



C8 Taos, New Mexico

Downhill Ski and Snowboard Trip

With over 300 inches of average annual snowfall, 300 days of sunshine and more than 1,200 skiable acres, Taos Ski Valley offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, breathtaking scenery and exhilarating terrain for every ability level and a spirited mountain experience unlike any other. The Village of Taos Ski Valley is located at the southern end of the Rocky Mountains in the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains, 18 miles northeast of the Town of Taos. Originally settled by a group of hearty and adventurous miners in the 1800's, the community is now inhabited by intrepid skiers and outdoor enthusiasts year-round. Explore the history of the Wild West and the adventure that awaits you today in Taos Ski Valley.

Nestled among the pristine peaks of northern New Mexico, Taos is a unique blend of the Swiss-German founders vision of a European atmosphere combined with the local Native American and Spanish cultures. Old world ambience seasoned with Native American and Spanish spice gives Taos Ski valley its unique flavour and dining experiences. The village is surrounded by Carson National Forest. Taos Ski Valley has adapted over the years so that its fabled wall of steep elevator –shaft chutes are complemented by beginner and intermediate runs on almost 50% of the terrain and is a mixture of bowls, bumps, and glades. The mountain towers over a mile above brilliant New Mexico desert and the 800 year old pueblo of the Taos Indians. The contrasting local cultures – Native American, Hispanic and Anglo – have always thought of the mountains differently. It is said by some Indians that the snow-capped peaks are the breasts of the god who created them. The Spanish padres rejected that belief and renamed the mountains the Sangre de Cristo – Blood of Christ – because of the brilliant sunsets that painted the summits red. The skiing starts at 9200 feet and rises in a turquoise sky to 12,451 feet in the heights of Kachina Peak, which is accessed by a new chairlift.

Snakedance condos are located slope-side, less than 20 yards from Lift #1, high speed quad and the main access point to the mountain, in the center of the base area. It is walking distance to shops and restaurants. A trip to historic downtown Taos is included along with a complimentary dinner at the General Manager's residence.

Dates

Saturdays, March 21-28, 2020

What does it cost

\$2,360 (Visa/MC only, no cheques)

Maximum of 36 participants

Trip Highlights

- ❄ Breathtaking scenery and skiing in New Mexico
- ❄ 5 day lift pass included, 6th day add \$115
- ❄ IKON Pass: deduct \$500
- ❄ Super seniors ski free
- ❄ Welcome Reception with resort team
- ❄ Complimentary group dinner at General Manager's home
- ❄ Day trip to historic town of Taos
- ❄ Snakedance fleece vest for each person
- ❄ Accommodation: Snakedance Condominiums, 7 nights, standard 2 bedroom 2 bathroom condo, all rooms with split kings. Based upon 4 people per condo.
- ❄ American Airlines flights to Albuquerque via Dallas
- ❄ Return coach transfer with a grocery stop in town of Taos





- ❄ Deposit: \$100 Online Registration Deposit + \$500 to Tour Operator+ cost of insurance if taken due at time of booking. **Credit card payments only, no cheques.**
- ❄ Balance due: December 11, 2019
- ❄ Booking Deadline: November 26, 2019 (after this time un-booked space will be released).

Note – all deposits are non-refundable.

What's included

Accommodation

The Snakedance condominiums are located slope-side, less than 20 yards from the main access point for the mountain, in the center of the base area, walking distance to shops and restaurants. The on-site amenities include an indoor hot tub and dry sauna and ski storage.

The standard two bedroom condominiums offer spacious rooms and comfortable décor. Each unit has a gas fireplace with French doors opening onto a Juliet balcony, and a fully equipped kitchen. Bedrooms have split king beds and the unit has two full washrooms. Based upon double occupancy, 4 people per condo in a 2 bedroom condo.

Meals

- ❄ Group welcome party with two drinks per person
- ❄ Group dinner at General Manager's home

Lift Tickets

5 day lift pass for Taos Ski Valley

- ❄ Senior 5 Day (age 65-79): Deduct \$100
- ❄ Senior 6 Day – same price as Adult 5 day
- ❄ Adult 6 Day: Add \$115
- ❄ Super seniors (age 80 and older) ski for free: Deduct \$500
- ❄ No Lifts: Deduct \$500 (includes IKON pass holders)
- ❄ 6 Day option cannot be sold to IKON pass holders

Other Options

- ❄ Single Room will be Triple Occupancy (your own room, sharing a 2 bedroom condo): Add \$425.
- ❄ Land Only: Deduct \$700. 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.

Flights: (all times local) Saturday - Saturday

- ❄ American Airlines, Toronto to Albuquerque airport
- ❄ MAR 21 AA1169 Toronto - Dallas Dep 7:00AM – Arr 9:21AM
- ❄ MAR 21 AA2089 Dallas – Albuquerque Dep 10:55AM – Arr 11:46AM
- ❄ MAR 28 AA2712 Albuquerque – Dallas Dep 14:53PM – Arr 17:44PM





- ❄ MAR 28 AA2804 Dallas – Toronto Dep 18:25PM – Arr 22:30PM
- ❄ Flights are subject to change.
- ❄ Fuel charges and taxes are subject to change

Baggage Fees: (subject to change and not under the control of HPSC or the tour operator)

- ❄ 1st bag \$23 USD each direction
- ❄ 2nd bag \$30 USD each direction

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

Taos Ski Valley offers 110 runs:

- 24% beginner
- 25% intermediate
- 51% advanced
- Above these slopes are the challenging double diamond chutes of the highline and west basin ridges
- Base elevation 9,206 feet, peak elevation 11,819 feet with ultimate elevation at Kachina Peak 12,481 feet
- 1,200 skiable acres

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.

- ❄ Deposits and Insurance Premium are non-refundable.
- ❄ Single Supplement charge is non-refundable unless a substitute is found.
- ❄ From December 11 to departure, total holiday cost is 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 the deposit in order to be valid. Cost of insurance varies per person, contact Tour Operator in advance for a quote. To get the proper quote you must specify your name, age, DOB, mailing address, phone number, email address, the options chosen and total trip cost.

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.

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.

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