



SKI & RIDE THE NORTHERN ROCKIES WITH THE PENINSULA SKI CLUB

BIG SKY, MONTANA ❄️ 23 FEB – 2 MAR 19

Reserve by Sep 30 for a \$25 discount!

**Plans as of April 2018 – Estimated Base Price Including Air, Ground, & Lodging: \$1,790¹
5-day lift tickets: \$444 (Adult), \$400 (Senior 70+), or IKON Pass²**

BIG SKY RESORT, about 44 miles from Bozeman, MT is big! Four mountains connected by chairlifts provide a huge magnitude of intertwined terrain levels for all different skiing abilities. Powder stashes are continually found throughout Big Sky due to the consistent snowfall in the Northern Rockies with a natural fall-line back to the village base. Acres trump skiers boasting about two acres per skier as they disperse over the in-bounds landscape. With 24 chair lifts and 12 surface lifts, lines are not an issue. And **NEW FOR 2018-19**, the first eight-seat, high-speed chairlift in North America – a state-of-the-art chairlift with ergonomically designed, extra-wide, heated seats and "Big Sky blue" bubbles to service Andesite Mountain - <http://bigsky2025.com/ramcharger-8.html>. Big Sky is a resort without limits as guests enjoy a plethora of activities that go beyond skiing. Since there isn't a major metropolitan city destination, guests begin their ski vacation with an easy drive through a scenic canyon skirting along the Gallatin River. **Welcome to Big Sky!**



LODGING: We will be staying in the Saddle Ridge Townhomes which are clustered adjacent to the Pony Express triple. Our lodging is in 3 bedroom, 3 bath units for 6. The townhomes are individually owned, furnished, and appointed, but amenities for each unit include a private hot tub, full kitchen, living room, dining area, free Wi-Fi, hair dryers in the bathrooms, washer/dryer, and weekly housekeeping.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ❖ **Round-trip air:** Norfolk – Bozeman and return (United: Leave Norfolk 2/23, 0800; return 3/2, 2325)
- ❖ **Ground transportation – SUVs (See next page)***
Bozeman - Big Sky; and around the area
- ❖ **7 nights lodging** in Saddle Ridge Townhomes (Six per 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath units)
- ❖ **5 days of skiing at Big Sky (Optional day 6)**
- ❖ **Two group dinners are planned**
- ❖ **Optional – Possible day of skiing at Bridger Bowl depending on number interested**

THE MOUNTAIN STATS:

- ❖ Ski terrain: 5,800 acres
- ❖ Variety: 300 named runs, 7 Terrain Parks
- ❖ Difficulty %: **15% Green – 25% Blue – 42% Black – 18% Double-Black**
- ❖ Top elevation: 11,166 ft
- ❖ Village elevation: 7,500 ft
- ❖ Skiable Vertical: 4,350 ft (Longest run: 6 miles)
- ❖ Avg Annual snowfall: 400+ inches

Ask about Trip Insurance

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Cross-country, Dog sledding, Sleigh rides, ZIP Line tours, Snowshoes, Snow mobiles, Yellowstone Park Snowcoach tours, etc.

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CHECK OUT...

Big Sky at: www.bigskyresort.com; Bridger Bowl at: www.bridgerbowl.com



Expected to be Sanctioned by the Blue Ridge Ski Council

ESTIMATED PRICE: \$1,790¹ plus lifts – Adult \$444, Senior (70+) \$400, or IKON Pass².

¹ Surcharges, final trip size, etc., may alter final price. ² See reverse for IKON Pass details. **SIGN-UP DEADLINE: 1 DEC 18**

PAYMENTS: \$550 at signup, \$550 Sep 13, \$550 Oct 11, balance Nov 8.

TRIP REFUND CUTOFF DATE: 1 OCT 18*

*Cancellation fees for this trip are **\$35 before Sep 13 and \$70 after that. CANCELLATIONS AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE ARE LIABLE FOR THE GREATER OF UNRECOVERABLE TRIP COSTS or the cancellation fee.**



QUESTIONS YOU MEANT TO ASK... AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ANSWERS

The following questions and answers, compiled from a variety of sources, should provide information to make your choice of this trip to Big Sky country an easy decision.

