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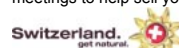
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STEAMBOAT FAM TRIP FOR CLUB OFFICERS

"Don't miss the 28th Annual Steamboat Group Leader and Travel Agent FAM, December 5th – December 8th, 2013.

If you haven't been there lately, Steamboat has a new promenade and more than 30 million dollars' worth of improvements in recent years; including a new on-mountain restaurant and the addition of night skiing!

FAM price of \$229 (guests - \$309) includes:

Welcome Cocktail Reception
3 Nights Lodging
2 Day lifts, rentals and a 2 hour lesson
Property tours with breakfast and lunch
Breakfast at the top of the gondola
Trade Show & Dinner/Entertainment at the top of the gondola
Special Ground Transfer Rates
Participation is limited and registrations will be taken through November 5, 2013!

Please go to www.steamboat.com/fam for more information."

VAIL'S EPIC PASS NOW VALID AT U.S., FRENCH, SWISS, & AUSTRIAN RESORTS

Vail's Epic Pass originally offered access Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Eldora in Colorado; Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in Lake Tahoe, and now, the Canyons in Utah.

Earlier this year, Vail increased skiing at Verbier, Switzerland from 3 days to 5 and then added 5 days at St. Anton, Lech, and Zürs in Austria's Arlberg. Then, in August, Vail added 5 days of skiing at Frances' Les 3 Vallées resorts of Courchevel, La Tania, Méribel, Brides-les-Bains, Les Menuires, Saint Martin de Belleville, Val Thorens and Orelle -- a total of 8 different resorts, 600 kilometers of interconnected trails, serviced by 180 ski lifts, and which receives approximately 16.6 feet of annual snowfall. It's the largest interconnected ski area in the world, and includes the highest resort in Europe, Val Thorens. This brings the total access to 26 mountains in four countries that may be skied on Epic Pass.

The 5 free days of skiing will be reciprocated for Les 3 Vallées season pass holders, allowing more French and other European skiers to experience Vail Resorts' mountains in the United States. This may be particularly true for French skiers and the Canyons as Delta has a direct flight from Paris to Salt Lake City -- just thirty minutes from the resort.

WHAT'S NEW AT SKI RESORTS AROUND THE WORLD

California's **Sugar Bowl Resort** will have a new chairlift, the Crow's Peak chairlift -- a fixed-grip triple, will access the Strawberry Fields area of the mountain, just below Crow's Nest Peak. The new lift's bottom terminal is located just above the cross country trails of Royal Gorge's Van Norden Meadow, physically bringing Royal Gorge and Sugar Bowl, which have a common management, closer together.

Steamboat Ski Resort has added night skiing on 1,100 vertical feet of Christie Parkway on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from 5:30 to 8:30. Cost is \$29 per night (\$20 when prepaid).

Copper Mountain will have a new T-Bar lift, providing a substantial upgrade to the original Storm King lift. The resort has also installed the "West Ridge Platter," a surface lift at the top of the Sierra chairlift providing easier access to Union Peak, Union Meadows, West Ridge and Copper Bowl.

Colorado's **Loveland Ski Area**, adjacent to I-70 Eisenhower Tunnel, now has limited food service and restrooms at the newly remodeled Ptarmigan Roost Cabin at the top of Chair 2. These is the first on-hill facilities at the ski area. Their Ridge Cat will also again offer free cat skiing access to the north side of The Ridge.

Colorado's **Wolf Creek Ski Area** replaced the Treasure Lift, with a new Doppelmayr detachable high-speed quad, the new Treasure Stoke Lift.

Sunday River Resort announced that it has added 75 acres of terrain, becoming the second largest mountain resort in New England (behind Sugarloaf), with a total of 820 acres. Included in the new terrain is T72, a 15-acre terrain park trail, and five new gladed areas, all set to open for the 2013-14 season.

