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2020 - 2021 Race Schedule

Stay tuned for further information in the fall
 In the mean time:
 Stay Safe
 Stay in Shape
 Enjoy the summer

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Ski area reopening update: "Timberline Lodge, ski area to reopen May 15 with limited operations". For further information and limitations (due to COVID-19), go to the website below:

https://www.bendbulletin.com/coronavirus/timberline-lodge-ski-area-to-reopen-may-15-with-limited-operations/article_951e550a-954d-11ea-a17b-839b53b5ad29.html



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President's Message

*By Jo Simpson,
Sierra League & Sierra Council
President*



Greetings everyone. I hope this finds you and your families well.

Given the extraordinary times we are experiencing that don't allow for our annual general meeting and election of officers, I followed the action taken by the Far West Ski Association board of directors following cancellation of the convention and asked our current Sierra officers if they would continue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year which begins July 1. Thankfully, all of them agreed for which I am grateful beyond words.

We are continuing to plan for the FWSA ski week to Sun Valley Jan. 30 - Feb. 6, 2021 with the hope that the virus will have stabilized to the point where it will be safe to go. Refunds of any payments made to hold reservations are fully refundable through October 10, so there's no risk to signing up to ensure a spot and your preferred lodging choice.

Like all of you, I can't wait for the time when it is safe for us to gather and socialize, even it is with masks. In the meantime, stay well!

See you on the slopes! Jo

Member Clubs and Contacts

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Alpine Meadows/Squaw Vly: <http://squawalpine.com>
Badger Pass: www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx
Bear Valley Ski: www.bearvalley.com
Boreal: www.rideboreal.com
Ski China Peak: www.skichinapeak.com
Diamond Peak: www.diamondpeak.com
Dodge Ridge: www.dodgeridge.com
Donner Ski Ranch: www.donnerskiranch.com
Granlibakken: www.granlibakken.com
Heavenly Valley: www.skiheavenly.com
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June Mountain: www.junemountain.com
Kirkwood: www.kirkwood.com
Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard resort: www.skilasvegas.com
Mammoth Mtn: www.mammothmountain.com
Mountain High Ski: www.mthigh.com
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Mt. Rose: www.skirose.com
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RACING NEWS, w/Nan Carnal, Sierra League Race Director

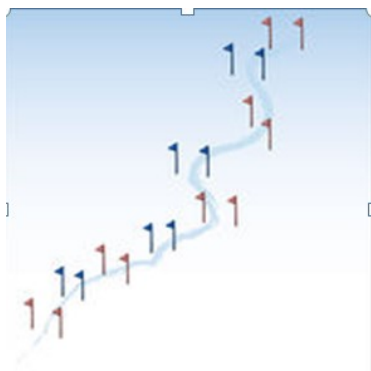
Given the challenges of weather, snow levels, and early closing of resorts due to COVID-19, we were fortunate to hold 4 of our 6 scheduled races. Racers enjoyed the competitions and camaraderie at these events.



Next year, of course, is uncertain, but if possible to host a racing season safely, be assured we will do our best to provide a good schedule of racing opportunities.

Thanks to all of you for joining us to race this year and making those get-togethers and competitions so enjoyable. To those of you who supported our racing program by purchasing the season pass, know that your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to those of you who volunteered for pace setting and hill work, making the races possible. Special kudos to Mark Ostroff and Bill Ramoni, who take on head gatekeeper and bib management responsibilities, and to Jo and Ken Simpson, who are always there to help with registration and any other duty that needs to be done.



Have a great summer, stay safe, and see you next year, if not sooner.

Nan, Sierra League Race Director

FRANK APP SCHOLARSHIP - A J Hurt



A J again competed on both the Nor-Am and World Cup Alpine racing circuit this past shortened season. She has been nominated once more to the United States Alpine Ski Team, returning as a member of the C Team.



Travel Updates from Carlene Boutacoff , VP of Travel

LODGING AVAILABILITY UPDATE for Sun Valley, 2021 Ski Week



Sierra has three lodging sites, all with full access to the amenities of Sun Valley Lodge and free shuttles to the ski area. The 2 Queen Bed, Sun Valley Lodge Hotel Rooms are now sold out. We still have availability at the Sun Valley Inn which is the location of FWSA activities.

