



C6 Whitefish, MT

Downhill Ski and Snowboard Trip

Since 1947 Whitefish Mountain Resort has welcomed skiers and riders seeking a mountain that is uncrowded, beautiful and affordable. The old west town of Whitefish has a bustling downtown area with a multitude of galleries and restaurants with delicious and well thought out cuisine. Rising above the town of Whitefish, in beautiful northwest Montana, in the backyard of Glacier National Park (only 35 miles away), the resort charms its guests with a friendly fun-loving vibe, variety of terrain, and virtually no lift lines. Whitefish's Big Mountain is the quintessential skier's mountain averaging more than 300 inches of snow annually on 3,000 acres of bowls, chutes, and glades on all aspects.

Dates

Saturdays, March 23 – 30, 2019

What does it cost

\$1,930 (cheque discounted price)

Based on Minimum of 24 participants

Full cost if paid by Credit Card: **\$2,000 (Visa/MC)**

- * All rates quoted in Canadian Dollars (CAD). Exchange rate is guaranteed.
- * Deposit: \$100 Online Registration Deposit + \$600 to Tour Operator+ cost of insurance if taken due at time of booking. If paying by cheque you will submit 2 cheques: (i) deposit, (ii) final balance. If you are buying the tour operator's insurance, you must contact the tour operator to confirm the amount and submit a 3rd cheque for the insurance. All cheques payable to "Merit Travel."
- * Balance due: December 19, 2018
- * Booking Deadline: October 20, 2018 (after this time unbooked space may be released)

Note – all deposits are non-refundable

What's included

Accommodation

Kandahar Lodge, Lodge room, 7 nights, 1 or 2 Queen beds. Based upon double occupancy. In-room coffee maker, mini-fridge, microwave, free wifi, large outdoor hot tub, steam room, free shuttle bus to town. All rooms renovated in 2015. [Read More](#)

Trip Highlights

- * The quintessential skier's mountain averaging more than 300 inches of snow annually on 3,000 acres of bowls, chutes, and glades on all aspects
- * Friendly fun-loving vibe, variety of terrain, and virtually no lift lines
- * The old west town of Whitefish has a bustling downtown area with a multitude of galleries and restaurants with delicious and well thought-out cuisine
- * 5 day lift pass included, 6th day add \$70
- * Discount for age 70+ of \$315
- * Daily deluxe continental breakfast including sliced meat and cheese
- * Welcome reception, daily après ski cookies, fresh popcorn and hot chocolate
- * Accommodation: Kandahar Lodge, 7 nights, lodge rooms with 1 or 2 Queen beds, small fridge, microwave, coffee maker, free wifi, large outdoor hot tub and steam room, free shuttle bus to town. All rooms renovated in 2015.
- * Direct flight to Kalispell via Chicago plus luxury private coach transfer





Meals

Daily deluxe continental breakfast including sliced meat and cheese, welcome reception, daily après ski cookies, fresh popcorn, and hot chocolate.

Lift Tickets

5 day lift pass included

- ❄ 6th Day of Skiing: Add \$70
- ❄ Senior 5 Day: Deduct \$45
- ❄ Senior 6th Day: same cost as Adult 5-day package
- ❄ Super Senior (age 70+): Deduct \$315
- ❄ No Lifts: Deduct \$315
- ❄ Complimentary daily guided tours

Other Options

- ❄ Land Only: Deduct \$850. The transfer bus will not wait for passengers who are arranging their own air travel. No discount will be given for missed transfers and those passengers must make their own arrangements to get to the resort.
- ❄ Single: Add \$525 (limited rooms available)

Flights: (all times local)

- ❄ United Airlines, Toronto to Kalispell via Chicago
- ❄ MAR23 UA1769 YYZ – ORD Dep 06:00 – Arr 06:47
- ❄ MAR23 UA5656 ORD – FCA Dep 08:55 – Arr 12:03
- ❄ MAR30 UA5637 FCA – ORD Dep 12:40 – Arr 17:02
- ❄ MAR30 UA843 ORD – YYZ Dep 17:50 – Arr 20:33
- ❄ Flights are subject to change.
- ❄ Fuel charges and taxes are subject to change

Baggage Fees: (subject to change)

- ❄ 1st bag \$33.90 up to 23 kg (per direction, including taxes)
- ❄ 2nd bag \$56.50 (per direction, including taxes)

Skis and boots are considered 1 pc even if in separate bags as long as nothing else is in the bags. (Subject to change, check with the airline.)

Deviation charges: Any person deviating from the group itinerary will be charged \$75 CAD plus tax and any additional charges imposed by the suppliers and airlines. Deviations are on a request basis. Members must abide by the prearranged transfer dates and times or arrange their own transfers at their own cost.

Airport and Land Transfers

Return dedicated ground transfers from airport to accommodation.

