includes Welcome party, Optional Ski race, TSC Dinner and award ceremony.



Picture courtesy of Whitefish Mountain Resort

Trip Coordinator Ali Pethick

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Land Only \$858 Full Package \$1,442

We fly out of Houston on United Airlines Saturday, February 23, 2019 and return on Saturday, March 2, 2019

HOUSTON / KALISPELL FEB 23rd IAH 2:40 P.M. DEN 4:16 P.M., 6:55 P.M., KALISPELL 9:15 P.M.

We return Saturday, March 2nd

MAR 2nd KALISPELL 2:10 P.M. DEN 4:29 P.M., 6:55 P.M. IAH 10:20P.M.

The airport is only 30 minutes to our lodging at Morning Eagle Lodge, Whitefish Mountain Resort's newest, slope-side luxury condominium property. It provides pure Montana pampering in the center of the resort village. The two-story lobby at Morning Eagle Lodge features a large stone fireplace and lounge area, while building amenities include a heated, secure underground parking garage, ski lockers and the only on-mountain fitness facilities. While staying at Morning Eagle Lodge we will take advantage of the surrounding views while sitting in the top floor hot tub.

Once called Big Mountain, Whitefish Mountain in north-western Montana offers spectacular views of nearby Glacier National Park and with over 3000 acres - more terrain than

Jackson Hole or Aspen, and rarely a lift line! Vast bowls, tree skiing, steeps, and some of the longest intermediate groomers, Whitefish can accommodate skiers and riders of all levels and abilities. Powder, huge terrain, no lift lines, gourmet food, perfect location, make this a trip not to miss. Last year Whitefish had record snow, 426 inches. During the 123 days of Whitefish Mountain Resort's season, it snowed 80 days. Additional lifts have aided in maintaining the experience of un-crowded slopes.

It's clear that Whitefish is in a resort's sweet spot: still small enough to offer the intimacy that nurtures skiing's most enduring traits, yet also growing at a pace that brings in enough cash and creative energy to upgrade the place just about every season. Last year Whitefish was in Ski Magazine's Top 10, finishing between Crested Butte and Steamboat. Service and character are a testament to the resort's small-town attitude.



Photo by Helene Robinson, SCSC member who lives in Whitefish

Pair deep powder with spectacular views of Glacier National Park and the shimmering waters of Whitefish Lake below. Ski/ride through perfect corduroy or test your skills in the terrain parks.

The mountain is separated into three faces. The front side is primarily serviced by the Chair One high speed quad and has the most skiable terrain. Chair 2, which also runs on the front side was replaced with a high-speed quad in 2007. The front side has seven of the mountain's nine chairlifts.

The back side of the mountain is serviced by Chair 7, also a high-speed quad. The back side has more tree skiing terrain, and additional terrain can be accessed by T-Bar 2 on weekends and during select holiday periods. The western aspect of the mountain contains the Hell Roaring basin. Serviced by Chair 8, a fixed grip triple chair, Hell Roaring basin is the

most advanced skiing on the mountain with cliffs, vertical chutes, and tight tree skiing. The intermediate Hellfire trail is the longest on the mountain; it runs 3.3 miles from the summit to the base of Chair 8.



Whitefish offers some of the lowest lift ticket prices available. And those of us still kicking/screaming/skiing at 70+ ski/ride for free.

The vertical drop of the ski area is 2,353 feet, with a summit elevation of 6,817 feet and a base of 4,464 ft (1,361 m). The average annual snowfall is 300 inches. No elevation issues for those of us who spend the rest of our lives at 15 feet above sea level.