There are both 2 queen bed rooms (3 left) and king bed rooms (2 left) available. There is also room in the Sun Valley Lodge Apartments (3 left) that have both twin and king bed configurations.

To ensure you obtain your first- choice preference, be sure to send your \$200.00 deposit (100% refundable to October 10th) and completed registration packet to:

Carlene Boutacoff, Sierra Council Travel VP, 110 Wildwood Way, Woodside, CA 94062

GOOD NEWS FOR IKON PASS PURCHASERS

Spring promotional pass prices that were set to expire on April 22nd have been extended to May 26. Renewal discounts have also been extended. The discount for the Full IKON pass has been doubled from \$100.00 per pass to \$200.00. The starting price is now \$799.00. per pass. Current IKON Base passholders will receive \$100.00 off per pass, with prices starting at \$599.

In addition to these promotional prices, our travel operator has added a lodging discount for a 4 day IKON pass. Travelers to 2021 Ski Week purchasing this lift ticket package will receive a \$25 lodging discount. (Note: Sun Valley is EPIC for 2020-2021)

As mentioned in last month's travel update, 2021 Ski Week travelers can purchase a three of five-day Sun Valley lift ticket pass for \$223. This option is especially favorable if you have purchased a LOCAL EPIC pass which gives you 2 days at Sun Valley. The other options are a five-day lift ticket for \$345.00 or a six day for \$393.00. The tickets must be preordered with your registration.

Note: If you purchase both your season IKON and EPIC pass from our travel operator, you will receive a Sun Valley Ski Week lodging credit of \$100.00. Purchases can be made at www.winterskiandsport.com/shop. Indicate "Far West" as the name of your club.

GOGGLES FOR DOCS



Now is the time to clean out your ski bag and consider donating new or gently used goggles to health care workers. Goggles for Docs is an effort to get used or new goggles into the hands of healthcare workers who currently have no eye protection as they treat COVID-19 patients. For further details, visit GogglesForDocs.com.

In the Truckee/Reno area you can contact Nicholas Gagnon at nickgagnon1984@gmail.com for local drop off bins and volunteer opportunities. Join an international effort to help fill the void of the dwindling supply of personal protective equipment.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact Carlene Boutacoff, VP of Travel at: cboutacoff@gmail.com

For 2021 SKI WEEK Registrations Forms, Payment Schedules and Cancellation Policy visit the Sierra League and Council website, <http://www.sierraleague.com>





Sierra League & Council

We are going to Sun Valley, Idaho for FWSA Ski Week

January 30 to February 6, 2021

Details at <http://www.sierraleague.com>

Register now for best lodging choices.

Sierra Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging at Sun Valley Inn or Sun Valley Lodge
- Welcome Party, Race Events, Picnic, Après Ski Gatherings
- Special Council Dinner, Banquet with Dancing, Farewell Party

Lodging Choices:

Sun Valley Lodge Apartments: 2 bedroom/2 bath condos & 3 bedroom/3 bath condos with Kings, Queens and twins. Full access to SV Lodge hot tub, swimming pool, ice skating rink, spa facilities and dining. Located within walking distance of the Sun Valley Lodge and Inn. Free shuttles. **Package price is \$1335.00, double occupancy.**

Sun Valley Lodge Queen Bed Hotel Rooms; 2 Queen suite with soaking tub, walk in shower and adjoining sitting area. Full access to Sun Valley Lodge amenities, including shuttle service **Package price is \$1575.00, double occupancy. SOLD OUT**

Sun Valley Inn King & 2 Queen Bed Hotel Rooms: Location of FWSA activities. Full access to Sun Valley Lodge amenities, including shuttle service. **Package price is \$1345.00, double occupancy.** (Single supplements available on all lodging options.)

Options for Purchase

- 3-day lift ticket: \$325.00. 5-day: \$345.00. 6-day: \$393.00
- To receive discounts on lodging, purchase your season Epic or Ikon pass from our travel operator, Winter Ski & Sports.
- Group air and ground TBA.

Send your \$200.00 deposit, made payable to **Sierra League**, and your registration forms to:

Carlene Boutacoff, 110 Wildwood Way, Woodside, CA 94062

NOTE: Deposit is fully refundable to October 10, 2020.

