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CVSC SkiZette

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

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JANUARY, 2023

- 11 CVSC Board meeting at Anne's
- 18 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant
- 21-28 BAC/FWSA Annual Ski & Snowboard Week, Jackson Hole, WY (f) pg 7

FEBRUARY

- 8 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's
- 12-17 BAC Mini Ski Week to Sun Peaks, BC, Canada (f) pg 6
- 25-3/2 FWSA Mini Ski Week to Taos (f) pg 8
- 25-3/4 FWSA Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland (f) pg 9

MARCH

- 15 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant

UPCOMING

- 5/21-6/1 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 10
- 12/2-13 CVSC Christmas Markets Along the Rhine (f) pg 11

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

2024:

1/27-2/3 FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat, CO

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard Warren	7
Tom Langhorne	8
Connie Wolzinger	8
Shirley Thompson	10
Linda Melliush	13
David Silva	14
Lori Austin	19
Barbara Johnson	23
Jan Tadevich	29
Suzanne White	29



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NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 5th of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter.

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, Editor

email: dennieluu1@gmail.com



*Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -
PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership
email: mozoro25@gmail.com*

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!!

President's Message

Happy snow days everyone and happy

new year 🎉. We've been praying for snow and it's here. Hope our coming months continue to bring us the white stuff. Be safe out there...

I hope all your holidays were happy ones... Thank you again everyone for your generosity with our annual fundraiser - you made a difference!



Claudia Fernandes
President

our upcoming ski trips.

We will have some updates on the coming year and travels. Enjoy the snow, be safe in the rain this month and may the days ahead bring you joy.

Always,

Claudia

Our Christmas trolley event was again a great success, good food, wine, and wonderful friends to share the experience with! We saw fabulous lights and displays this time more than last year. Thank you again Pat for this fun time.

Our upcoming meeting this month will be at Don Jose's. We had a nice turnout in November, hope to see you for the new year. Time to share our holiday adventures and





BALI 2023: *May 21-June 1, 2023.* Trip is full with 34 members.

Christmas Market Cruise: *Dec 2 - Dec 13, 2023*

Trip is full with 35 signed up.

FWSA Ski Week Jackson Hole: *January 21 - 28, 2023*

Lots of info in this newsletter on how to sign up with Gail Burns, the BAC travel director, for the FWSA Jackson Hole trip.

FWSA Ski Week Steamboat: *January 27 - February 3, 2024*

Tucker & I will be going on this trip. BAC will be offering 3 properties. Here are the properties you can check them out. Chateau Chamonix (high end), The Lodge (least expensive) & Trappeurs Crossing (middle of the road). Pricing, and more info coming end of Feb. from BAC. Get your group together if you're interested. We already have 2 groups going.

Portugal River Cruise: *October 9-19, 2024*

We will be going with Mayflower Cruises and Tours with 2 days in Lisbon beforehand. Our boat will be the Emerald Radiance; the boat holds 112 people. Portugal is **VERY** popular right now. Air out of LAX or SFO. Prices will vary depending on your choice of cabin, between \$5490 to \$6199. Deposit will be \$400 per person and it's **NON-REFUNDABLE**. We already have 26 signed up with deposits in. Check out the flyer and additional info in this newsletter.

Happy Travels..... Tucker & Kathy

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CVSC CST # 2081040

2024 Castro Valley Ski Club

Portugal & the Douro River Cruise

October 9-19th, 2024



\$5490 to \$6199 (depending on cabin choice)

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 *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 trip in the home of Port wine, Porto, and fly back to the US.

Your tour includes:

- RT air from LAX or SFO
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- 7 night Duoro River Cruise on the Emerald Radiance
- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Salamanca, Pocinho, Lamego and Porto
- All onboard meals feature local and international specialties
- All onboard lunches and dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary WiFi onboard

Send \$400 per person non-refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550
510-329-4242 tkhoffmann@icloud.com

Note: due to the popularity of this trip please send us an email to let us know if you're sending a deposit. We already have quite a few already signed up.

