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## THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

June 2023

#### President's Message

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend holiday, a time to rest, recharge, and honor those who have fallen for our freedom. The unofficial start of summer brought with it some rainy weather, a pattern we might expect to settle in very soon for the season. The summer in our mountains offers up world class hiking, biking, and camping. Get out there and enjoy and always be thinking snow!



Pres Tyler Melton & VP David Lee

Our 2023-24 trip schedule is set, and we have some great offerings! Check out the ASC website for trip information. Destinations include Ireland, Iceland, Steamboat, Taos, Courmayeur, Mt. Bachelor, and Breckenridge!

Our June social will be held at the Biltmore Park Swim Clubhouse June 13th at 5:00 pm. Wear your best Hawaiian themed attire, bring a swim suit for a dip in the pool! We will gather in the clubhouse adjacent to the pool at the swim club. The club will provide hotdogs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. BYOB.

Last month, David Lee and I completed our terms as Vice President and President. As we weighed many factors, and no decision was easy, we have decided to not seek reelection. It has been a honor to serve a club that I have grown up in. The club is heading in an exciting direction, and we would love to see the success continue! We will serve in the roles of Past president and Past Vice President in the interim. So that means the door is open for anyone interested in seeking a leadership role in the club! Feel free to reach out to myself or David about these roles. On the following page is a note from our Chairman of the Board, Liisa Andreassen.

Cheers,

*Tyler Melton*

[tylermelton322@gmail.com](mailto:tylermelton322@gmail.com)

**From Liisa Andreassen, ASC Board Chair:**

**Hello AVL Ski Club Members,**

**Our club is seeking executive leaders for a two-year term (2023 through 2025). The positions include: President (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025); Vice President (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025), and Treasurer (TBD).**

**These positions are vital to the overall health and functionality of the AVL Ski Club and we're looking for a few folks who are passionate about skiing, boarding and the great outdoors.**

**As an executive leader, you'll do things like vote on trips, review and maintain the financial health of the club and work to plan club social events. So, if you're interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities to get involved with your favorite ski/board club, please email Tyler Melton at: [tylermelton322@gmail.com](mailto:tylermelton322@gmail.com).**

**Once we've gathered a list of interested names, those people will be invited to attend a leadership recruitment social at a local brewery – date, time and place to be announced. Complete descriptions of each role will be given out at the social along with information about benefits, duties, time commitment, etc. There's no obligation for you to commit at that time.**

**We look forward to hearing from you and hope you'll consider these exciting leadership opportunities."**

**Liisa Andreassen      [liisa66@gmail.com](mailto:liisa66@gmail.com)**



## **NEXT MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**Location: Biltmore Park Swim Clubhouse**

**Time: 5:00—8:00 pm**



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Our June social will be at the Biltmore Park Swim Clubhouse, 1067 Columbine Rd, Asheville NC, 28803. Bring a swim suit for a dip in the pool! We will gather in the clubhouse adjacent to the pool at the swim club. The club will provide hot dogs and condiments, please bring a side dish or dessert, and BYOB of your choosing!

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## Newsletter Editor's Notes

As we enter another year of promising trips, adventures and fun, I am concerned that we are suffering a deficiency in one aspect of the Asheville Ski Club. That aspect is the lack of members willing to step into the open positions of club leadership. For a club that has more than 300 memberships (individual or family) it is surprising to me that we have an extremely hard time filling just four or five key leadership positions!

There is a quote by author Sherry Anderson "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

I urge you to consider putting your hat in the ring for open club leadership positions. Your ideas for monthly meeting venues, ski trips or other outings are also encouraged. Please attend our socials and become more involved with our club. You might even make some new friends.

Again, our thanks to Susan Robinson as our new ASC Trips Chair. Here are Susan's comments:

"I am thrilled to be the ASC trips chairperson for the coming year. We have a terrific line up of trips for 23-24."

### 2023

- Crescent to Steamboat Dec. 2-9

### 2024

- Crescent to Taos Jan 13-20
- Asheville to Courmayeur Italy Jan 27-Feb 7
- Asheville to Mt. Bachelor, March 2-9
- Asheville to Breckenridge March 30-Apr 6.