Participants must be a member of a Sierra Council or FWSA ski club or a direct member of FWSA.

SAFETY

Storing Your Skis for the Off-Season

The following is an article from www.skiracing.com

<https://www.skiracing.com/top-rotator/backshop-how-to-put-your-skis-away-for-the-summer-2>

“BACKSHOP: HOW TO PUT YOUR SKIS AWAY FOR THE SUMMER

By Todd Carroll, March 27, 2020

With another ski season in the books, it's time to start a spring sport, get back in the gym, or just sleep in and relax. Time to stuff the skis in the closet for the summer, too, right?

Not so fast. A few simple steps can protect your skis for storage and make them easy to work on when you next have them on your tuning bench. An ounce of prevention, as they say, is often worth a pound of cure.

1. Make sure all of your skis are thoroughly dry.
2. Check edges for burrs, dings, etc... File and diamond-stone the edges as you would for a training session.
3. Scrape the bases with a sharp scraper; brush with a good steel or brass brush.
4. Perform at least one hot-scrape of the base – details are in the next section.
5. Brush the base with steel or brass brushes after they have cooled from the hot scraping.
6. Apply a thick coat of warm hydrocarbon wax. To get thicker coats, use a lower iron temperature while moving the iron faster than usual. You are trying not so much to saturate the base but rather to create a layer between the base and the outside world.
7. Earn bonus points for getting any wax off the base and side edges (you don't need to scrape) and applying a rust inhibitor.

This process will also save you time if you plan to ski during the summer, or will maximize the value when you want to sell the skis.

Safety, continued:

Storing Your Skis for the Off-Season

Also note:

Now is a great time to bring your skis to your local shop for a full rehab. The shop can make sure your sidewalls are out of the way and smooth, your bases are re-ground, and that your edges are smooth and properly beveled. Doing this work now ensures that whether you plan to ski during the summer, sell your skis in the fall, or hand them down to a family member, they will be ready to hit snow right away and you will not have to contend with the masses who are trying to get this work done just before the start of next season.

Regardless of whether you bring your skis to a shop, take the time to hot-scrape clean them and get a heavy coat of hydrocarbon wax on them for storage. Skiing in the spring is messy business. Hot-scraping will help remove any build up of grease from lift towers (especially on surface lifts); salt or urea used to freeze soft snow; dirt getting tilled up by groomers; pollen; and other contaminants. They all conspire to make your bases blotchy, clog up pores, and, worst of all leave your skis inconsistent and unpredictable.

If you are planning on skiing this summer, invest in some form of graphite/moly/ molybdenum wax (graphite wax is simply a recommendation and style, any non-flouro base wax will also work.) Use it once or twice before you leave and every day when you wax at your camp. These are additives – rub them on before dripping on your wax du jour, and they'll offer an increased level of repellency. Additionally, with almost every summer skiing destination having incredibly abrasive snow, these additive waxes can help slow the rate at which your base is worn away.

Whether you plan to use them again, sell them or just retire them, your skis deserve the effort now for, at the very least, good habit retention. The more you work on your skis, the easier it gets. Undoubtedly there were instances during the season when balancing everything was a struggle and hopefully you were diligent about not letting your ski maintenance slip. As with so many things, momentum is key, so push on through one last effort and then enjoy some well-deserved time off."

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is one of the largest associations of snowsport enthusiasts in the U.S. FWSA covers 12 states with 10 regional Councils with more than 150 Clubs and a combined membership of over 50,000 skiers and snowboarders. As a member of a club that belongs to the SIERRA Council, you are automatically a member of FWSA and entitled to all benefits. You may also join Far West as a Direct Member.



North American Travel

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2021: Sun Valley, ID; January 30-February 6
FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2021: Zermatt Resort & Spa, UT; March

FWSA Convention:

FWSA Convention 2020; Portland, OR—Postponed due to COV-ID19 to 2022
FWSA Convention 2021; San Diego, CA: June 10-13, 2021

FWSA International Travel:

FWSA International Ski Adventure 2021: Sölden, Austria; February 19-27
FWSA Extension Trip to Southern Spain: February 27-March 7
FWSA International Ski Adventure 2021: Valle Nevado, Chili, summer, TBA
FWSA International Ski Adventure 2022: Madonna di Campiglio, TBA

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

Croatia Adventure 2020: September 3-13
NOTE: Trip sold out at this time, wait list available
11th Annual Scuba Dive 2020: Cozumel, Mexico; October 3-10
Alaska Cruise 2021: June 23-30
Denali Tour 2021 (only or add-on to cruise): June 19-23
Africa; 2022 TBA
Galapagos Islands; 2024 TBA

Please contact the trip leader and/or check the FWSA website for further information regarding travel/housing/schedules, registration forms, waivers, payment schedules, etc.

FWSA travel website: <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/travel.html>

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2020 FWSA Convention Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 25, 2020

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
2020 Convention Update



Far West Ski Association (FWSA) has reached the difficult decision to officially defer our Annual Convention scheduled May 28 -31, 2020 at the Red Lion on the River Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. We will return to Portland in June, 2022. The only other times the FWSA Convention was actually cancelled was in 1943 and 1944 during World War II. We will begin planning for our next convention at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego, California June 10 – 13, 2021.

Over the past two weeks, we've explored various options to avoid postponing the event. We had hopes of delaying it until August, but as the COVID-19 situation has continued to change rapidly and with the uncertainty in the US economy, it made holding the event in August impossible to guarantee and most importantly, impractical for you. We want our members and ski industry partners to have the best experience possible.

Our members and our families have been affected by this pandemic as has everyone in the mountain travel industry. We understand that difficult decisions were made to close resorts, hotels, and cancel trips and tours.

On behalf of Far West Ski Association's team, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We very much appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding while we worked through this difficult issue.

This pandemic affects us all and we are all in this together. We urge you to do your part and comply with the "Social Distancing" to help slow the exponential spread of the virus. With your help, we can "Flatten the Curve."

FWSA is one of the country's largest ski associations in the United States, now with ten active councils representing more than 53,000 skiers and boarders from more than 160 clubs in twelve western states – Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

For additional information regarding the Far West Ski Association, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org.

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2021 FWSA Convention

The Voice of the Western Skier



88th Annual

Far West Ski Association

Convention

June 10-13, 2021

Hosted By the
San Diego Ski Council



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Travel Expo
Silent Auction/Trade show
Snow sports/Leadership Academy
Public Affairs Panel
Saturday Awards Luncheon
Celebrity Speakers
Saturday Awards Banquet
FWSA General Meeting
Elections

Optional Activities

Thursday: Sail around San Diego Harbor
Slice of Little Italy tour
Taste of San Diego Pub Crawl
Friday:
14th Annual Michael German Golf Tournament
Biking or Hang Gliding
Optional Activities TBA

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FWSA Mini Ski Week, March 2021

Zermatt Resort & Spa; Midway, Utah

Stay Tuned for Specific Dates and Pricing

FWSA Package Includes:

- 5 nights lodging in 2-Queen Alpine or 2-Queen Deluxe Alpine or 2-bedroom Villa Units
 - Welcome Reception
 - Farewell Party
 - Happy Hours
- Optional for purchase: 1 or 2 day lift tickets to Deer Valley & Park City resorts, 1 day lift ticket to Sundance Resort
 - Not Included - Air & Ground transportation



The ZERMATT RESORT welcomes you to a charming Alpine village setting on 18 acres, inspired by the area's Swiss heritage. Enjoy a European ambiance of authentic architecture, exquisite artwork and breathtaking Wasatch Mountain views.

Located 18 miles from Park City, the resort features a hot tub and fitness center and 2 on-site restaurants. There is free shuttle service and gift shop at the property.

This resort has a ski pass sales point and ski equipment and bike rental are available. Salt Lake City is 46.2 miles from Zermatt Utah Resort and Spa, and Sandy is 48 miles from the property. Salt Lake City International Airport is 51.3 miles away.

Winter activities include world-class skiing/snowboarding at Deer Valley Resort, Park city Resort and Sundance Mountain resort; snowshoeing; outdoor ice rink; winter tubing; and cross-country skiing. The resort offers complimentary shuttles to Deer Valley and Park City.

The onsite Spa includes Massage Therapy, Wellness Plans, Body/Facial Treatments, Nail Treatments and much more.