CVSC CST # 2081040



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WHEN BOOKED BY
MARCH 31, 2023



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

Tour Dates: October 9th – 19th, 2024



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise



Experience the cosmopolitan charm of Lisbon, Portugal



Feel the rhythm of the city in the Plaza Mayor, Salamanca, Spain

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

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

DAY 3 Lisbon: After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. During a panoramic coach tour, see 'Monument to the Discoveries,' and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Jerónimos Monastery and discover the unique architecture and history. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, dine and experience this cosmopolitan city on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 4 Fátima – Coimbra – Porto: Depart Lisbon by coach and journey to the ship in Porto. Enroute, 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. **Meals: B, D**

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 quaint villages, sun-drenched vineyards and small farms. Later today, arrive 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. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: A Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard

DAY 6 Pinhão – Vega de Terrón: Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful 18th-century estate of Quinta do Tedo Vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro Valley. Learn about wine production, its importance to the culture and economy, and enjoy a tasting of the local vintage. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terrón, gateway to Spain. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE*: A guided walk through the vineyards

EmeraldACTIVE*: Kayak experience in Pinhão

*The included tour and both ACTIVE tours all operate simultaneously. Only one can be selected.

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 and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. Visit the market and taste the local products including cheese, olives and bread. You'll have free time for lunch and to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. **Meals: B, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Entertainment by a Tuna music band in Salamanca

DiscoverMORE: Tour of Castelo Rodrigo (instead of city tour to Spain – additional expense)

DAY 8 Pocinho / Régua, Portugal: Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning tour to the Côa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum's 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. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Archaeological 4x4 Tour at Côa Museum (additional expense)

The included tour and DiscoverMORE operate at the same time.

EmeraldPLUS: Port wine cocktail lesson onboard

EmeraldPLUS: Dinner at a vineyard estate



The quaint and historic town of Porto, Portugal

DAY 9 Régua – Lamego: From 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. Visit the Sanctuary perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white 'azulejos' tiles. During a guided walk through the village, learn about the importance of wine production to the local area. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Walk down the stairs of the Sanctuary

DiscoverMORE: Visit to Mateus Manor House (additional expense)

This tour operates at the same time as the included visit of Lamego.

EmeraldPLUS: Mosaic tile painting lesson onboard

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 its scenic beauty to the historic landmarks of the Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided walking tour of Porto (instead of included tour)

DiscoverMORE*: Guided bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE*: Visit to Quinta do Aveleda with Vinho Verde tasting (additional expense)

EmeraldPLUS: Evening cruise through Porto's enchanting waters

* the DiscoverMORE's operate at the same time; only one can be selected.

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.' **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Exceptional Inclusions

- 22 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit two countries
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- Seven-night cruise on the *Emerald Radiance*
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Onboard Activity Manager will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- All gratuities included
- Personal listening device for onboard excursions
- Many meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Variety of onboard evening entertainment

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

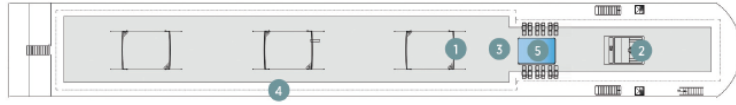
Days 2 and 3 – Avani Hotel or similar, Lisbon, Portugal

Days 4 through 10 – Aboard the *MS Emerald Radiance*

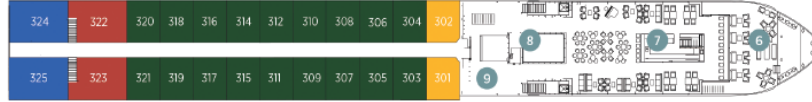
MS Emerald Radiance

Built: 2017 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 10 Suites: 46 Length: 292 ft. Crew: 37