\$155.00 - 3/DAY ADULT	\$137.00 - 3/DAY SENIOR
\$198.00 - 4/DAY ADULT	\$174.00 - 4/DAY SENIOR
\$241.00 - 5/DAY ADULT	\$211.00 - 5/DAY SENIOR
\$285.00 - 6/DAY ADULT	\$249.00 - 6/DAY SENIOR

SENIORS 65 – 69yrs 70 Yrs + Free

- Discounts on ski rental & lesson packages available for TSC, also Never-Ever ski discount program
- Free mountain tours
- Race fee is \$18.00 per person, 2 Runs same Day
- Extra buses for Mountain Lodgings to the 2 Parties
- Public Snow Bus to the Mountain to Town & Back is Free

Schweitzer Mountain Resort, Idaho The Best Kept Secret in North America

March 3-10, 2019

Full Pkg: \$1,451 Land Only: \$853

TC Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com



Photo by Ski Idaho

SKI WEEK FUN SCHEDULE

- Ski week pin and badges, welcome party, pub crawl in downtown Whitefish, banquet and ever important on-site representatives.
- Welcome party at the Whitefish Lodge Grand Ballroom. D.J. with 2 drink tickets for beer or wine included plus pay bar, hot & cold Appetizers: chicken satay, bison sliders, vegetable platters, toast points, cookies.
- Pub crawl downtown Whitefish and drink discounts.
- Banquet at Mountaineer Square Village Grand ballroom with D.J and roasted chicken breast, Waldorf salad, Yukon potatoes, vegetables, breads, dessert and coffee.
- Optional Glacier Park Picture tour and visit Apgar Visitor center with park naturalist 45 minutes from town.

Other Optional activities Include:

DOG SLEDDING
SNOWMOBILE
CROSS COUNTRY
SNOWSHOEING



Pictures from Helene Robinson - Cross country skiing.

The Mountain: Schweitzer is the largest ski area in Idaho (bigger than Sun Valley) and Washington. The resort boasts 2,900 acres of varied terrain for skiing and snowboarding. Home to incredible bowls, chutes, groomed cruisers and some of the best tree skiing in America (over 1,200 acres of trees!!), Schweitzer offers something for everyone.

Base elevation is 4,700 feet and summit elevation is 6,400 feet which is great news for those who have trouble with altitude. Vertical drop is 2,400 feet and annual snowfall averages 300 inches.

Schweitzer maintains 92 trails (10% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 35% Advanced and 15% Expert) plus open bowl skiing. At 2 miles, the longest continuous groomed run is Little Blue Ridge.

There are 32 kilometers of Nordic trails for cross-country and skate skiing, snowshoeing and fat tire snow biking.

The resort also offers snow tubing at Hermit's Hollow Tubing Center with 2 side-by-side chutes that stretch over 100 yards.

Lift lines are rare to non-existent. A network of 9 lifts (including one high-speed six-passenger chair named Stella and two high-speed quads) whisk skiers and riders to the top in minutes. Total uphill capacity is 12,502 people per hour.

Selkirk Powder Company: The resort has its own cat skiing operation and, if you've never been cat skiing, this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try. Day long adventures start from the summit and have skiers on untracked backcountry powder by 9:30 a.m. Skiers typically complete up to 10 runs and rack up as much as 14,000 vertical feet on 4,350 acres of diverse terrain.

Selkirk Powder also offers guided snowmobile tours along groomed logging roads through thousands of acres of private and state-owned forests and has the only heli-skiing operation in Idaho.



Lift Tickets: Regular lift tickets are available through Space City at the prices listed below:

- 4 day adult - \$256
- 5 day adult - \$318
- 6 day adult - \$380
- 5 day senior - \$286

Lodging: We will be staying at Selkirk Lodge in the heart of Schweitzer Village. The lodge features hotel-style accommodations with an option for 1 king or 2 queen beds. Our rates are based on double occupancy but single supplements are available for an additional \$823.

The lodge is a short walk to the base area and the lifts. Just steps away are three outdoor hot tubs and the resort's heated pool. A micro movie theater is located onsite and shows three family movies a day. There is also an onsite spa which offers massages and a variety of other services.

A daily hot breakfast buffet is included in the package. This is a great opportunity to meet with fellow skiers and plan your day. Other lodge amenities include unlimited wireless internet, unlimited local calling, in-room coffee and hot cocoa, onsite laundry facilities, free safe deposit boxes at the front desk, daily newspapers, a business center and free ski and snowboard storage.

