

# MORNINGSTAR SKI TOURS FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

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*Dan the Ski Man having way too much fun in Austria, 2007.*

**Greetings from Dan the Ski Man and Lynn!** We hope you are well and looking forward to the upcoming ski season. Last year was wonderful and we thank all of you who joined us on our trips. From our first trip to Colorado in December, to our summer tour in August to New Zealand, it was all good. It was all fun. It was

all about Morningstar Skiers! You guys are the best. You allow us to live our passion for skiing and travel. We anticipate new adventures and fun this season. Cheers to you all. Let's go rip some slopes together all over the world!

The upcoming season has provided some big challenges in terms of putting together quality packages at good prices. Air fares are higher than last year, buses, lift passes, and hotel costs have risen... what's new? Skiman has done his best to procure good deals. Our flight trips have limited seats at the prices offered. Deposit asap for any flight trip you want, or you could face a price increase on the air portion of your package.

**SKI PARTY!** The annual Ski Party is **Saturday, Oct. 13** at the Tucson Racquet Club, on Country Club north of Prince. Please come between 7 and 7:30pm. Peter Glenn Ski and Sport will be there with the latest gear. No host bar. Prize drawing. The highlight of the evening will be our annual Morningstar Ski Movie, (shortened in length to 45 minutes, by popular demand)! This year's flick, **Intervention: An American Tragedy**, will thrill you with amazing skiing scenes, great performances by the Morningstar family, and cutting-edge drama that will bring tears to your eyes. Come prepared to laugh, forget your troubles, and see some great skiing footage captured by us on last year's trips. Previews of European March 2008 destinations from Dan and Lynn's summer scout trip included as well. Can't wait to see you all again!

**CANADA NEW YEAR'S SKI TOUR:** 6 nights in Fernie, Dec. 27-Jan. 2. This is Skiman's second favorite resort in all of North America (behind only Jackson Hole). The price is **\$989** for air, lifts, and 6 nights lodging in a lovely hotel in downtown Fernie, close to everything. We have limited air to Calgary. After it is gone, the price will probably increase. Deposit now! This will be our eighth New Years spent in Canada. We can't think of a better way to start the year than our annual pilgrimage to the Great White North. Sign up now! (Note: passport now required to enter/leave Canada). Only 7 of the inexpensive air seats left. **Only 20 room slots left. Call NOW!**

**EUROPE in March: THE FRENCH ALPS!** **Week one: Trois Vallees** (Three Valleys) from **\$1,399. Week two: Portes du Soleil** (Doors to the Sun), from **\$1,469**. This will be our 14th consecutive annual pilgrimage to the Alps. **TROIS VALLEES:** We are revisiting this site of our March 2006 tour. It is the best ski region Skiman has skied in 38 years, no question. Huge, awesome, resorts (Meribel, Corcheval, Val Thorens), one of the best in the world. **PORTES DU SOLEIL:** Also in the French Alps (2 1/2 hours from 3 Vallees), this region claims to be larger than Trois Vallees! Consisting of 8 French resorts and 4 Swiss ones, it looks to be astounding. Basically, there is more skiing in these two resorts than just about all of the U.S. western resorts combined. No kidding. **INCLUDED:** air, 7 nights lodging, daily meals, all transfers. Both weeks feature hotels that are only 5 minutes from lift access. We visited our destinations this summer and love them. The skiing will be superb at both. **WE NEED DEPOSITS NOW TO SECURE YOUR AIR.** Now is the time to commit. This trip will be fantastic. The skiing in Europe is Skiman's FAVORITE in the world! It is beyond description. And when you compare the price of this full week in Europe **INCLUDING** your meals with the cost of many domestic tours offered by others, the value is obvious. **Go to our website for full details** and view our scouting report, full of text and photos of our destinations and hotels. Come to the ski party and you will see it all in the video. Bring your deposit checks! You can add a three night pre-trip tour to ROME (\$489) before the first week and a four night post-tour to Budapest, Hungary (\$549) after the second week, both fabulous cities (details on site). Only a select few American skiers ride the Alps each year... the rest don't know what they are missing. Come to the party and see our movie featuring last year's Euro Adventure; see how awesome skiing in Europe is, and see video of where we are going in 2008. Riding in Europe has transformed Skiman's concept of skiing these past 13 years. **ACT SOON** and join the fun! **PRICING / EXCHANGE RATE NOTES:** As you probably know, the dollar has been weak these past few years against foreign currencies. But even with this being the case, we still find drinks and food in Europe to be less than at American resorts. Before, Europe was a steal. Now it is about on par. Don't let the media hype dissuade you. The prices are still reasonable. And besides; **OUR EUROPE TOUR PRICES ARE ALREADY LOCKED IN. There will be no exchange rate fluctuations. September and October is when we need your deposits. Come experience European skiing as it should be and let us take care of all the details.**

**BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA!** August 2008... We will offer a 7 night ski package to Bariloche with a 3 day extension tour to Buenos Aires. Skiman and 27 of his 'amigos' went to Chile two summers ago. It was our first taste of the Andes. It was very tasty! Everyone loved South American skiing. So, we are going to the next hot spot on Skiman's short list of "have to ski" resorts. Bariloche is a fab town located right on a beautiful lake. Within 30 minutes are two ski resorts offering over 3,700 verticle feet of skiing. The trip will include air from the west (cheaper for our East Coast friends), 7 nights in four star hotel, breakfast, and all transfers. The cost for this 12 day fiesta will be @\$2,400.00. Exact prices are not available as we go to print with this letter, but that will give you an idea of what's in store. If you have dreamed of visiting Argentina, here is your chance! We will let you know all the final details when they become finalized.

### **DOMESTIC TOURS:**

**Taos, New Mexico or Wolf Creek, CO.** DEC. 6(pm) -Dec. 9 or Dec.10\* from **\$389** for air, lodging, and lift passes. We have a fool-proof early-season trip. We will buy our air to Albuquerque and plan on skiing Taos. If the snow is good there, we do it. If it is not, it will probably be good at Wolf Creek, CO., which almost always has snow. We still fly to ABQ and drive to Wolf. We will be skiing! **THE KEY: you need to give us your credit card number so we can purchase Southwest tickets to ABQ ASAP!**(Or, you can purchase on own. Just make sure to talk to us first.) The ticket is very inexpensive if you purchase it soon and **IT IS REUSABLE** for up to a year if the snow is not there early enough. So, it is a no-lose deal. **Call now.**

\*The air times on Southwest have thrown a wrench into our perfect plan. The flight time has been moved up on Sunday return, making a decent-length ski day on the third day impossible. So, you must decide if you want to ski for 2 days and leave on morning of third day for a Sunday pm flt. or if you want to ski 3 full days, spend an extra night, and return on Monday pm. We will work out the transportation for each scenario. Just make sure you call for details! 3 night price is \$389\*\* / 4 night price is \$419\*\*\*(prices assume @137.00 flight. Book flight asap to ensure lowest air cost. Call us first before doing anything).

**JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING,** Skiman's favorite U.S. resort. Jan. 17-22 MLK holiday (possible to shorten trip, call for details) **AIR FROM TUCSON/PHX, 5 nights 4 star lodging, lift passes, ALL transfers...\$899.** Jackson Hole is epic! It is at the top of any real skier's list of must-ski resorts. It is usually very expensive to stay there and very difficult to fly into at a decent fare. We have beaten the odds on both counts and have put together a fantastic value for this very pricey resort. **YOU MUST DEPOSIT \$150 BY NOVEMBER 13** to reserve space at this price. After that, subject to air fare increases (and trust me:they will come) **Jackson is a great resort for ALL levels of skiers. It is huge, varied, and next to the coolest western ski town imaginable. This package is a steal! Jump on it like a cowboy on a bronco!**

**Durango Mountain, CO:** FEB. 21-24 (Rodeo Weekend) **3 days lift pass, 3 nights 4 star hotel, charter bus.** 23rd year in a row!Great town, great ski resort. Great for families, as Tucson kids are out of school for Rodeo Vacation. From **\$319 teen quad / Adult quad: \$334/ 2 bed double occ: \$405/ 1 bed double occ: \$388 single occ: \$519**

**Telluride, CO:** April 3-6 **Three days lift pass, three nights condos or hotel, charter bus.** T-ride is a fab resort and town. We love it! It has also become very expensive of late. A one day pass is now \$85! It is stupid. We fought for days to get the best prices we could. After much cajoling, we got OK prices.This is a deal for Telluride. Late season is the best time to do T-ride. The snow is almost always great. From **\$398\*** 4 person condos.. 2 person hotel rooms also available for \$31pp more, but you must deposit early if you want a hotel room. Call for hotel room logistics.\*\*NOTE: We have rooms for only 8 people at the \$398 price. After that, the price increases by \$20. The first 8 deposited people get this price.

**FEBRUARY 7-11 FLIGHT TRIP** TO Salt Lake, Denver/Summit Country, Winter Park, Tahoe? Destination TBA. We will watch where the snow falls and look for the best deals. Mark your calendars. Information forthcoming down the road a bit

*Between this letter, the schedule, and our web site, the season is mostly covered. Call any time. Keep your eyes peeled for numerous post cards we will send out with new trips and updates. Also, check the home page of our website for a "new news" feature update .*

*As always, the world is not a perfect place. These days, there are plenty of things to be concerned about that can keep our focus off the things we love. It is our hope that joining us on some trips this season will brighten your life and give you a respite from the real world. "CARPE SKIEM": SEIZE THE SKI DAY WHILE YOU CAN!*

*Ski ya soon! Dan the Ski Man and Lynn*