For further information:

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FWSA 2020 CROATIA

Land & Boat/Yacht Adventure Trip

September 3-13, 2020



Estimated Group Air: LAX = \$1413.00pp

Air price **DOES** include estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

It is highly recommended to use the FWSA Group Air Transportation.

Approximate Land Packages (not including air):

Starting at \$3340.00pp - Double Occupancy ~ \$5225.00pp - Single Supplement**

*Pricing is based on a minimum of 30 participants and an exchange rate of 1 USD to .87 Euros - subject to change.

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Discover the **MAGIC** of
CROATIA...



Visit historic locations



Visit the "Must See" sites of Zagreb,
Plitvice National Park, Split, Trogir, Hvar,
Korcula, "The Pearl of the Adriatic" ...
Dubrovnik and much more!

Trip highlights include:

- Lodging in 4 Star hotels and "MS President" Yacht - 5 Star
(Incredible value – comparable trips can cost \$6500-\$10,000)
- Minimum number – 30 participants and maximum number - 40, so sign up early!
- Round trip group air transportation from LAX
- Ground transportation will be by airconditioned motor coach
- Welcome reception & dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Tentative meals: breakfast daily, 6 lunches & 4 dinners
- Tips included - drivers, guides & tour leader, welcome and farewell dinner, wine tastings & crew tips
- Explore Plitvice National Park – the most famous park in Croatia and a "wonder of nature"
- Guided walking tours visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Diocletian's Palace, Trogir, the highest peak of Croatia - Vidova Gora with breathtaking views of the Adriatic, visit the Museum of Olive Oil & enjoy tastings, visit the birthplace of Marco Polo – Korčula and so much more!
- The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik with its 16th century stone-walled old town, has gained popularity and bolstered to global recognition after serving as the filming location for *The Game of Thrones*.

Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference "**FWSA 2020 CROATIA Trip**" on each check.

Send to: Debbie Stewart
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CROATIA 2020 Adventure Trip Tentative Details

Discover the true cultural treasures of Croatia on a comprehensive journey through this customized tour which traverses “old towns”, modern cities, picturesque and stunning views while enjoying a generous dose of culture, religion and spirituality, besides history, art, beautiful landscapes, people and adventurous experiences like never before.

You'll be staying 3 nights in beautiful 4 Star hotels and aboard the luxury 5 Star MS President yacht. The Deluxe MS President provides a perfect platform to explore the stunning coast and islands of Croatia and Dalmatia. Built in 2012, this yacht-like cruiser boasts sleek lines, and the modern facilities expected of a Croatian cruise vessel of this standard. All en suite cabins have been perfected to give you the space and comfort required during your cruise. Located on 2 decks, each feature either twin or double beds, air-conditioning, LCD TV, safe, hair dryer and much more. The MS President boasts a large indoor restaurant-salon, comfortable seating, bar and dining facilities with an outdoor terrace. Most of the leisure time on-board is spent on the huge sun deck with its plunge pool, sun-chairs and large shaded area. To make the most of every swimming opportunity there is a platform at the rear of the ship with a ladder for easy access to the water.

Here's what to expect:

- ✓ *A Welcome dinner / cocktail party in Zagreb – 3 course meal, ½ liter of wine per person, water, juices...*
- ✓ *1 night in Zagreb Hotel Panorama 4* or similar hotel, with breakfast*
- ✓ *2 nights in Dubrovnik Hotel Lero 4*, or similar hotel, with breakfast*
- ✓ *All ground transfers according to itinerary, with airconditioned bus*
- ✓ *Plitvice Lakes National Park entrance fee*
- ✓ *Guided tours of Split, Trogir, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik with licenced english speaking guides*
- ✓ *Brač island tour with visit to Vidova Gora, Škrip, visit to Olive Oil museum, olive oil tasting, snacks*
- ✓ *Visit to Tomic winery in Jelsa village for exclusive VIP wine tasting (6 wines) and presentation*
- ✓ *Dinner at Rokis tavern in Vis – traditional „peka“ meal, with ½ liter wine per person*
- ✓ *Visit to winery in Lumbarda village on Korčula for exclusive wine presentation and tasting*
- ✓ *Mljet National Park entrance fee*
- ✓ *Cable car ride to Srđ mountain for great views of the old town*
- ✓ *Farewell dinner at Dubrovnik restaurant – three course meal, ½ liter wine, water, juices... per person*
- ✓ *Tour leader / travel coordinator / cruise manager – throughout the duration of the whole program*
- ✓ *FWSA Travel Team available throughout the entire trip*
- ✓ **FWSA DOES HIGHLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE.**

About Croatia

The Croatian national territory totals 21,851 square miles with 31,479 and 12,154 square miles of coastal waters for sailing, swimming and diving.

Croatia occupies the largest area of the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea which, as a part of the Mediterranean Sea, penetrates deep into the European continent. The narrow Dinara Mountain Range separates the country's Mediterranean region from its central European continental section, which spans from the easterly edges of the Alps in the north west to the shores of the Danube in the East, encompassing the southern part of the fertile Pannonian lowlands.

And if the beauty of such landscapes weren't enough, here's a refreshing piece of news: tap water is drinkable across all of Croatia.

Climate

Croatia enjoys three different climates: The coast has a pleasant Mediterranean climate with a high number of days of sunshine per year. Summers are hot and dry, and winters are mild and wet. Temperatures drop slightly as you move inland, where the climate is continental and moderate. Once you climb above 1,200 m, you'll be greeted with fresh mountain air and temperatures around 13 °C in the summer months.

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Currency

Currently the Kuna is their currency, but they anticipate joining in with the Euro. You can exchange money at any of the country's banks, Bureau de change, post offices and at almost all travel agents, hotels and campsites. Most establishments and ATMs will also accept credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard etc.

Travel Documents

Your trip to Croatia doesn't mean visa headaches either. In most cases, the only form of ID required is a valid passport. And if you're an EU citizen, you can also use your national ID card. Croatian customs regulations are almost entirely in harmony with EU standards.

MS President Ship Info

The Deluxe MS President provides a perfect platform to explore the stunning coast and islands of Croatia and Dalmatia. Built in 2012, this yacht-like cruiser boasts sleek lines, and the modern facilities expected of a Croatian cruise vessel of this standard. All en suite cabins have been perfected to give you the space and comfort required during your cruise. Located on 2 decks each feature either twin or double beds, air-conditioning, LCD TV, safe, hair dryer and much more. The MS President boasts a large indoor restaurant-salon, comfortable seating, bar and dining facilities with an outdoor terrace. Most of the leisure time on-board is spent on the huge sun deck with its plunge pool, sun-chairs and large shaded area. To make the most of every swimming opportunity there is a platform at the rear of the ship with a ladder for easy access to the water.

Technical data:

- Launched: 2012
- Length: 47m
- Breadth: 9m
- Speed: 17km/h
- Crew: 8
- Cabins: 21
- Voltage: 220v

Ship specifications:

- Large Sun deck with deck chairs, sun beds and swimming pool
- Salon restaurant
- Bar
- Outdoor lounge terrace with tables and comfortable sofas
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabins
- Free Wi-Fi

Cabin specifications:

- *En-suite
- *Toiletries
- *Safe
- *Wardrobe
- *Lower deck: 8 twin / double cabins
- *Upper deck: 9 double cabins, 2 twin cabins
- *Air-conditioning
- *TV
- *Hair Dryer
- *Desk

A right balance; to blend rural and urban, heritage, culture, major sights with private and personal experiences; this itinerary offers you the overall colors with abundant opportunities to put your feet up and let it all soak in, this program will unravel new mysteries every day.....

Let's call it Magic!

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FWSA 11th Annual Scuba Dive Trip – Cozumel, Mexico

October 3-10, 2020

Iberostar Cozumel Resort



Diver Land Package = \$1378.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Non-Diver Land Package = \$899.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Single Supplement Standard Bungalow Add = \$297.00
Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details
(air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights at Iberostar Cozumel Resort – Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Resort fees, taxes & gratuities (housekeeping tips not included)
- 5 X 2 tank morning dives and 2 Cenotes dives
- PADI CDC Center – Dressler Dive Center onsite
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Experience Mayan
Culture & Entertainment*

*Create New Memories
with Friends,
Old and New!*



*Dive the Cenote, Kayak,
snorkel, spa services and
more...*



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



Contact: Randy Lew
FWSA Dive Trip Leader
829 SE 11th Place
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Cell: 530/304-0802 E-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.org

*You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn.
affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!*

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FWSA COZUMEL SCUBA DIVE TRIP October 3 – 10, 2020

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

5 Day (2 tank boat dives) Dive Package	\$ 1,378
Non-Dive Package	\$ 899
Single Supplement	\$ 297

Price Includes: Iberostar Resort

7 nights at Iberostar Cozumel Resort – based on 2 per room
All meals daily
All drinks daily including alcohol
All non-motorized water sports and activities
Roundtrip airport / resort transfers
Resort fees, taxes & non-dive gratuities.

In Addition, the Dive Package includes:

5 days of 2 tank boat dives, including 2 Cenotes dives with Dressel Divers
Complimentary Nitrox

Add-On Costs:

Superior Room	\$ 114 per person
Ocean View Room	\$ 282 per person
Ocean Front Room	\$ 340 per person

Payment Schedule:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 500 per person
2 nd payment	June 1, 2020	\$ 200 - \$500 per person
Final payment	August 1, 2020	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to June 18, 2020	\$ 0 per person
June 19, 2020 – July 3, 2020	\$ 100 per person
July 4, 2020 – August 2, 2020	\$ 450 - \$689 per person
August 3, 2020 – departure date	no refunds

Travel on this FWSA trip to Cozumel, Mexico requires a valid Passport. It is your responsibility to ensure your required travel documents are in order and with you.

DIVE and TRAVEL INSURANCE

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at <https://www.travelsafe.com/index.php?ref=ROAFL02>
Additional travel insurance vendors can be found on FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/insurance.html>. In addition, all scuba divers will be required to have diving accident insurance through Divers Alert Network (DAN), the premier dive insurance. You can get their insurance info at <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION ALASKA CRUISE—CORAL PRINCESS

June 23—30, 2021 ANCHORAGE/WHITTIER PORT TO VANCOUVER, BC

Per Person Rates:

\$1,274.00 INSIDE ROOM (2)	Category IB (Decks 5, 10, 11, 12)	\$799 3rd or 4th Person
\$1,819.00 WINDOW ROOM (2)	Category OC (Decks 5, 6)	\$799 3rd or 4th Person
\$2,329.00 BALCONY ROOM (2)	Category BB (Decks 11, 12)	\$999 3rd or 4th Person
\$2,599.00 MINI SUITE (2)	Category MB (Decks 9, 12)	\$999 3rd or 4th Person

\$260.00 PORT FEES & TAXES PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

- Welcome Cocktail Party
- \$25 per cabin credit (\$12.50/person)

www.princess.com to view staterooms

SPECIAL

Sign up and book room before Feb. 28, 2020 and get the following
FREE (approximate value up to \$900.00)

- >Premium Beverage Package
- >Wi-Fi
- >Gratuities

SHIP DEPOSITS: \$250 PER PERSON TO BOOK ROOM NUMBER

Check payable to "FWSA"

Send check to: Nancy Ellis, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162

NO PENALTY TO CANCEL PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2021

CANCELTION PENALTIES BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2021

Trip information: Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

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ALASKA CRUISE CONTINUED

PORTS:

Day 1: Hubbard Glacier (scenic cruising)

Day 2: Glacier Bay National Park
(scenic cruising)

Day 3: Skagway 7:00 am—8:30 pm

Day 4: Juneau 6:30 am—4 pm

Day 5: Ketchikan 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Day 6: Fun Day at Sea

Day 7: Vancouver Docks 7:30 am

Additional Costs:

- Air to Anchorage (Cruise only people)
- Ship airport transfers to Whittier: \$88 (Cruise only people)
- Ship Transfers to Vancouver Airport after Cruise: \$ 34
- Air from Vancouver, BC end of cruise
- Capt. Cook Anchorage Hotel & 2 bus transfers \$285/person (2) Cruise only if you stay in Anchorage prior to boarding ship. Can fly in same day you board.