Travel: We leave Bush Intercontinental Airport on Sunday, March 3rd at 2:40 p.m., arrive in Denver at 4:16 p.m., leave Denver at 7:00 p.m. and arrive in Spokane at 8:24 p.m. On Sunday, March 10th, we leave Spokane at 6:00 a.m., arrive in Denver at 9:17 a.m., leave Denver at 11:35 a.m. and arrive in Houston at 2:55 p.m. All flights are with United and are subject to change.

The trip to and from Spokane will be in a luxury private coach. There will be a short snack and alcohol stop on the way to Schweitzer Village on Sunday night.

More Fun: Since we will all be exhausted on Sunday night, there will be a welcome reception on Monday night which will include a baked potato bar with soup, salad, a dessert and one drink. Representatives from Schweitzer and Ski White Diamond will be available to answer your questions.

On the first day of the trip, there is an optional full mountain tour. There will be daily suggested lunch meeting places and happy hours as well as some optional group dinners.

There are several dining opportunities in Schweitzer, including the Sky House summit lodge located at the peak of Schweitzer Mountain. Sky House options include a restaurant, full-service bar and café. The lodge offers 360-degree stunning views of the Selkirk Mountains, Land Pend Oreille and the entire resort. At this time, Sky House is not open for dinner.

There is a small market in Schweitzer Village as well as shops which sell gear essentials, specialty equipment and demo rentals. There is also a local artist cooperative which showcases drawings, paintings, jewelry and more.

For more shopping and dining options, Schweitzer's home base is the music-and-arts-loving town of Sandpoint. Voted by Rand McNally as the Most Beautiful Small Town in America, Sandpoint is located on Lake Pend Oreille. To get to Sandpoint from the Village, catch one of the hourly shuttles from the Red Barn parking lot. Visit Sandpoint's website www.VisitSandpoint.com for information on year-round and winter activities in Sandpoint.

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Mamajuana* or Bust!

an **Adult All-Inclusive Resort**

May 4th Returning May 11th, 2019 – 7 nights!

Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Land Only \$962 Group Air TBD

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George and Rowena at the Ambar in 2014

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

Join the Space City Ski and Adventure Club to one of the best beach adventures in the world. Travelers will be rewarded with your first Mamajuana* (customary adult beverage and must try) or a cocktail of your choice upon your arrival at the **Luxury Bahai Principe Ambar**. Okay. That's a long name so I'll just call it the Ambar. The Bahia Principe is a mega resort including multiple locations catering to the wants of patrons from around the world. The Ambar is a secluded section for adults only yet Ambar patrons may visit the other areas of the resort. TripAdvisor reviewers give the Ambar a 4.5 rating out of 5.

The club and I will be looking for 28 excited participants to take advantage of this tropical vacation. Additional bookings will be at the prevailing rate.

WHAT'S AT THE AMBAR?

The Ambar includes just about everything you could want. There are 2 pools so you can't go far without finding a favorite tanning location. It has 5 different restaurants for fine dining and many more in the other family oriented sections. It's impossible to go hungry. The drinks are unlimited and the cocktail bars all over the place including a swim up pool bar and watering hole on the beach. The Ambar has just about everything you can think of. Even kayaks and catamarans are available upon request.

The beach is deep with shady palm trees growing in sugar white sand. But don't be afraid to venture directly to the surfside where the blue water extends well into your distant view. It's your choice, just lay back and enjoy or soak in the

crystal waters. You can't go wrong either way.
MORE THAN JUST A GREAT BEACH

Punta Cana offers other great activities. Our group will plan several day excursions that may include zip line, island exploration, cenote swimming, and horseback riding on the beach. Punta Cana is known for its golf courses also. If there are people who golf on the trip, I'd like to find a volunteer to be a group leader. These activities outside the confines of the resort will be al-a-carte. Anyone can decide what they want to do and when they do them.

ACCOMODATIONS

The Ambar actually has two areas. We will be located closest to the beach. All the rooms at the Ambar are totally remodeled within the past year. So our rooms should be nice and fresh. The rooms will come with either a king size or two full size beds. You get to choose. The bathroom includes a hair dryer and the bathtub is hydro-massage. Other room amenities include a stocked minibar, coffee and tea making facilities and Wi-Fi.