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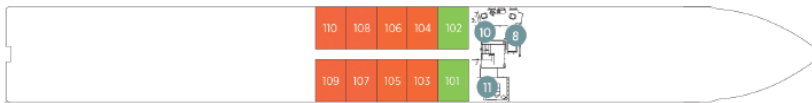
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VISTA DECK



RIVIERA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

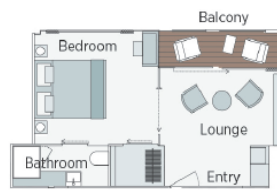
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Walking Track
- 5 Serenity Pool
- 6 The Terrace
- 7 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 8 Elevator
- 9 Reception
- 10 Wellness Area
- 11 Fitness Area
- 12 Reflections Restaurant



Emerald Riverview Suite

300ft²

CAT RA



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

285ft²

CAT SA



Panorama Balcony Suite

160ft² – 180ft²

CAT B CAT C CAT R CAT A CAT P



Emerald Stateroom

153ft² – 170ft²

CAT D CAT E

2024 Departure Date
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	Oct 9	
			PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,945	+\$3,465
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,169	+\$3,619
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,489	+\$3,845
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,595	+\$3,919
R	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,919	+\$4,145
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,099	+\$4,409
P	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,459	+\$4,525
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$6,949	N/A
RA	Riverview Suite	Horizon	\$7,059	N/A

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

- For cruise pricing up to \$5000 - \$499 per person (optional)
- For cruise pricing \$5001 and up - \$569 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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EASY ENERGETIC



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

FREE AIRFARE from San Francisco (SFO) or Los Angeles (LAX) (\$1800) when reservations are made by March 31st, 2023!

Beginning April 1st, please call for the updated air promo details!
Pricing includes international transfers in Portugal when airfare is done through Mayflower and travel dates remain the same. Travel Protection Plan is recommended. Please see Kathleen or Tucker Hoffman for pricing and information.

Please send in your non-refundable \$400 deposit along with your reservation form and passport photo to: Tucker Hoffman, Castro Valley Ski Club, 2657 Rivers Bend Circle, Livermore CA 94550

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

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CVSC CST #2081040



WHAT'S NEW ON THE SLOPES

Here's a roundup of what's new at Northern California resorts this season. Learn more at skicalifornia.org.

BOREAL/WOODWARD TAHOE

» The closest Interstate 80 resort to Sacramento and the Bay Area includes a downhill ski area and tubing hill as well as an indoor "bunker" offering foam pits, trampolines, ramps and drops for all levels. Boreal is the only Tahoe-area resort offering night skiing and riding. It will host the action-packed Subaru Winterfest April 8. A "Take-3, Ride Free" program returns, offering a season pass to those who complete the lesson program. rideboreal.com

DIAMOND PEAK » This Incline Village (Nevada side) ski area is smallish but scenic and sweet, and its Last Tracks wine and beer tasting events are offered mid-week on select dates through April. A new surface lift for kids, ages 3-6, at the Child Ski Center makes the learning process more fun for little ones. diamondpeak.com

GRANLIBAKKEN SKI & SLED HILL

» Sledding and snow play are the main events at this West Shore conference center that attracts scads of families in winter. There's a small downhill ski hill, too. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available right out the door. granlibakken.com

HOMEWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT

» Great views are the hallmark of this relaxed resort that's been a family-friendly landmark on Tahoe's West Shore since 1959. The lake views are breathtaking, and this year, the resort adds more than a mile of new tree-skiing terrain. Treat the kids to sledding and snow play at the base area. homewoodmountainresort.com

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN » This massive Eastern Sierra resort is a magnet for Southern Californians, as well as the NorCal contingent. In the race to see which California resort opened first, Mammoth won with limited runs open Nov. 5. A destination resort with 28 lifts, 46 runs and nine terrain parks, Mammoth is at the center of a region that also includes June Mountain and other ski areas. mammothmountain.com, junemountain.com