Pennsylvania's **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** has purchased neighboring **Hidden Valley Four Seasons Resort**. Seven Springs also will operate nearby **Laurel Mountain Ski Area** next season.

After the announcement by Alta, Snowbird, Deer Valley and Park City that each of their season pass holders can enjoy privileges at any of the four areas, **Brighton Resort and Solitude** teamed up to offer the Big Cottonwood Pass for \$999. The joint pass is valid at both resorts with no blackout dates. The two areas are connected by the SolBright trail.

Austria's **Ski Optimal Hochzillertal/Kaltenbach** has two new chairlifts, an 8-seater heated chairlift, the Kristall-Express, and a 6-seater chairlift, Mizun, replacing an old T-bar.

A long-planned lift link between the Swiss resorts of **Arosa and Lenzerheide** will create one of the largest ski areas in Switzerland this winter. The 'new' area, linking the two resorts which have operated separate ski areas for decades (its 75 years since the first lift was installed at Arosa), will have 225 kilometers of runs, 70 kilometers on the Arosa side and 155 kilometers on the Lenzerheide area. The connection is to be made by a giant cable-car, capable of carrying 151 people, and two high-speed six-seater chairlifts.

In New Zealand, **Perisher's** new Freedom Chairlift will take skiers and snowboarders from the bottom of the Cow Pastures J-Bar to the top of the Blue Cow T-Bar at Guthega next ski season. The Cow Pastures J-Bar will be removed.

NEW FLIGHTS TO SKI COUNTRY

Delta Airlines will offer a daily direct flight from **Los Angeles to Whitefish's Park Glacier International Airport** beginning December 21, 2013 through January 5, 2014

Delta Air Lines will also add nonstop seasonal service to **Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado**, with daily flights from **Atlanta** and Saturday-only flights from **Minneapolis-St. Paul**, beginning December 21, 2013. The new service will be operated by Delta Connection carrier, SkyWest Airlines, using a two-class, 65-seat CRJ-700, featuring nine First Class seats and eight Economy Comfort seats.

Air Canada will have non-stop Air Canada flight service between **Toronto and Vail/Eagle Airports** for the winter season beginning Dec. 14, 2013, through April 5, 2014. The 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft service will be the second non-stop western ski gateway from Toronto, behind Denver, making it easier than ever before for those traveling from Toronto and Eastern Canada to ski and snowboard Vail and Beaver Creek.

PARK CITY vs TALISKER GETS MESSIER

Park City Mountain Resort vs Talisker Land Holdings is turning into a real mess and has become one very convoluted court case.

About 1961, Park City Mountain Resort leased 3,700 acres of land from United Park City Mines for about \$150,000 per year for through 2011 with extensions to 2051. This was the beginning of Park City Resort.

Between 2002 and 2012, Talisker Land Holdings bought United Park City Mines (and thus the land). They also bought the Canyons in 2008.

When its 50-year lease was up in April 2011, Park City was 2 days late in renewing the lease for \$155,000 per year.

Talisker, who pays about \$3 million per year for its land lease of the Canyons next door, wanted to increase Park City's rent -- a lot!

Stating that since Park City's lease had expired, Talisker had the right to raise the price.

In early May 2013, Talisker leased the Canyons to Vail Resorts and the lease included the right For Vail Resorts to take over Talisker's lawsuit with Park City Mountain Resort.

The president of Park City Mountain Resort stated that "if we do not prevail, Park City Mountain Resort could be forced to close." That really got Utah folks' emotions stirred up -- particularly those people who earn a living in Park City.

Talisker said that it had no intention of closing Park City -- then had Park City Resort served with an eviction notice in August.

Park City Mountain Resort owns its base area, parking lots, and the water rights to the 3,700 acres of Talisker land -- and without that water it would be difficult or impossible to operate the resort's snowmaking. But, through it all, everybody involved says that they want Park City to continue operations and to survive and both Talisker and Vail Resorts said that they will do nothing to prevent Park City from operating for the 2013-2014 ski season.

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