TRANSPORTATION

The ski club is offering this trip as a land only package at this time. In the fall I will be looking for group airline travel. I'll also be taking the names of people who are interested in the group airfare. As travel isn't until May of 2019, it's difficult to pin down a competitive airfare at the time of this writing. Our tour operator suggests booking the airfare in the late fall or early winter. Remember December 2018 is still 5 months away from our travel date. The intent is to offer everyone support in finding a good and timely flight.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENT

Our official club drink will be the Mamajuana which traditionally should be the very first drink consumed. This herbal drink should get everyone in the mood for fun. Mamajuana is a concoction made from rum, red wine and honey soaked with a special tree bark and herbs. But forget the recipe. You just need to know the Dominicans consider this an aphrodisiac. You be the judge! Or just take some home for medicinal purposes. Ha!



Let The Party Begin



A View of the Pool



Two Views of the Grounds

Enchanting Peru

Discover Peru's breathtaking beauty!

May 29 – June 7, 2019 (10 days)

\$2800 Full Package *subject to final verification

TC: Jill Nanney jill@spacecity.org

Trip at a Glance:

- Direct flight from IAH to Lima; airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges; Intra-Peru flights, ground transportation and transfers
- 1 night in Lima, 2 nights in Yucay, 3 nights in Cuzco, 2 nights in Puno
- Visit the Lost City of the Incas, breathtaking Machu Picchu, and explore Cuzco, the fabled capital of the Inca Empire. See unforgettable Lake Titicaca and the floating islands of the Uros before ending in colonial Lima
- Accommodations at First Class hotels
- 12 meals: 8 full buffet breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) and 2 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours including admission fees
- Experienced English speaking guides

Day-by Day-Itinerary

May 29 (Wed): Depart & Arrive in Lima. Depart Houston at 4:30 PM on your nonstop flight and arrive into Lima at 11 PM. Transfer to your hotel for a quick one night stay in Lima. (Not to worry, you will do touring of Lima on your final day in Peru!)

May 30 (Thur): Your flight departs shortly after 8 AM for a short flight to Cuzco, the fabled capital of the Inca Empire, perched at about 11,000 feet above sea level. On

arrival, journey to the nearby Sacred Valley of the Incas. The valley has amazing landscapes of fertile land, mystical ruins and indigenous villages. On your way to the Sacred Valley, enjoy lunch at Princesita private restaurant and in the restaurant's gardens experience a Shaman ceremony, one of the ancient rituals of Peru. Next, visit Awanakancha, a weaving center that keeps ancient weaving techniques and traditions alive. Arrive at your hotel located in the quaint village of Yucay and surrounded by lush gardens. This evening your tour director hosts a welcome dinner and orientation. (L,D)

May 31 (Fri): Pisac and Sacred Valley Excursion. On today's excursion visit the world renowned and colorful Indian market in Pisac where many beautiful crafts are traded. Later, travel through the lush valley to Ollantaytambo and explore the splendid ruins of this massive ancient fortress. The village below is a fine example of the Incas incredible urban planning skills. Return to your hotel in Yucay later this afternoon. (B,L)

Jun 1 (Sat): Machu Picchu Rail Excursion/Cuzco Embark today on an expedition to Machu Picchu. You'll ride aboard the Vistadome train through the lush Urubamba Valley passing along stunning scenery. Arrive at "The Lost City Of the Incas" rediscovered in 1911. The beauty of its location and the genius construction make Machu Picchu travel the jewel of all Inca settlements and a top stop in your Peru vacation packages. To this day nobody can explain how the Incas managed to transport the huge blocks of limestone for the city's construction onto the mountaintop. An expert guide leads you through the ruins and shares with you the amazing story of Machu Picchu. You'll have some free time to further discover the mystical ruins and absorb the beauty of this enchanting site. Later, re-board the train and journey to magical Cuzco. (B)

