

9 Days 8 Nights !!!

SKI THE NORTHERN ROCKIES OF MONTANA AND BRITISH COLOMBIA

WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT, MT & FERNIE, BC, CANADA ❄️ 24 FEB - 4 MAR 21

Reserve by Sep 30 for a \$25 discount!

Plans as of May 1, 2020 – Estimated Price\* [Subject to final trip size, exchange rate adjustment, etc#];  
 Basic Trip: \$1233, Airfare: \$647, Lifts (5 days + Fernie): Adult \$345, Senior (65-69) \$321, Super Senior (70+) \$175  
 [Other lift options available]



**WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT @ BIG MOUNTAIN** is true to its historical name with 3000 acres of diverse terrain that includes top-to-bottom corduroy groomers, adventurous chutes, and massive bowls and glades filled-up on a regular basis with over 25 feet of light northern Montana snow. There are 105 marked runs with 38% rated intermediate level, 12% beginner-level, and 50% advanced or expert. On a mountain this big, the runs are definitely long – but not the lift lines. Fourteen lifts, including three high-speed quads, hardly give you a breather between runs. With so much terrain, you never have to fight for space on the slopes. On a normal day you'll have over an acre of skiing all to yourself. Everywhere you look, you see powder stashes, tree shots, velvety groomers, and surprisingly few people. [Ask about vertical tracking.]  
**Rated #3 in the west by Ski Magazine readers 2020!**



Passport Required

**FERNIE ALPINE RESORT** is a short distance north of the Canadian border. This expansive resort boasts over 2500 acres of skiing with terrain appealing to all levels. It receives an annual average of over 29 feet of snow, has 5 enormous bowls, 106 named trails, countless glades for tree skiing, and dramatic shoots for the adventurous. The ten lifts, including two high-speed quads, provide ample uphill capacity with no waits.

**LODGING:** We will be staying **slope side** in **Kandahar Lodge**. This 3 ½ star, AAA establishment, is an elegant, yet casual lodge surrounded by alpine splendor atop Big Mountain. The hotel rooms for two are richly appointed with pine and leather furniture. They have tile bathrooms with deep soaking tubs and granite vanities or porcelain pedestal sinks. The two queen beds have down comforters covered with cut velvet pile duvets. All are equipped with cable TV, telephone, small refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. **Included is a daily European-style Continental breakfast** typically featuring hard boiled eggs, sliced meats and cheeses, a variety of muffins and bagels with peanut butter, jam, and cream cheese, plus a variety of cereals, yogurt, oatmeal, fruit, milk, juices, coffee and tea. Ski home at the end of the day to The Lodge. Cross the street in front to access the Home Again Trail in the morning or take the lodge courtesy van to any location in the Big Mountain village area.

**TRIP INCLUDES:**

- ❖ Round-trip airfare Norfolk-Kalispell (19 miles away) (United: Leave Norfolk 2/24, 0758; return 3/4, 2240)
- ❖ Ground transportation
- ❖ **8 nights lodging:** *Kandahar Lodge* - 2 per hotel room with breakfast
- ❖ 5 days of skiing at Whitefish Mountain – other options available
- ❖ 1 day of skiing at Fernie Alpine Resort
- ❖ Two group dinners plus daily breakfast

**THE MOUNTAIN STATS:**

	<u>BIG MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>FERNIE</u>
❖ Ski terrain:	3,000 acres	2,504 acres
❖ Top elevation:	6,817 ft	6,316 ft
❖ Base elevation:	4,464 ft	3,500 ft
❖ Vertical drop:	2,500 ft	2,816 ft
❖ Average Annual snowfall:	320 inches	348 inches
❖ Difficulty % (Green/Blue/Black/DbIBlk)	12/38/43/7	30/40/30
❖ Trails/Parks	105/3	

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Dog sledding, Cross country trails, Snowshoeing, Snow mobiling, etc.

**TRIP CAPTAIN:**

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Ask about trip insurance.

**CHECK OUT...**

Big Mountain at: <https://skiwhitefish.com> & Fernie at: <https://skifernie.com>

**Cost:** \$2,225; Senior (65+) and Super Senior (70+) discounts available. **Refund Cutoff Date:** 1 Oct 20\*  
**Payments:** \$550 at signup, \$550 Sep 10, \$550 Oct 8, balance Nov 12. # Final trip size and/or currency exchange rate changes may affect final price.  
 \*Cancellation fees for this trip are **\$35 before Sep 10 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

(Plans as of May 1, 2020...as accurate as possible as of this date.)

The following questions and answers, compiled from a variety of sources, should provide the information needed to make the trip to Whitefish, MT and Fernie, BC, Canada an easy choice.