MT. ROSE SKI TAHOE » The Nevada resort closest to Reno has lots to brag about this year, including \$7.5 million in improvements showcasing expansion of the scenic Lakeview zone, now served by a new high-speed chair and accessed by new trails (including a green run) so that skiers and riders of all levels can still get down. Rose has one of the highest-elevation base areas (8,260 feet) and summits (9,700 feet) in the region. skirose.com

PALISADES TAHOE » The new Base to Base gondola, decades in development, is part of an \$85 million project that also includes re-vamping of the base-area plazas at both Palisades and Alpine and realignment and replacement of the Red Dog lift at Palisades, which will offer a 3-minute ride time aboard a high-speed six-seat chair. The new gondola will have many high-tech features in addition to a massive "parking garage" at Alpine (another to come at Palisades) that will allow cabins to be sheltered and maintained out of

the weather. Many special events are planned throughout the year, including the men's slalom and giant slalom World Cup events Feb. 25-26. palisadestahoe.com

SIERRA-AT-TAHOE » A favorite destination for day-trippers with an extremely loyal following, Sierra, the closest Highway 50 ski area to the Bay Area, will reopen this season following remediation after heavy damage from the 2021 Caldor Fire. With help from the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies, more than 14,000 charred trees have been removed from the resort, with emphasis on restoration of the West Bowl area. It's "welcome home" time, but expect things to be different. Check it out at sierraattahoe.com.

SUGAR BOWL/ROYAL GORGE

» A new, high-end dining venue will delight skiers and non-skiers alike. For those into hiking on skis, the Sugar Bowl Uphiller event provides ample opportunity. Nearby Royal Gorge, meanwhile, is America's largest cross-country resort, also featuring snowshoeing and dog-friendly trails. sugarbowl.com

Note: Sugar Bowl has joined the Mountain Collective, an alliance of 25 resorts in the United States, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Chile. Check it out at mountaincollective.com.

TAHOE DONNER » This marquee cross-country venue encompasses more than 100 kilometers of ski and snowshoe trails (some of them dog-friendly) and extensive base-area facilities. The Tahoe Donner complex also includes a downhill ski hill with five lifts, 17 runs and extensive learn-to-ski programs. tahoeonner.com

VAIL RESORTS (HEAVENLY, KIRKWOOD, NORTHSTAR)

» New happenings are unfolding at all three of Vail's Tahoe Resorts. Heavenly has upgraded its crawly North Bowl triple chair to a high-speed quad, increasing uphill capacity by 40% and opening an underused part of the mountain. Besides the Samuel Adams Air & Apres event March 4, the high-energy South Shore resort will bring back its Spring Loaded event series and lots of music all season long on the mountain and at the base-area village.

Northstar, meanwhile, celebrates its 50th anniversary with a much-needed upgrade to the Comstock Express lift, which is now a high-speed six-pack eliminating former traffic jams. Tost, the mountaintop Champagne venue, opens again too, and passholders will have early mountain access on Mondays.

Kirkwood is also turning 50, and its marquee event this season will be a Feb. 25 Banked Slalom (skiing and riding in Snow Snake Gully) event with a dozen age divisions for kids and adults. Don't overlook the tubing hill and XC opportunities at this high-altitude resort south of Lake Tahoe. skiheavenly.com, northstarcalifornia.com, kirkwood.com, epicpass.com

PALISADES TAHOE

BEST VIEW: Top of Lakeview (Alpine Meadows)

SLOGAN: *Land of legends*

WHAT'S NEW: The new Palisades Tahoe Base to Base Gondola

DON'T MISS: Palisades Tahoe will host the World Cup, Men's Slalom and Giant Slalom (February 24-26)

FEATURED DEAL: Slopeside Lodging discounts for '22-'23 Ikon Pass holders

palisadestahoe.com

SIERRA-AT-TAHOE

BEST VIEW: At the top of 360 Smokehouse BBQ

SLOGAN: *Where play reigns free*

WHAT'S NEW: The largest inbound terrain expansion in 75 years, including new terrain, uncovered lines, and wider bowls

DON'T MISS: Subaru WinterFest Music Event (April 1 - 2)

FEATURED DEAL: The Unlimited Pass lets you ski any day with no blackout dates

sierraattahoe.com

SNOW VALLEY

BEST VIEW: The top of Snow Valley Express offers views of Big Bear Lake and on a really clear day a sliver of the ocean.

SLOGAN: *So Cal's #1 beginner friendly resort*

WHAT'S NEW: Night skiing & snowboarding on select weekends and holiday periods

DON'T MISS: Southern California's only six-passenger lift

FEATURED DEAL: 4 Pack of Anytime Lift Tickets, fully transferable

snow-valley.com

SUGAR BOWL RESORT

BEST VIEW: Lake View run has great views overlooking beautiful Donner Lake

SLOGAN: *Tahoe's deepest*

WHAT'S NEW: Free live music at both lodges Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4pm

DON'T MISS: Family-friendly Poker Run, ski poker and scavenger hunt (Jan 21)

FEATURED DEAL: Buy early to score discounted lift tickets as low as 40% off.

sugarbowl.com

DIAMOND PEAK

BEST VIEW: Crystal Ridge and Snowflake Lodge offer epic lake views

SLOGAN: *Lake Tahoe's hidden gem*

WHAT'S NEW: Contactless lift and pass pickup access, plus a new surface lift at the Child Ski & Ride Center

DON'T MISS: The Luggi Foeger Uphill/Downhill Festival (March 25 - 26)

FEATURED DEAL: Interchangeable Parent Pass

diamondpeak.com

(article from Adventure Sports Journal)

submitted by John Houseman

DODGE RIDGE SKI RESORT

BEST VIEW: A spectacular view of Sonora Pass and Three Chimneys from The Shots

SLOGAN: *The closest snow to home*

WHAT'S NEW: The new Triple Nugget lift, plus expanded tubing and terrain parks

DON'T MISS: Santa Sunday (Dec 18) & New Year's Eve Party (Dec 31)

FEATURED DEAL: Lift Ticket 4 Pack, is flexible & offers 25% off, sale ends Dec 24

dodgeridge.com

DONNER SKI RANCH

BEST VIEW: Sweeping views of Donner Lake at the top of Chair 1

SLOGAN: *The happiest place in Tahoe*

WHAT'S NEW: New rental gear, revamped menu and a new lane on the tubing hill

DON'T MISS: Old School Days - prices from the past!

FEATURED DEAL: \$59 all day unlimited Adult lift ticket on Old School Days

donnerskiranch.com

HEAVENLY

BEST VIEW: California Trail on your way down to Tamarack Lodge

SLOGAN: *Lake Tahoe's premier playground*

WHAT'S NEW: The North Bowl lift has been upgraded to a high-speed quad. Plus new event: Sam Adams Air and Après on March 4

DON'T MISS: Gunbarrel (March 11), Pond Skim (April 1), & Spring Fling Rail Jam (TBA)

FEATURED DEAL: EpicPass products

skiheavenly.com

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

BEST VIEW: From the top, neighboring mountains look close enough to touch

SLOGAN: *Find us in the fun*

WHAT'S NEW: New restaurants and expanded sledding at Woolly's Tube Park

DON'T MISS: Après party every weekend at Canyon Lodge — it goes off!

FEATURED DEAL: QuadPack+ offers up to 45% on four tickets.

mammothmountain.com

MT. ROSE

BEST VIEW: Blue View off Upper Ramsey's, overlooking Lake Tahoe.