Jun 2 (Sun): Cuzco is a vibrant town, dotted with archaeological sites. On a guided walking tour, visit

the main Inca and Colonial monuments. See the Plaza de Armas, the center of the Inca Empire and the impressive 16th century cathedral, built on the ruins of the Inca Palace. In the old town view magnificently restored colonial buildings. Your hotel is superbly located in the heart of the old town near the lively Plaza de Armas. Evening at leisure. (B)

Jun 3 (Mon): Venture today to the outskirts of Cuzco to visit the amazing ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an Inca architectural masterpiece with fabulous views of the city below. The impressive ruins of Sacsayhuaman, 3km above the main city, awaits you with a breathtaking view onto Cusco. You make your way to the sanctuary of Qenqo, the sentinel of Puca Pucara and the temple of water named Tambomachay before making your way back to the hotel. (B)

Jun 4 (Tues): Cuzco/Puno/Lake Titicaca. Embark on a thrilling journey to Puno. As you traverse the rugged snow-capped Andes you'll enjoy the breathtaking scenery and see quaint local villages as well as herds of llama and alpaca. Visit the charming village of Andahuaylillas, with its renowned 17th-century church. Arrive at your hotel overlooking majestic Lake Titicaca. (B)

Jun 5 (Wed): Lake Titicaca Boat Excursion. Situated on the border between Peru and Bolivia, Lake Titicaca is South America's largest and highest navigable lake. Today, embark on an unforgettable boat journey to explore the magnificent scenery and fascinating life on and around the tranquil lake. First, visit the floating islands of the Uros Indians that still practice the old traditions of fishing, trapping birds and living on the lake plants. The totora reeds, which grow abundantly in the shallows of the lake, are used for their boats, houses and to build the very islands on which they live. This way of life began over 500 years ago when the Uros built the islands in an effort to isolate themselves from the Kollas and the Incas. Later, proceed by boat to Taquile Island, where the indigenous inhabitants

are dedicated to agriculture and crafting of high quality textiles. You'll witness their customs, traditions and unique costumes before returning to your lakeside hotel. (B)

Jun 6 (Thur): Lake Titicaca/Lima. Early this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima departing at 8:30 am. Upon arrival into Lima around 10 am, enjoy a guided tour of both colonial and modern Lima, founded in 1535 and later dominated by the Inca nation. See the historical center and the San Francisco Church as well as Plaza de Armas and the Government Palace. Later, see the fashionable districts of San Isidro and Miraflores with their beautiful parks and elegant residences. This evening join your fellow travelers at a festive farewell dinner at a famous local restaurant. After dinner, transfer to the airport for your flight departing shortly after midnight. (B,D)

Jun 7 (Fri): Your nonstop flight departs Lima at 12:35 AM. Arrive Houston 7:15 AM.

In the spirit of keeping things simple, this will be one trip (no pre-or post-trips) and there will be a limit of 26 people max. So don't miss out and sign up today!

Featured Hotels

Lima: Hotel Jose Antonio Bellavista
Calle Bellavista 133
Miraflores, Lima, Peru

Yucay: Sonesta Posadas Del Inca Yucay Hotel
Plaza Manco II 123 Yucay
Urubamba, Cusco, Peru

Cusco: Hotel Novotel Cusco
Calle San Augustin 239
Cusco 0, Peru

Lake Titicaca: Hotel Libertador Puno
Isla Esteves s/n Lago Titicaca Puno, Peru

TSC Fall Expedition Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

TC Melody Bohlmann

Experience the unique sites and culture of Portugal with a taste of Spain on this combination land and river cruise Main trip. We start our journey by flying into Lisbon and we stay there for two nights in a four-star hotel. We then travel to Fatima and sightsee in Coimbra and then board the brand new, exclusively chartered river vessel the *MS Emerald Radiance* for our seven-night river cruise along the Douro River. We also venture to Rodrigo, Vega Terron, and Salamanca, Spain. We end the Main trip in the home of Port wine, Porto, and fly back to the US. Or there is an optional three-night, four-day post trip to Barcelona for an

additional cost estimated to be \$1,489 which includes airfare but doesn't include a Barcelona city tax (approximately \$3 per person per day).