Susan Robinson

[susanmac2@gmail.com](mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com) 828-275-4327

**One more thing! It's time to get your dues in, especially if you want to take any of the trips.**

*Tom Bushar*

[tbushar@gmail.com](mailto:tbushar@gmail.com)



Tom Bushar  
Avalanche Editor



Susan Macdonald  
Robinson

# ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

2023-2024 updated 4/26/23

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Secretary	Susan Slettedal/Greg Caspers	<a href="mailto:357susan@att.net">357susan@att.net</a> <a href="mailto:ggcaspers@gmail.com">ggcaspers@gmail.com</a>
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## BOARD MEMBERS

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## CRESCENT REPRESENTATIVE

Crescent Rep	Paul Dobson	<a href="mailto:paultdobson@gmail.com">paultdobson@gmail.com</a>
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## CRESCENT TRIPS CHAIR

Susan Macdonald Robinson	<a href="mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com">susanmac2@gmail.com</a>
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## Asheville Ski Club

### Membership Application

[www.ashevillesskiclub.com](http://www.ashevillesskiclub.com); [ashskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:ashskiclub@gmail.com)



#### Mail to:

Membership  
Asheville Ski Club  
P.O. Box 211  
Asheville, NC 28802

#### Membership Type & fees:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$35  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$60  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \$15 (under 18 not part  
of a family membership)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Racer fee \$35 per racer  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

#### Payment method:

\_\_\_\_ Cash  
\_\_\_\_ Check

Last Name

First Name

Last Name - spouse

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse email address \_\_\_\_\_

Children names (if members)

Do you understand and agree that the information given here will be shared in the Asheville Ski Club Directory? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

#### I am interested in the following activities:

\_\_\_\_ day ski trips, \_\_\_\_ long distance trips, \_\_\_\_ racing, \_\_\_\_ learn to ski programs, \_\_\_\_ hiking, \_\_\_\_ bicycling, \_\_\_\_ camping

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Long distance resort/ski town trip request(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver

By signing this Application for membership in the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, I agree and understand that the Club is a voluntary organization, composed of and run by volunteers. I also understand that the Officers and the members have no professional or special training in conducting Club activities and do not hold themselves out as having such. I acknowledge that the skiing and outdoor sports have certain innate dangers and I understand these risks. I hereby release the Asheville Ski Club and the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, Inc. from any and all liability for any injury that I, or any member of my family, may incur as a result of participating in any Club activities, including economic loss. I understand and agree that the information given here is truthful and honest to the best of my knowledge and will be shared in the Club Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (spouse if also joining): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (if child is under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## CSC Spring Convention Report

Our Crescent, Ski, Council representative Paul Dobson attended the spring convention for Crescent Ski Council. Asheville ski club was not represented at the race meeting, but James Claxton came in third place for male with the highest season points. Eric Henry was awarded rookie of the 2022-2023 season.

Paul attended the trips meeting. For icon passes please use the link on the sports America website. Last year Crescent took 148 skiers to Jackson Hole and 137 skiers to Steamboat race camp. Upcoming in 2025 there will be an Adventure trip to Alaska.

Paul attended the board of directors meeting. 2023 will be the 40th anniversary of Steamboat race camp. Please check out the national Ski Federation website for various discounts.

The Board of Directors is updating policies and procedures. Crescent Ski dues for club members will be increasing \$1.50 per adult and \$.70 per child. Crescent Ski Council is looking for volunteers to serve as vice president and treasurer. Paul Dobson participated in the beach Olympics with his team placing first in horseshoes and participated in the first place golf foursome.





# Best of Ireland



Experience Killarney National Park on a Jaunting Cart ride

Tour Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 4, 2023	\$ 3,751	+ \$1,369

**Roundtrip Airfare is available out of Asheville  
for \$1,575 per person**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*



**UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS  
CLASS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$4,600 PER PERSON\***

\*Upgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – starting from \$299 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

## Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

	Deposit Amount
• 91 days or more	20% of tour cost
• 90 to 45 days prior	30% of tour cost
• 44 to 15 day prior	40% of tour cost
• 14 to 1 day prior	100% of tour cost
• Day 1 of departure	100% of tour cost
• or early departure from tour	
• No refund on unused portions of the tour	

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Wayne Bailey**  
**(828) 275-4566**

**wayne.bailey59@gmail.com**



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# CRESCENT

## SKI COUNCIL

Since 1969

# Steamboat

DECEMBER 2-9, 2023

- 7 nights at Trappeur's Crossing
- 5 day lesson package w/3 lunches
- Optional discounted lift tickets
- Optional Roundtrip transfers
- Welcome Reception
- Apres Ski Party
- Midweek BBQ Dinner
- