

Silver Star Nordic Ski Trip

Jan 25 – Feb 2 2020

The Club is heading back to Silver Star in 2020 to enjoy one of our very favourite cross country ski destinations. Silver Star and neighbouring Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre, when combined, deliver the largest groomed trail network in Canada. Elite athletes and recreational skiers come from all over the world to train and enjoy over 100 kms of pristine, 'groomed-daily' mountain trails. The addition of the Schumman Gondola in the fall of 2018, from Silver Star Village to the summit, will make it that much easier for skiers to access the summit trails of Silver Star and the lovely trails at Sovereign Lake.

This trip is ideal for intermediate and advanced x-c skiers. If you are a beginner, you may be limited in the trails you can access. However, if you combine beginner level skiing and snowshoeing, you will have ample activity. At Silver Star everyone also has access to 'Mountain Hosts' who, at no charge, will guide you along the trails and give excellent trail and skiing advice.

From the village of Silver Star you will also have access to 16 kms of snowshoe trails located on the lower network of trails only. If you snowshoe exclusively, you will have to decide if this will provide enough opportunity over the course of seven days. Excellent downhill skiing opportunities also exist. Snowshoe passes and downhill ski passes are **not** included in your trip cost and must be purchased separately. Also, at your expense, other activities include tubing, fat biking, skating, shopping and various day trips or excursions. Feel free to explore on-line: <http://www.skisilverstar.com/activities-events>

TRAVEL

On January 25, we will fly with Air Canada directly to Kelowna where a shuttle bus will take us to Silver Star. The bus will make a one hour stop in Vernon allowing you to purchase grocery supplies needed for your stay. On February 2, after seven days of wonderful skiing (travel days are excluded) we will again use a shuttle to transport the group back to the Kelowna airport and fly directly back to Pearson airport.

As in 2018, accommodation will be at the Vance Creek Hotel and Conference Centre located in the heart of the village. There is a limit to the number of rooms we are able to book which is why registration is limited to 38 people, including the leaders. It is also the reason we do not allow any single room bookings on this trip. In addition, not all rooms are the same. The vast majority of rooms will be one-bedroom suites with a kitchen, while two of the rooms will be non-kitchen units. This difference will be reflected in the pricing and all rooms will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Breakfasts at the 1609 Restaurant will be included in the trip price, as will four buffet dinners at the Vance Creek Conference Centre. Also included in the trip cost is your ski pass which will provide access to the trails at both Silver Star and Sovereign Lake and will also include two trips daily on specific chairlifts or the gondola.

TRIP COST

Based on double occupancy, the cost of the trip is \$2425.00 for the rooms that are suites and include a kitchen and \$2215.00 for the non-kitchen units. Add a 3% surcharge if you wish to pay by credit card. There will be an additional \$25 per person cost payable to the club upon registration. We will use Teacher's Travel Service for all travel services.

INCLUDED in this price:

- Airfare between Toronto and Kelowna (extra baggage fees will apply)
- Shuttle transfers to and from the Kelowna airport to Silver Star Resort
- Ski passes during our stay (valid for Silver Star and Sovereign Lake)
- All breakfasts
- Four dinners
- Welcome reception
- Most gratuities

NOT INCLUDED in this price:

- \$25 club registration fee
- Baggage fees for air travel
- Cost of any 'non-ordic' ski activities i.e. snowshoeing, downhill skiing, tubing, fat biking, skating
- Lunches during our stay (groceries may be purchased in Vernon on arrival day or throughout our stay at a small convenience store in Silver Star)
- Four dinners (groceries may be purchased in Vernon on arrival day or throughout our stay at a small convenience store in Silver Star OR you may choose to frequent Other restaurants in the village)
- All beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) during dinners at Vance Creek
- Room keeping gratuities

* Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances which result in travel delays and the necessity to seek alternate accommodation and meals, will be at your own expense.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open on March 20, 2019. There are two parts to your registration. Your spot is not confirmed until both parts are completed. In other words, the first deposit to Teacher's Travel is due at the time of registration.

1. On-line Registration: Use the Club website / Events Calendar and pay the \$25 per person club deposit when you register on-line.
2. The second part of registration is to pay a deposit of \$300.00 per person to Teacher's Travel Service. This may be paid by cheque or credit card. If paying by cheque it should be made out to Teacher's Travel Service and dated for the date you register. The address is:

Teacher's Travel Service
21 St. Claire Avenue East
Toronto, ON M4T 1L9

If paying by credit card, there is a 3% surcharge. Please call Jill Sanderson (Mon- Fri : 9:00 and 5:00) at 1 800 268 7229 or 1-416-922-2232 to provide your credit card information. If Jill is not available, you may leave information with Cathy or Betty.

Final Payment: due Nov 1, 2019 is for the remainder of the cost. We do not expect any change to the final pricing but will notify you if an adjustment is required. Final cheque is also payable to Teachers Travel and dated for Nov 1, 2019. If paying by credit card, contact Jill at 1 800 268 7229.

CANCELLATION

Deposits are non-refundable. However, in the event that you need to cancel, the club will look for a suitable replacement from the club waiting list. If a replacement can be made without incurring costs to the club or the travel agency, then you may be refunded. If using a replacement incurs some costs, the cancelling party will be responsible and may only receive a partial refund. If a replacement cannot be found, the cancelling party will be responsible to cover all costs the club has incurred on your behalf up to the point of cancellation.

If the entire trip has to be cancelled by the club for any reason, you will receive a full refund.

INSURANCE

The Halton Outdoor Club strongly recommends you have adequate cancellation and out of province medical insurance. Coverage for your trip may be purchased through Teachers Travel or your own provider. Call Jill Sanderson at 1 800 268-7229.

Feel free to contact either Patti or Jim Blair if you have further questions.

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