Picture source Bing.com

The Itinerary for the Main Trip:

DAY 1 –Depart the USA Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

DAY 2 –Lisbon, Portugal. Upon arrival, you will be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Lisbon. This evening, join your Mayflower staff and fellow travelers for an included dinner. Included Meal: Dinner

DAY 3 –Discover Lisbon. After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. See Jerónimos Monastery, ‘Monument to the Discoveries,’ and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, dine and experience this cosmopolitan city on your own. Included Meal: Breakfast

DAY 4 –Fátima / Coimbra. Enroute to the ship in Porto visit Fátima, home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. The city’s fame originates from the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in the nearby fields. Continue to Coimbra and its famous university before arriving in Porto to embark the *MS Emerald Radiance*, home for the next seven nights. Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 –Porto / Pinhão. Today is a day of sailing through the twists and turns of the Douro Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area is sparsely populated by small quaint villages and typical communities with vineyards and small farms. This afternoon, the ship arrives in the village of Pinhão, perfectly situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hillsides that produce some of the world’s best Port wine. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 –Pinhão / Vega de Terron. Begin the day with a visit to a beautiful quinta vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro Valley. Learn about wine production and its importance to the culture and economy. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terron, gateway to Spain. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 –Salamanca, Spain. Today’s excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university, the 12-th century Romanesque church of San Martin and the house of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. You’ll have free time to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 –Pocinho. Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning excursion to the Coa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the concrete structure houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction of a nearby dam project. Return to the ship for lunch and relax on deck as the ship sails through idyllic surroundings on the way to Régua. This evening, enjoy an off-ship dinner at a traditional vineyard estate. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 –Régua. After arriving in Régua, journey to the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. See the Sanctuary

perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white ‘azulejos’ tiles. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 –Porto. Having traversed the Douro River, the ship returns to Porto – a city with an eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. An included tour highlights the sights from historic landmarks to the scenic beauty. And it wouldn’t be complete without a visit to a wine cave for a tour and tasting of Port wine. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 –Porto / USA. This morning, disembark the *MS Emerald Radiance* and bid a fond farewell to Portugal, filled with memories of this remarkable cruise along the ‘river of gold.’ Included Meal: Breakfast

Please note that the pricing is still under negotiation and will probably need adjustments. Also, since this trip includes a river cruise, there are different cabin levels on the ship and pricing will vary based on cabin levels. This is a TSC trip so there will be other clubs selecting cabins. Because of this, the dates for this trip could change and there will be others vying for the cabin choices. Sign up early for your best chance at the cabin of your choice!! Currently, the primary potential date is September 25, 2019 but depending on sign up levels and cabins available, the dates may be changed to early September or early October 2019.

The pricing includes airfare **provided that you register on-line and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person before October 1st**. The deposit is non-refundable unless you buy the trip insurance from the Tour Operator, Mayflower, and the non-refundable cost of the trip insurance for the Main trip is \$429. If you register on or after October 1st, the cost will go up significantly (\$675 or more) to cover airfare.

Best Current Estimates for each cabin based on per person, two in a cabin with airfare **if registered and deposit received prior to October 1:**

Riveria Deck \$4,553 (lowest level cabin 153 to 170 sq ft, at river level with small window that does not open).

Vista Deck, Cat B \$4,913 (160 sq ft, large balcony type window that opens with screen

Vista Deck, Cat R \$5,273 (188 sq ft, large balcony type window that opens with screen

Horizon Deck, Cat A \$5,453 (160 sq ft, large balcony type window that opens with screen

Horizon Deck, Cat P \$5,543 (170 sq ft, large balcony type window that opens with screen

Owners Suite \$5,903 (285 sq ft, floor to ceiling windows that open with screen)

Riverview Suite \$6,083 (300 sq ft, floor to ceiling windows that open with screen)

All cabins have bathroom with shower and hair dryer; complimentary WiFi; two twin beds that can be put together, 16 dresser, closet, telephone safe, individual climate control, flat screen TV; mini-fridge.

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August 23

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Selected Cocktails \$5 to \$6

Selected Beer \$5

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