DENALI TOUR ONLY OR ADD DENALI TOUR TO CRUISE

June 19—23, 2021 FAIRBANKS TO DENALI TO ANCHORAGE (TOUR ONLY)

June 19—30, 2021 FAIRBANKS TO DENALI TO WHITTIER PORT TO VANCOUVER, BC (DENALI & CRUISE)

Special Denali Tour arranged by Sandy Gaudette, Skigroup.net Tour Operator

Per Person Double Occupancy: \$1,660

Includes:

- Saturday & Sunday: Fairbanks River's Edge Resort 2 nights with Breakfast
- Sunday: Riverboat Ferry Discovery Cruise Fairbanks
- Monday: Alaska Railroad DOME train Fairbanks to Denali with full Breakfast & Drinks
- Monday & Tuesday: Denali Park Village Hotel River View Rooms
- Tuesday: Kantishna Wilderness Trail Tour (full day park tour)
- Wednesday: Private bus Denali to Anchorage (Denali Tour Only) or to Whittier to cruise ship (Denali/Alaska Cruise). Departs Whittier Wednesday June 23, 2021
- No host lunch stop in Anchorage

Not included: Air to Fairbanks, Air/Transfers Anchorage home (Denali Only Tour), bus driver and tour guide tips

**CONTACT: Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, for more information:
fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261. SIGN UP BEFORE FEB. 28,
2020 FOR CRUISE SPECIAL. \$250 DEPOSIT TO BOOK ROOM**

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS

Ski industry news from the National Ski Club News, National Ski Council

- Ikon Pass Expands Spring Deals Amid COVID-19 Crisis. Ikon Pass is doubling renewal discounts and extending spring promotions through May in response to the unprecedented challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic.
- Vail Resorts Institutes Pay Cuts, Furloughs, Defers Capital Projects. In an effort to reduce expenses over the coming months, Vail Resorts will furlough the majority of its U.S. year-round hourly employees and institute pay cuts for salaried employees. It will also significantly reduce capital expenditures planned for this summer. The moves stem from the uncertainty of when, or if, the company's businesses will be able to reopen this summer as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic grow.
- Vail Resorts CEO Donates \$2.5 Million for COVID-19 Assistance. Vail Resorts CEO Rob Katz and his wife, Elana Amsterdam, will donate more than \$2.5 million to provide immediate support for both Vail Resorts employees and the mountain towns where the company operates in response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Alterra Suspends Pay for Some, Postpones Capital Projects. As the mountain resort industry remains at a standstill amid the expanding coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis in North America, Alterra Mountain Company has made adjustments to maintain financial viability. *SAM Ed. This article references an April 3 internal memo from Alterra CEO Rusty Gregory to employees. The article below references an April 1 interview with the Aspen Skiing Co. CEO Mike Kaplan. It is unclear whether the Alterra announcement negates the capital projects outlined by Aspen Skiing Co.*
- Aspen Skiing Co. Moving Forward with Major Capital Projects. In an interview with *The Aspen Times*, Aspen Skiing Co. CEO Mike Kaplan said several major capital projects will still take place this summer, including a new \$10+ million six-passenger chairlift, construction of a new workforce housing complex, and more. *Ed. See note at end of Alterra item above.*
- New Owners Investing \$10 Million at Timberline Mountain, WVA. Timberline Mountain in West Virginia closed in the middle of the 2018-19 season, fell into bankruptcy soon after, and was purchased in December by the owners of Indiana's Perfect North Slopes. Now, amid the COVID-19 turmoil, the new owners shared good news: plans to invest more than \$10 million at Timberline this summer, including the installation of two new chairlifts and a conveyor.
- Hestra Donates 38,000 Pairs of Gloves to Colorado First Responders. Swedish glove company Hestra donated 38,000 pairs of gloves to Colorado first responders yesterday. The company, who recently relocated its US headquarters to Arvada, CO, donated from the nitrile gloves to be used by the City of Arvada's first responders during the coronavirus pandemic,
- Skiing Got Big Lift from Art Clay and Ben Findlay Among Blacks. *Ed. Note. Good article about Art Clay and Ben Findlay who are the first African Americans to be inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame and the founders of the National Brotherhood of Skiers. Unfortunately, the Sun Times online did not allow copying text, but the full article is available at the link. Chicago Sun Times*



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