**Q: Where is Whitefish Mountain Resort and how will we get there?** A: "Whitefish Mountain Resort" at Big Mountain, is 8 miles from Whitefish, Montana, in the Northern Rockies. **Flight plans are subject to change**, but as of now, we will leave Norfolk on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:58 am**. Our return will arrive back in Norfolk at **10:40 pm, Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will fly on United Airlines to Kalispell, Montana via Denver. **The airport in Kalispell is only 19 miles from the mountain**. Note we will arrive in Kalispell shortly before 2:00 pm, so there should be plenty of time to settle in and look around before dinner.

**Q: What kind of living arrangements can we expect?** A: Our lodge rooms have two queen beds with Simmons Felicity mattresses and down comforters. All rooms have small refrigerators, microwaves and coffeemakers. The furniture includes two leather club chairs, a wooden chest and desk. They have tile bathrooms with deep soaking tubs. These rooms are located on the first and second floors of Kandahar (the first floor is one floor above the lobby). *Note there is no elevator and all rooms require some steps*. All are equipped with flat screen HD cable TV, small ironing boards, irons, and hair dryers. The entire Lodge is non-smoking. Daily housekeeping and WIFI are included. An extensive European-style continental breakfast, served in the lobby, is included daily. Slope access is easy. Cross the street in front to access the Home Again Trail in the morning or take the lodge courtesy van to any location in the Big Mountain village area. At the end of the day, ski right to The Lodge.

**Q: Is there a pool or hot tub?** A: The Wellness Center is located directly behind the Lodge and has a large outdoor hot tub. It also has a steam room and a large exercise room with treadmills, bicycle, and weight-lifting system. There are locker rooms with showers and a massage area where Remedies Day Spa therapists work their magic.

**Q: What about eating at Big Mountain?** A: We will have a Continental breakfast daily. On the day we go to Fernie, we may need to stop for a quick breakfast en route. For lunch there are a number of good eating establishments on the mountain. We are planning two group dinners. For other dinner meals the mountain has a variety of dining establishments and Whitefish is just a short, 8 mile ride on the free shuttle bus.



**Q: What kind of skiing should we expect?** A: The readers of Ski Magazine picked Whitefish Mountain Resort as number 3 in the west for 2020. Powderhounds.com puts it this way: "Whitefish has a bit of everything for everyone. It has great beginner facilities plus a mass of super groomed, super-fast, thigh melting groomers. The mountain's steep trees, glades and bowls provide ample off-piste challenges and excitement for advanced skiers. The expert terrain is probably not a major strength of Whitefish, but there is definitely enough gnarly terrain to keep thrill seekers entertained for a while. An excellent terrain park rounds out the package and provides superb bone jarring opportunities for every level of sadistic onlooker!"

**Q: What days will we be skiing?** A: Out of our 7 days, you can choose lift tickets for 4, 5, or 6 days plus our day at Fernie.

**Q: What is the town of Whitefish like?** A: A stroll downtown through the covered sidewalks of Central Avenue or through the historic Railway District reveals a broad variety of locally-owned shops and galleries. Discover fine artisan jewelry made with Montana-native gems or a new pair of hiking boots for the next adventure. With more than 50 dining and drinking establishments, culinary discoveries abound. After a satisfying meal, mingle with the locals at one of the many bars and lounges that line downtown. Sip a pint of craft beer or enjoy a sunset cocktail. From acoustic guitar at a cozy bar to a full band or DJ to dance the night away, live music can be found almost every night of the week. **Whitefish Mountain Resort has FREE shuttle service to & from town on the S.N.O.W. Bus from about 7am-11pm.** "Whitefish is actually not a 'ski town', it's a town of skiers."

**Q: You keep mentioning Fernie...where in the world is it?** A: **Fernie Alpine Resort** is about 40 miles north of the US/Canada border in the Canadian Rockies, about 1-¾ hours from our lodging.



**Q: Do we need any special "documentation" to travel in and out of Canada?** A: In theory there are a few alternatives for travel by bus, but since you need to be able to prove your identity and your citizenship, in practicality you should have a passport to travel between the US and Canada.

**Q: What about cross-country skiing?** A: Fernie has 14 km of groomed & track-set trails. At Whitefish there is unofficial, direct access to the [Big Mountain Nordic Trails](#) from the tunnel at the Chair 6 Base Lodge. These trails, for both cross country skiers and snowshoes, are groomed by the Glacier Nordic Club (free, but they accept donations); other opportunities are available in town.

**Q: Do "seniors" receive a discount?** A: Senior (65-69 and 70+) discounts are available on lifts.

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**Q: What if I have more questions?** A: Contact Bill Bryan at (757) 851-0748 or by e-mail to [whitefish21@peninsulaskiclub.com](mailto:whitefish21@peninsulaskiclub.com).