

December 2013
NEWSLETTER



Miami Ski Club 2014 Ski Trips

All Miami Ski Club ski trips are priced per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise specified. Base price includes (except where noted) airfare, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, a pre-trip and post-trip party and minimum one dining event at the resort. Initial trip deposits are \$750, unless specified otherwise. View fine print on your trip flyer and trip application for more detail for each trip. Please note that the airlines may impose additional taxes or fuel surcharges and local taxing authorities may increase existing taxes, which would be passed on to the trip participants. Airlines recently instituted baggage fees which are the responsibility of the trip participant. We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. For detailed trip information, hot links to our destinations and trip application, please visit our website at www.miamiskiclub.com/trips

SNOWMASS, COLORADO - FLORIDA SKI COUNCIL TRIP

January 25 - February 1, 2014 – Please contact trip leader for room availability

Per person \$1,941.00 Hotel room with two queen beds

Join the MSC for our first fabulous Florida Ski Council trip. Snowmass, combined with the nearby Buttermilk, Aspen Mountain, and Aspen Highlands mountains, contains a total of 5,505 acres with 42 lifts serving over 340 trails – all accessible on your lift ticket. Snowmassive, as it is often called, has more ski terrain than the other three mountains combined and features a Nastar race course. Our accommodations are slope-side at the Stonebridge Inn, featuring mountain view rooms with refrigerators, coffee makers, Wi-Fi, and include a hot breakfast buffet daily. We also have a few condos in the Terracehouse, with access to all amenities at Stonebridge, with breakfast included. This fun trip includes the opportunity to compete in the FSC "Cup" races and enjoy the great FSC evening parties!

Trip Leader: Margie Blanco (954) 605-7289

E-mail: Snowmass@miamiskiclub.net

TAOS, NEW MEXICO-SOLDOUT

February 15 - February 22, 2014- only taking reservations for waitlist

Air/Land Package:

Per Person

4 in 2 bedroom Condo \$1,574.00

2 in 1 bedroom Condo \$1,668.00

Land Only: Deduct \$500.00

The perfect trip for those who love skiing, shopping, sightseeing, Native American and Spanish American history. Taos is unlike other resorts. Its mysticism comes from its rich native-American heritage, adoption by early ski pioneers, and an amazing aura of light and unique culture. It's where world renowned mountaineers, haute cuisine, creative artists and native peoples live in harmony. A place of dramatic peaks, remote chutes and long, uncrowded blue/green cruisers. We are staying at the popular slope side Snakedance Resort in 1 and 2 bedroom condos. We will participate in numerous side trips to Native American, Spanish American historical sites, as well as an all day excursion midweek to Santa Fe.

Trip Leader: Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098

E-mail: Taos@miamiskiclub.net

THREE VALLEYS, FRANCE with optional Paris Extension

March 15 - 22, 2014

Per person \$2,999.00

Per person Paris extension \$495

7 nights at Three Valleys - March 23-25, \$495 3 nights Paris extension

Val Thorens is the highest resort in Europe situated at the top of Three Valleys in Savoie, France. Three Valleys is comprised of the famous resorts of Courcheval, Meribel and Val Thorens known for powder snow from November–May. Conditions for all classes of skiers, with over 300 miles of marked runs between the valleys. Val Chaviere Hotel offers 4 star Ski In/Ski Out accommodations with ground level ski storage, and includes breakfast and 5 course dining nightly. 4 day/3 night optional extension to Paris, France at the Mercure Tour Eiffel Hotel, includes breakfast daily. Experience the City of Lights, visit the Louvre, shop on the Champs-Elysee, visit beautiful Montmartre, and marvel as the Eiffel Tower sparkles. Truly a European Ski and Travel Adventure not to be missed! Come join the fun!

Trip Leader: Lainie Wolfe (954) 907-4450

E-mail: SkiFrance@miamiskiclub.net

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO. – SPRING BREAK TRIP

March 22 - March 29, 2014

\$1,495.00 PP/2 -1 King Bed Hotel Room with refrig. & balcony * sleeps up to 4 pp.
\$1,515.00 PP/2 – 2 Queen Beds Hotel Room with refrig. & balcony *sleeps up to 4 pp.
\$1,598.00 PP/2 –Studio-2 Queen Beds w/kitchen, washer/dryer & balcony *sleep up to 4
\$1,694.00 PP/2-1BR King Suite, & sleeper sofa *sleep up to 8 people
\$1,443.00 PP/4 – 2 BR Suite-1 King Bed, 2 Queen Beds & sleeper sofa *sleeps up to 6
\$1,344.00 PP/6-3 BR Suite-1 King Bed, 2-2 Queen Beds & sleeper sofa *sleeps up to 8
All 1-2-3 BR Suites have full kitchens & living room-washer/dryer, fireplace, & balcony.
***Additional person in room - 17 and under \$938.00**
***Additional person in room- 18 & over \$1,130.00**

Whether you are Single, a Couple, a Group, or a Family, we have something very special for you and a wonderful time with our people in Steamboat. We are staying at the excellent SHERATON RESORT. It has Hotel Rooms, fully equipped Condos and Villas with full kitchens, living rooms, sofa beds and balconies, at amazing low prices for us. The SHERATON is the only Ski-In and Ski-Out facility just 60 paces from the lift and great discounts for the additional children or adults in the room. In Steamboat, Child Lift Tickets are FREE with every Adult Lift Ticket purchased. Ski or snowboard on the legendary “Champagne Powder”. Known as "Ski Town USA" it's no wonder Ski Magazine readers rated them “one of the top five ski resorts in North America”. COME JOIN US!!!