Q: Where is Big Sky Resort and how will we get there? A: Big Sky Resort is located in the southwestern part of Montana about 44 miles from Bozeman. While plans are always subject to change, we will fly from Norfolk to Bozeman via Denver on United. Upon arrival we will travel (about 54 miles) to the resort in rental vehicles – 4WD SUVs. Using rentals instead of a charter bus provides us the opportunity to stay in better lodging, have easy mobility at the resort, and enjoy flexibility during our stay, all at a comparable cost. And yes, that means we need folks willing to drive.

Q: So who will be driving? A: When you sign up for the trip you will be asked if you are willing to be one of the drivers. From those who volunteer/agree to drive, I'll pick a driver for each vehicle – **please help us all and be a volunteer.**

Q: What will we find at Big Sky? A: The 2nd largest ski area in the US at 5,800 acres, Big Sky has terrain for everyone. With 24 chairs and 12 surface lifts, wait time is insignificant. Ski Magazine describes Big Sky as America's Alp <https://www.skimag.com/ski-resort-life/americas-alp> and their readers rate Big Sky #13 overall <https://www.skimag.com/ski-resort-life/big-sky>. And it is worth taking a ride on the tram to the top of Lone Mountain just for the view, even if you don't plan to ski down – leave your skis at the base of the tram as many folks do.

Q: What about snowboarding? A: Big Sky welcomes snowboarders to enjoy the entire resort.

Q: What days will we be skiing/riding? A: We will have 5 out of 6 days of included skiing – Sunday through Friday.

Q: What about eating? A: Plans are to have two group dinners. Whatever you're craving, Big Sky offers a great variety of restaurant selections to help make everyone in the family happy. There are a wide variety of dining options in the mountain village, Madison base area, Meadow Village, and in the canyon below the mountain. Our rental vehicles open many opportunities, and/or you can cook in your condo,

Q: What kind of living arrangements can we expect? A: We will be staying right on the mountain. Our townhome style condos at Saddle Ridge are clustered adjacent to the Pony Express and Iron Horse lifts. The units have 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, full kitchens, living rooms, dining areas, private hot tubs, free Wi-Fi, hair dryers in the bathrooms, and on-premise washer/dryers,

2 Q: What can you tell me about the IKON Pass? A: The new IKON Pass provides lift access at 26 of the most iconic winter destinations in North America. By design, for the 2019 season, PSC is traveling to 4 of those destinations – Steamboat, CO; Snowshoe, WV; Big Sky, MT; and (through BRSC) Sunday River, ME. If you are skiing more than a week, you will likely save money with an IKON Pass. There are two levels of IKON Pass that provide different numbers of skiing days at the included resorts. The base pass at \$699* (\$559 for active/retired military & dependents; or college students) provides unlimited lift days at Snowshoe and 5 days at each of the other PSC destinations; the standard pass at \$999* (\$799 military, etc.) provides unlimited days at both Steamboat and Snowshoe, with 7 days at Big Sky and Sunday River. For more information and to purchase your pass, go to <https://www.ikonpass.com/en>.

Q: What's the story about the 8-pack lift new for 2019? <https://bigskyresort.com/media-and-press/press-releases/2018/march/big-sky-resort-to-install-first-eight-seater-lift-in-north-america#sm.000009jiv2ioj1cxcqir15q7pg1>

Q: Are there any age related discounts? A: Yes. Seniors (70+) receive lift tickets discounts.

Q: What about this optional Bridger Bowl? A: Bridger Bowl is a ski area located just about 90 minutes from Big Sky. With four large bowls, the ski area offers terrain with a variety of landscapes including long, wide-open slopes, glades, chutes, and gullies. The mountain lays out in a large funnel or "V" shape expanding from about 200 yards in width across the base area up to approximately 2 miles wide across the ridge top. The 2,000 acres of skiing on 75 trails (**25% Green, 35% Blue, 40% Black**) and a 2,600 foot vertical drop are served



by 1 quad, 6 triples, and a double. The ski area offers first-time beginner slopes in the base area, novice terrain across the lower middle, wide-open intermediate runs in the center, advanced open bowl terrain in the upper third and expert terrain off the ridge top. **Lift tickets** are just \$60 for Adults, \$35 for Seniors (70-79), and those 80+ ski free. With vehicles at our disposal, we can organize a trip, including a dinner stop, on our day off, probably Wednesday.

Q: What if I have more questions? A: Contact Bill Bryan, at (757) 851-0748 or by e-mail to bigsky19@peninsulaskiclub.com.