SLOGAN: *Above the ordinary*

WHAT'S NEW: Lakeview Express chairlift, a new highspeed lift with new runs and great views

DON'T MISS: Santa Ski Day (Dec 10), McKinney Cup (Feb 11), Tahoe Freeride (March 11 - 12)

FEATURED DEAL: Intro packages

skirose.com

HOMEWOOD

BEST VIEW: Head to Big Blue View Bar for an incredible view of Lake Tahoe

SLOGAN: *Where the mountains meet the lake*

WHAT'S NEW: Some forest thinning that will open up new tree skiing this season

DON'T MISS: Access over 750 acres of backcountry terrain via snowcat

FEATURED DEAL: Lift ticket 3 pack

skihomewood.com

JUNE MOUNTAIN

BEST VIEW: The view from the Chalet is an absolute stunner

SLOGAN: *California's family mountain*

WHAT'S NEW: New Adventure Zones

DON'T MISS: Bring the kids to Bucky's Bonfire on Saturdays at 2PM, and the adults can chill & enjoy the view

FEATURED DEAL: Kids under 12 ski/ride for free

junemountain.com

KIRKWOOD

BEST VIEW: From the top of Chair 4 for breathtaking views of the High Sierra

SLOGAN: *Kirkwood deep, Kirkwood kind*

WHAT'S NEW: Kirkwood is excited to be celebrating 50 years this season and the return of events

DON'T MISS: Spring events — Banked Slalom (March 18), Pond Skim (April 15), and Rail Jam (April 22)

FEATURED DEAL: EpicPass products

kirkwood.com

MT. SHASTA SKI PARK

BEST VIEW: From the Lodge, right at the Base looking at Mt Shasta

SLOGAN: *Our best season yet*

WHAT'S NEW: The new Gray Butte lift with access to over 211 acres of new terrain

DON'T MISS: Backcountry tours, open terrain, and overnight stays.

FEATURED DEAL: Black Friday season pass discounts and ticket bundles.

skipark.com

NORTHSTAR CALIFORNIA

BEST VIEW: Head to East Ridge on the backside for views of Lake Tahoe

SLOGAN: *Your mountain home away from home*

WHAT'S NEW: Comstock Express has been upgraded to a high-speed 6-person chair

DON'T MISS: 50 year anniversary — TOST tradition returns, Lake Tahoe's only ski-up, mountain view bubbly experience

FEATURED DEAL: Epic Pass Products

northstarcalifornia.com

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

BEST VIEW: The top of Eagle lift

SLOGAN: *It's all right here*

WHAT'S NEW: After two years of COVID, we anticipate being open all season long

DON'T MISS: The opportunity to ski in Yosemite National Park

FEATURED DEAL: Check for current deals, great prices compared to other ski hills

travel Yosemite.com

BEAR VALLEY MOUNTAIN

BEST VIEW: Top of More Express lift

SLOGAN: *Big snow. Little lines.*

WHAT'S NEW: RFID tickets & passes, buy online

DON'T MISS: Live music on Saturday afternoons

FEATURED DEAL: Mid-week season pass

bearvalley.com

BIG BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

BEST VIEW: Top of Geronimo, Chair 8

SLOGAN: *Winter lives here*

WHAT'S NEW: Base area renovations

DON'T MISS: Bear Bowl (Feb 11), football themed on-snow skills competition

FEATURED DEAL: Fall pass sale (Nov 3 - Dec 9), save up to \$80.

bigbearmountainresort.com

BOREAL MOUNTAIN RESORT

BEST VIEW: Summit sunset from Accelerator chairlift

SLOGAN: *The mountain is calling you home*

WHAT'S NEW: Contactless access

DON'T MISS: Subaru Winterfest and the Boreal Banked Slalom (April 8)

FEATURED DEAL: "Go Time Tickets" are cheaper as the day goes on.

rideboreal.com

CHINA PEAK

BEST VIEW: Views of Huntington Lake from the top of chairs 1, 2 & 5

SLOGAN: *Own winter*

WHAT'S NEW: An updated snowmaking machine, one of the largest in the state

DON'T MISS: Check out the \$50,000 terrain park update and weekend events

FEATURED DEAL: 4 day lift ticket pack, good any day of season, 40% off

skichinapeak.com

(article from Adventure Sports Journal)

submitted by John Houseman

CVSC Christmas Trolley



SO MUCH FUN.....



