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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY JAN FERRELL, PRESIDENT

Where did 2018 go? Our Vail trip leaves December 8th and then there is a whole slew of awesome trips one after another from there on into October 2019. Yes—you read that right. Almost 1 year away and we have trips planned which sometimes boggles my mind. Remember, you can always get on a Wait List.



Our November meeting was a hoot especially with Ali Pethick's going to try and bring attention to the program. Yes, you chatter-boxes know who you are. I think it worked as it certainly caught my attention. We featured desserts as we all know that "Life is short so eat dessert first!" That was not a big hit so we will not do that again. We had some big winners for the door prizes. Joanne Zemlicka won a \$25 Amazon gift certificate, Kurt Schidlowski won a \$60 trip/activity credit and the big winner was Keith Kirkman who won a \$75 trip/activity credit. The key to winning is You Must Be Present To Win! There were a lot of drink ticket winners as well and, again, you had to be present to win.

Your Executive Committee is doing a general review and revision of the trip and activity liability release and membership application. All revisions will be published. One of items in the review is to stress that each individual on a trip is responsible for their own actions as well as understand any possible impact on others on trip. The Trip Coordinators will address this in detail with their participants.

Our December meeting will be at Sun and Ski at 6100 Westheimer from 6:00- 8:00 PM on December 10th. Wine and cheese will be offered as well as a 10% discount on all purchases. For all you bikers—be sure and check out their bike shop. Sorry, there are no Harleys. There a lot of stocking stuffers throughout the store.

Merry Christmas to all of you and Think Snow!  
Jan

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

Houston's brutal summer heat is finally behind us, and we've pulled our sweaters and coats and boots out of the closet. All the stores have their Christmas decorations up, and the holiday sales advertising is in full force. What does all this tell you, Space City? It's almost time for SKI SEASON!!



This is shaping up to be an 'epic' ski season – did you know

that both Breckenridge and Keystone opened early this year? Up to 5 feet of snow had already fallen by mid-October, with up to 4 feet of snow in the first week of November. It is the first time in 10 years that either of these locations have opened early. And we have trips to both locations!

This time next month, we will be wishing safe travels and deep powder to Kasia Rezmer and her band of Vail devotees as they inaugurate the Space City ski trips for 2018-2019. This lucky group will get an early start on honing their ski and apre-ski skills for the 2019 ski season.

In January, we begin the 2019 slate of ski trips. First out of the shoot in January is the TSC Traditional Big Sky trip, followed by Snowmass and two international trip choices – Japan and Zermatt. Keystone closes out the January trips.

In February, we have the TSC Winter Shootout trip to Breckenridge, and the TSC Winter Showdown trip to Whitefish. Then we close the ski season in March with a club trip to Schweitzer.

Most of these trips are closed, but don't forget – you can always sign up for the waiting list. Every year there are spaces that unexpectedly open up – be ready to grab them and go! And if you are signed up, your TC will be contacting you about final payments and pre-trip parties, where you can meet your fellow skiers and get revved up for the fun to come!

We also have three outstanding non-ski trips that will take you to all points on the globe. Check with the TCs for the latest trip availabilities, or join the wait list so you can snag an opening or cancellation.

- For the first time in several years, we have a summer beach trip. See George Sargent to sign up for this luxury, all-inclusive trip to exotic Punta Cana. Also, ask George about the famous (?) Mamajuana he promises!!

- Jill Nanney is leading an adventure trip to Peru and Machu Picchu. Join the wait list and keep your fingers crossed!

- The 2019 TSC Summer/Fall Expedition is a deluxe river cruise in Portugal. Contact Melody Bohlmann regarding the wait list.

Finally – it's time to say THINK SNOW!!

Cheers,  
Beverly

## EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

November 30	Holiday Gala
	No Dance Lessons in December
December 10	Monthly Meeting Sun & Ski at 6100 Westheimer
December 27	Happy Hour at Eddie V's in City Center

## Space City Ski Club 2018-2019 Trips

Destinations	Date	TC	Contact Link	Full Pkg \$/pp w/air	Land Pkg \$/pp
Vail	12/8/2018 - 12/15/2018	Kasia Rezmer	vail@spacecity.org	N/A	\$1,439
Big Sky (TSC)	1/5/2019 - 1/12/2019	Cynthia Broom	bigskytc@spacecity.org	\$1,637	\$1,059
Snowmass	1/12/2019 - 1/19/2019	Linda Kuper	snowmasstc@spacecity.org	\$1,260	\$990
Japan Pre-Trip	1/15/2019 - 1/19/2019	Thuy Rocque	japan@spacecity.org	N/A	\$762
Japan	1/18/2019 - 1/26/2019	Thuy Rocque	japan@spacecity.org	\$2,758	\$1,976
Keystone	1/26/2019 - 2/2/2019	Mike Willis	keystone@spacecity.org	\$887	\$658
Breckenridge (TSC)	2/2/2019 - 2/9/2019	Ann Dorn	brecktc@spacecity.org	\$1,239	\$981
OPEN WEEK					
Whitefish (TSC)	2/23/2019 - 3/2/2019	Ali Pethick	whitefish@spacecity.org	\$1,442	\$858
Schweitzer	3/3/2019 - 3/10/2019	Derek Shoobridge	schwctc@spacecity.org	\$1,352	\$835
Punta Cana D.R. All-Inclusive	5/4/2019 - 5/11/2019	George Sargent	puntacana@spacecity.org	N/A	\$962
Peru	5/29/2019 - 6/7/2019	Jill Nanney	peru@spacecity.org	\$2,756	N/A
Portugal Cruise (TSC)	9/25/2019 - 10/5/2019	Melody Bohlmann	portugal@spacecity.org	Varies	N/A
Portugal Post-Trip	10/5/2019 - 10/8/2019	Melody Bohlmann	portugal@spacecity.org	\$1,489	N/A

### HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

OUR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR IS THE HOLIDAY GALA FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30. As you may know, the gala has been moved to the "other" Massa's downtown. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AND MAKE SURE YOU GO TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS (on Lamar). We are now across the street from the Four Seasons Hotel with the same menu and DJ. We expect around 60 attending.



Except for our special December meeting at Sun and Ski, we are back to our regular schedule of monthly meetings at a great place: Dave & Busters on Richmond. The facility has been perfect with plenty of room and all 3 of the meetings have had a free drink for members and the November meeting had desserts.

We will suspend Game Days for December but start again in January. Each month we have have had 8 to 10 coming to play Mexican Train and Rummikub and the Game Nights usually have 10 to 12.

We will take a break from Dance classes in December and resume again in January.

We had a great time at the dinner at Rudi Lechner's for Oktoberfest on October 20. They ended up having a big buffet

which most people opted for and the accordion player came back to our room and played for a while and most of our people danced around the table.

Happy Hour at the Grotto on October 25 had a good turn out with some opting to sit outdoors on the patio in the beautiful weather.

The party at Cindy Moore's house on November 4 had a good turn out with some watching the game and others playing board games.

On November 10 we had 16 at Bubba's on Washington to hear The Bayou City Horn Band play 70's to 90's music - our dancers pushed aside tables for more room to dance.

Our November dinner will be Nov 17 at George's Pastaria on Dairy Ashford. The owners are members of SCSC so please come support them. Happy Hour returns to FM Kitchen on Shepherd on Nov 29. We went there last year in October and everyone really like it. They now have added a steak and twice-baked potato on Thursday for \$18.

Bil Cusack has talked with Wanda Callahan for the Chevron Houston Marathon and committed SCSC to provide 11 people to help on Sunday January 20 in the morning. Wanda needs 10 road guards and a one-mile captain. Please go to the web site and sign up if you would like to volunteer..

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 signing up and coming to activities we will keep having them.



## FROM THE MARKETING DESK

BY BIL CUSACK, VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING

You might have noticed some of our officers sporting new Space City shirts. These are now available (pre-order) through me. I use this shirt in my company, and we now have them available with the *Space City Ski and Adventure Club* logo embroidered on the front. Seven colors to choose from, in men's and women's styles. Here's what the company says about them:

Our Luxury Hybrid polo is made from a cloth knit from 65% Certified Organic long staple cotton for comfort, blended with 35% ultra-fine polyester "micro" fiber for performance, strength and wrinkle resistance. This fabric is engineered to be incredibly soft, naturally wicking, naturally draping, extremely "dryer friendly" and virtually indestructible. Launder this shirt 50 times and it will still look great!

I can tell you they have been working great for me, and the prices are amazing. We have these available "at cost" (after all, we are a non-profit). That means price is about \$24. Per shirt.

Have a look at the [colors/sizes](#) and let me know to put you on the next order. I can accept Paypal.

Bil Cusack  
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## BUBBA'S ON WASHINGTON



## SCSC NOVEMBER MEETING





# RUDI LECHNER'S OKTOBERFEST





## 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](mailto: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!



Photographer: Jack Affleck

**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](http://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

	Senior (65 and older)
3/7 day adult—\$372	3/7 day senior—\$342
4/7 day adult—\$439	4/7 day senior—\$432
5/7 day adult—\$565	5/7 day senior—\$515
6/7 day adult—\$689	6/7 day senior—\$588
Epic Pass \$899 club price \$839	
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 News 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 1/5/2019 10:00 AM Arrive BZN 10:20AM

United 6089 Depart BZN 1/12/2019 2:07PM Arrive IAH 6:36PM

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](mailto: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

## *I Need Your Photos!*

PLEASE 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



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

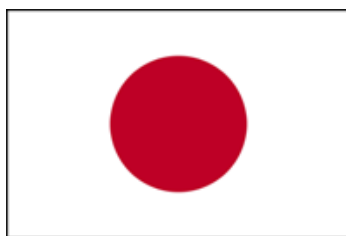
January 18-26, 2019

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. Featuring 3,148 acres of skiable terrain, Keystone is the largest ski resort in Colorado. With the combination of Keystone Resort and Southwest Airline discounts, this trip is quite affordable. Multiple day lift ticket prices are being offered at a significant discount as well. Additionally, all skiers will receive a \$15 lunch voucher for each ski day, Epic Pass holders included. For five days of skiing that's a \$75 discount of your lunch. 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 domi-



nates 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 Ter-



rain 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 on the gondola for dinner at the Alpenglou Stube or Der Fondue Chessei restaurants. And 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