Trip Leader: Joel B. Krieger (305) 858-8585
Email: SteamboatSprings@miamiskiclub.net

VALLE NEVADO – CHILE

July 3-12, 2014

Some of you have expressed an interest in a **SUMMER SKI TRIP to CHILE!** We are proposing a trip to Valle Nevado for July 3-12, 2014 which will be a bit of a departure from our usual trip format. This will be an escorted trip by a bilingual agent representative. By doing this, we will be able to keep trip pricing affordable and attractive for our skiers. Valle Nevado has several new lifts which include access to previously difficult to reach powder areas, and with the bonus of the interconnect passes you can really experience why Las Tres Valles is the largest ski area in South America.

We will be staying at the three-star Hotel Tres Puntas. Breakfast and dinner are included, with dining available at several resort restaurants. 8 day lift tickets are included, along with two free interconnect tickets to neighboring ski areas, one for La Parva and one for El Colorado. The trip will also include Saturday night in Santiago at a four-star hotel (with breakfast), so you can ski until the lifts close on Friday, July 10th, and have time to go on an optional Santiago city tour and wine tasting excursion.

I would appreciate feedback from you on your interest in a trip like this for this coming summer. We need to decide by mid-November whether to move forward. At this point, airfare is not included, but is expected to be somewhere in the \$1200 to \$1400 area. This trip, including all of the above, along with airfare should be under \$3,000.

Please email Karen Kirby at vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net.

HAPPY HOURS

December 6, 6-8PM

Panorama Sky Lounge

Poolside Sonesta Bayfront Hotel 8th floor

2889 Mc Farlane Road, Coconut Grove (305) 447-8256

(Drink specials & appetizers)

December 13, 6-8PM

Seasons 52

321 Miracle Mile

Coral Gables, (305) 442-8552

(Drink specials **6-7PM only**, appetizers)

December 20, 6-8PM

Biltmore Hotel Lounge

1200 Anastasia Ave

Coral Gables, (305) 445-1926

(Drink Specials and appetizers)

Fun Holiday Attire

December 27

No HH

Enjoy your Holidays! See you next year!



**MIAMI SKI CLUB IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES
FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TERM OF 2014-2016 ARE:**

**Karen Kirby – President
Eugene Villacian- VP of Trips
Kathleen Moorman- Treasurer
Maggie Zaitz- Secretary**

Elections will be held February 2014

Florida Ski Council Fall Meeting

I just attended the Florida Ski Council (FSC) Fall Meeting during the first weekend in November at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando. I was joined by our Vice President Karen Kirby, Secretary Maggie Zaitz and members John Kirby, Eugene Villacian and Mary Ann Shockley. The fall meeting is where the short list of ski areas for the 2016 ski season is chosen. The January trip is the main FSC trip and usually averages around 500 participants. It includes the January FSC board meeting, dinner parties, Florida Cup race, and a mountain picnic. The February trip is also a FSC trip, but only averages around 300 participants. This trip also includes the parties and picnic. A March trip to the Northeast is also being considered.

We started off Saturday with a breakfast sponsored by Florida Ski Council. Saturday morning included breakout sessions for Cross Marketing, On-line Software and Thinking Outside the Box. We split up and attended all three workshops. Another set of workshops included a review of the ski trips for 2014. Lunch was sponsored by Sports America. The future December FAM trip to Italy was discussed. The afternoon session discussed the January (Snowmass) and February (Park City) locations for the 2014 ski season. Also discussed were the ski trips to Telluride for January 2015 and Crested Butte for February 2015. Saturday evening we enjoyed dancing and dinner. We also had time to visit various ski resorts and travel agents to discuss skiing for our club.

Sunday morning breakfast was sponsored Vail Resorts and Breckenridge Hospitality. The Sunday morning meeting included selecting the short list of ski areas for the 2016 trips. The short list included Beaver Creek, Steamboat, and Whistler for January. The short list for February included Northstar, Mount Bachelor, and Breckenridge. The short list for the March trips to the Northeast include Okemo, VT; Jay Peak, VT; Sugarloaf, ME; and Lake Placid, NY. The March trip would be either a Sunday to Friday trip or a Monday to Saturday trip.

The next meeting of the FSC will be in January 2014 during the Snowmass trip. The December FAM trip to Italy will be discussed. The Spring FSC meeting will be held at the Mission Inn near Howie in the Hills from May 30 to June 1, 2014. The final location for the 2016 trips will be chosen. If you would like more information about the FSC meeting, please contact Bill Grieco at FSCdelegate@miamiskiclub.net.