What you should know and fine print

Resort Info

Like many "skier's mountains," which is often code for a great regional resort not quite yet on the national map, Whitefish is populated by serious skiers. Whitefish may not have the Hollywood-ready cliffs of Squaw or Jackson, but there is a plenty of legit terrain. Ski here awhile, and you're bound to get good. Looking to work it? Head to Big Horn,





Black Bear, or just about anywhere you point 'em in the glorious Hellroaring Basin. The official stats have Whitefish's roomy 3,000 acres comprising about 40 percent advanced terrain (single black) and six percent expert (double black). In some ways, the place skis like a bite-size Whistler, both in variety of terrain and, yes, weather. With a \$1.2 million renovation to the Summit House, the mountaintop day lodge, which opened to rave reviews in the 2015–16 season, improvements include the addition of a roomy mezzanine dining level and a full interior and exterior redesign. Whitefish has always had the hill (and the town), but starting in 2007 with a new base lodge and upgrades to Chair 1 and Chair 2, the resort has been working hard at becoming a national destination.

Eat: At the resort, the Café Kandahar delivers fine dining as well as any within sight of a ski run. Downtown, head to the corner of Central and 1st Street and hit the Tupelo Grille for the Montana pork rib eye, complete with bacon-jalapeño blue cornbread pudding. For slightly higher energy, go a block to Casey's and pick from the exposed-brick bar, dining area, and poker room. To start your day right, follow the locals to the Buffalo Café. Load up with Big Don's breakfast pie.

Après: The mountain excels at classic ski bars: Hellroaring Saloon, Ed & Mully's, the Bierstube. And the selection is just as good downtown: Bulldog, Great Northern. Park and discover. For a different type of adult buzz, head to the downtown Whitefish Coffee House.

Elevation:

- ❄ Summit elevation 6,817 ft./2,078 m
- ❄ Base elevation 4,464 ft./1,361 m
- ❄ Vertical drop 2,353 ft./717 m

Snowfall and Temperatures:

- ❄ Seasonal Snowfall: 300 inches (10 year average)
- ❄ Average high 32 degrees F/ 0 C
- ❄ Average low 17 degrees F/ -8 C

Trails and Terrain:

- ❄ 3,000 acres
- ❄ 105 marked trails
- ❄ Vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing
- ❄ Longest Run: 3.3 miles (Hellfire)
- ❄ 4 terrain parks and a skier/boarder-cross course

Difficulty:



Kandahar Lodge

This 49-room boutique hotel is located at Whitefish Mountain and offers a ski-in location. At the end of your ski day simply ski down Hailey's Run to the hotel. At the beginning of the ski day you can choose a short walk (across the parking lot) and ski down to Chair 6 or take the free hotel shuttle van to the lift located in the Resort Village.

The great room, with its wood burning fireplace, large outdoor hot tub & steam room are warm and cozy places for group get-togethers. Besides the hotel's Café Kandahar, with its award-winning chef and the Snug Bar, there are many great restaurants, bars and shops in the town of Whitefish, just 7 miles away using the free shuttle bus service.

Rooms with 1 or 2 queen beds, small fridge, microwave, coffee maker, daily housekeeping and free wifi.





Passport / Travel Documents:

Canadian citizens need a Canadian passport that is valid until at least **6 months** after the scheduled return date. Other nationalities may require different documents. It is necessary for such people to advise their nationality at the time of booking so that we can determine what travel documents they will require in order to participate in this trip. For all nationalities, please note that entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

Note: Members are solely responsible to ensure that their travel documents are complete, valid and in order.

Cancellation Policy

- ❄ Cancellation Policies are set by the Tour Operators, not HPSC. Please consider your commitment carefully before booking your trip.
- ❄ The Deposits and Insurance Premium are non-refundable.
- ❄ Single Supplement cost has to be covered.
- ❄ From 65 to 48 days prior to departure, loss of 50% of the total package per person.
- ❄ From 47 days to departure, 100% non-refundable.

Optional Travel Insurance

Comprehensive Travel Insurance is available to protect non-refundable payments in the event that participants are forced to cancel their vacation prior to departure or interrupt vacation due to medical reasons. All Insurance payments must accompany deposit in order to be valid.

Insurance is non-refundable from date of issuance. Please note that any unused portion of a ski trip will not be refunded as per conditions above. Passengers must submit a claim to their insurance company if they cancel after the above dates.

Approximate tour operator premiums for coverage up to \$2,000.00 prior to departure:

Age 0-24: \$ 153.00, Age 25-59: \$ 153.00, Age 60-64: \$ 167.00, Age 65-69: \$ 172.00, Age 70-74: \$ 197.00

The Fine Print

Tickets are 100% non-refundable once issued. Name changes and deviations are not permitted once ticketed. Individuals must ensure that all names are spelled correctly and match their personal identification on their passport. The Tour Operator and Airline will not be held liable for delays or cancellations caused by strikes, labour disputes, government actions, weather or any cause beyond the Tour Operator's or Airline's control. The Airline reserves the right to change equipment or schedules. The customer hereby releases and waives any claims against the Airline and Tour Operator regarding cancellation or schedule changes.

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of August have been included in the package price. However in these volatile times the tour operator reserves the right to charge for unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel and taxes imposed by the resort or airline.

Check the High Park Ski Club long trip member policies (including cancellation) on our website. Notwithstanding the advent of legal recreational cannabis in Canada, you must meet customs regulation outside of Canada when traveling with the Club.

Find out more

<http://skiwhitefish.com/>

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