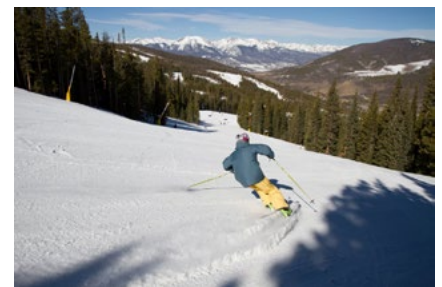
& three double chair lifts

### Lift Ticket pricing

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

### The Lodging:

The Pines 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:

Southwest Air:

Depart HOU Jan 26 at 8:30 am, arrive DEN 10:10 am

Depart DEN Feb 2 at 2:30 pm, arrive HOU 5:50 pm

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](mailto: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

3 day : \$351

4 day : \$430

5 day : \$497

6 day : \$564

#### SENIOR (65+)

3 day : \$326

4 day : \$397

5 day : \$455

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.





## 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)

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

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 northwestern 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

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

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

MAR 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, slopeside 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



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 week-ends 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.



Pictures from Helene Robinson - Cross country skiing.

Whitefish offers some of the lowest lift ticket prices available. And those of us still kicking/screaming/skiing at 70+ ski/ride for 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](mailto:hlift@aol.com)



Photo by Ski Idaho

\$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

### 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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Lake 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](http://www.VisitSandpoint.com) for information on year-round and winter activities in Sandpoint.

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# Mamajuana\* or Bust!

At The

## Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar

An Adult All-Inclusive Resort

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

May 4<sup>th</sup> Returning May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 7 nights!

Land Only \$962 Air Estimated at \$650\*\*

See Below Regarding Airfare

TC: George Sargent [george\\_sargent@yahoo.com](mailto:george_sargent@yahoo.com)



George and Rowena at the Ambar in 2014



Mamajuana



Map By George Sargent Via Google Maps

Join the Space City Ski and Adventure Club at one of the best beach adventures in the world. Travelers will be rewarded with your first Mamajuana\* (customary and a must try) or a cocktail of your choice upon arrival at the **Luxury Bahia 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 whims of patrons from around the world. The Ambar is a secluded section for adults only yet Ambar patrons may visit other areas of the resort. TripAdvisor reviewers give the Ambar a 4.5 rating out of 5. I've been there and it is a nice place!

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

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 are all over the place including a swim up

pool bar and watering hole on the beach. Outdoor activities even include the use of kayaks and catamarans available upon request.

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 Wi-Fi, a stocked mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities.

The beach is deep with shady palm trees growing in sugar white sand. But don't be afraid to venture directly to surfside where the blue water extends well beyond 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.

Punta Cana offers other great activities. Our group will plan several day excursions that may include options for zip lining, catamaran island exploration, swimming in cenotes and horseback riding on the beach. Punta Cana is known for its golf courses. If you are an avid golfer, I'd like to find a volunteer to lead a group. The activities outside the confines of the resort will be a la carte. Anyone can decide what they want to do and when to do them. I'll help with that.

\*Our official club drink will be the Mamajuana! Tradition has it that Mamajuana should be the very first drink consumed upon your arrival! This herbal drink should get everyone in the mood for fun. Mamajuana is a concoction made from rum, red wine and honey soaked with 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 back home for medicinal purposes. Ha!

\*\*Airfare: The ski club is offering this trip as a land only package at this time. The intent is to offer a group airfare package for those wishing for the club to make those arrangements. I will support you either way whether you wish to book your own or to take advantage of the group airfare. Southwest is my preferred Airlines although I may check with others. I've talked to the Southwest Airlines group department and the agent suggested airfares for our May 2019 departure may not be available until October or early November. Relax. That's still about 6 months out from our travel date. For now, I'll make a list of names interested in the group airfare. The airfare price above is strictly an estimate although it is an actual airfare price for February and March 2019.



Let The Party Begin





A View of One of the Pools



Two Views of the Grounds

# Enchanting Peru

Discover Peru's breathtaking beauty!

May 29 – June 7, 2019 (10 days)

\$2756 Full Package

TC: Jill Nanney [jill@spacecity.org](mailto: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



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)

**June 1 (Sat): Machu Picchu Rail Excursion/Cusco 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)

**June 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, 3 km 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)

**June 4 (Tues):** Cusco/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)

**June 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

September 24- October 4, 2019

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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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# NOVEMBER HAPPY HOUR FM KITCHEN AND BAR

1112 SHEPHERD (Between Center & Nett)

Couple of blocks off Washington

NOVEMBER 29 5 PM to 8:30 PM

Happy Hour prices until 7.

Drink prices Selected Wine and Tap Tails \$5 Well Drinks \$5  
\$2 off frozen drinks \$1 off all beer & specialty drinks

Thursday is steak night - for \$18 you get 12 oz. filet and a twice  
baked potato

They also have 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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Cosmopolitan Bulleit Sour Perfect Martini  
Appetizers from \$8