AND SO JOLLY!!!!!!





***Bay Area Snow Sports Council Mini-Ski Week
Sun Peaks Ski Resort, British Columbia, Canada
February 12-17th, 2023***

Sun Peaks Resort has excellent annual snowfall & powder and has the Second Most Skiable Acreage in all of Car BAC Council group has ski-in/ski out hotel rooms at the **Sun Peaks Lodge** located in the heart of the quaint & fr Enjoy our Lodge's hot tub, sauna and steam room in their wellness area. Great après ski venues! BAC Club Men Direct BAC membership required. Only 30 spots available!

The Lodging/Amenities package at \$665 per person includes:

- *5 nights hotel rooms: double occupancy: 2 queens or King rooms-Singles supplement available
- *Daily full buffet breakfast
- *Welcome Reception & Group Event on Wednesday night

Optional: Alaska Group Air from SFO to Kelowna: \$623 per person
from Kelowna Airport w/grocery stop-\$118 pp
registration with Sports America. http://bac_sunpeaks23.sat.tours

Ground Transfers
Lift Tickets & ONLINE

Send in your Initial \$200 Deposit check made out to: Bay Area Snow Sports Council to hold your spot. Mail to: Gail Burns, BAC Travel Director 123 Phillips Lane Woodside, CA 94062
gailb3098@gmail.com 650 255-7883 BAC CST#205 00870
2nd Payment due 10/31 \$300 & Final Payments 12/1 : ONLINE Link with Sports America

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Far West Ski Association's

2023 Mini Ski Trip

February 25—March 2, 2023

Taos Ski Valley

TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT

\$1,258

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available.
Price does NOT include air or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1st and you will get a discount on your trip price.
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2022*

Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs

Snake Dance Condos are steps from lift 1. Spacious units with fully equipped kitchens. King/Split Kings each bedroom. Après ski, food shopping & restaurants nearby.

110 Trails—24% Beginner; 25% Intermediate; 51% Advanced/Expert

Historic Town of Taos has many spas, an historic district, museums, and Taos Pueblo, a multi-story adobe structure home to numerous artisans.

Contacts: Marilyn Sigler—503-504-3663 – msigler@stewart.com
Nancy Ellis – 530-502-0566 – FWSAtravelnancy@global.net

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaintl.net/tours>

FWSA CST 0033083-40

Included:

Five night's lodging

- Snake Dance Condos
- Ski in/Ski out
- 2bdrm condo—split King
- 1bdrm condo—split King

Welcome Reception

Farewell Dinner

Souvenir Ski Vest

Shuttle Albuquerque Airport

(must arrive between 10am—2pm)

Optional for Purchase:

3-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$444

4-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$578

3-day Senior Lift Ticket—\$267

4-day Senior Lift Ticket—\$464

Discounted Equipment Rental

Taos is on the IKON Pass

(must reserve your ski days with IKON)

Optional Activities:

- Snowmobile Tours
- Spa Services
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Art & History Museums
- Taos Pueblo—World Heritage Site

FWSA 2023 Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland

BASIC Ski Week – Zermatt, Switzerland February 25–March 4, 2023

(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 5, 2023)

Opt. Extension Trip: Costa del Sol, So. Spain & Mallorca March 4–12, 2023

(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 13, 2023)



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2 Lodging properties to choose from!

Approx. hotel costs \$2025.00pp – \$3459.00pp (dbl. occ.) based on lodging choice [air not incl.]

Single Supplements are available.



Zermatt, Switzerland's best-known ski resort has the highest concentration of mountains and glacial ice in the Alps and the most magical and romantic car-free village situated at the foot of Switzerland's most famous landmark: the Matterhorn. It is considered by many true mountaineers to be the peak of all peaks.

You will find a wide range of possibilities for the experienced skier and many wide-open groomed runs for the intermediate and beginning skier. Ski in Switzerland and Italy in one day when you ski over the peak to Cervinia. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty, Zermatt is a record-holding destination which includes Europe's longest ski run with 25km, the highest-altitude sightseeing platform in the Alps, Europe's highest-altitude aerial cableway to the

Matterhorn glacier paradise, Europe's highest-altitude cogwheel railway in the open air (no tunnels), to the Gornegrat at 10,135 feet. Great trip for the non-skier too!

Lodging Package includes:

- Transfer between Zurich Airport & Tasoh via private coach, then train transfer via 2nd class rail to Zermatt.
- Round trip luggage transfer of 2 pieces per person between Tasoh and Zermatt.
- 7 night's accommodations at the Hotel Alex or Gornegrat Dorf Hotel
- Basic Zermatt - 1 overnight in Zurich, Mar. 4th; Zermatt & Extension - 2 overnights in Zurich, Mar. 4th & Mar. 12th
- Breakfast daily & 5 nights' dinner at the hotel you are staying at (2 nights to dine out in Zermatt)
- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi in lobby or hotel room depending on lodging property [see lodging options sheet]
- Welcome/Orientation on Feb. 26th at The Hotel Alex
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided
- Optional day tour - details to be provided

So. Spain – Costa del Sol & Mallorca Extension

March 5 to 12, 2023

(Overnight in Zurich hotel on Mar. 4th and Mar. 12th return flight to U.S. on Mar. 13, 2023)

Approx. \$1810.00pp (dbl. occ.) or \$2738.00pp Single Supp.

Trip includes:

- If using FWSA Group Air – price DOES include flight from Zurich to Malaga
- All airport ground transfers for both weeks
- 4 nights at the 4 Star Melia Costa del Sol in Torremolinos or similar
- 3 nights at the 4 Star Melia Palma Bay Hotel in Mallorca or similar
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions – details to be provided
- Full city day tours including the Alhambra Palace in Granada, city tour in Ronda, free time, Palma city tour...and more

- All Prices are based on current exchange rates and subject to change.
- Stand Alone So. SPAIN ONLY – NO Zermatt trip is available. Contact Debbie Stewart for details and pricing.

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please reference "FWSA 2023 Zermatt Int'l Trip" on each check.

Send to: Debbie Stewart
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
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Visalia, CA 93277

For more information contact: Debbie Stewart at FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net or call: 559/737-0882
CST # 2038083-40



2023 Castro Valley Ski Club presents

Breathtaking Bali

May 21-June 1, 2023



\$2999

Your tour of Bali includes:

- Round-trip international airfare from LAX or SFO
- Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations at first-class hotels and beach resort
- 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 2 dinners (looking to add more)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours with admission fees as per itinerary
- Professional, English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- Refillable water bottle provided at the start of the tour
- Tips & More

Travel Insurance:

- Basic plan \$179 per person
- Upgraded plan to Cancel for Any Reason, \$329 per person, due with or prior to final payment. Insurance premium is non-refundable

Single occupancy supplement is \$499

Send \$300 per person non-refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550
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Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

A Pre-Holiday River Cruise from Switzerland to Amsterdam

\$4545 - \$4445 (depending on cabin choice)

December 2-13, 2023

...with optional extensions to Brussels & Bruges, Belgium & Basel, Switzerland



IT'S INCLUDED:

- **International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges**, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access now in all common areas and cabins
- **ALL meals:** 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 10 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks at all times
- **7 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 7 Christmas markets**, and **4 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Home-Hosted *Kaffeeklatsch* • German Christmas Traditions conversation • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Operation Market Garden* conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **All port charges**



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Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com
Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com
Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623
Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

Best weather website for snow: Tahoweatherdiscussion.com

Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & tahoeskitrips.com

Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/

SKIZETTE FOR JANUARY, 2023



General Meeting at Don Jose's
Mexican Restaurant

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First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:



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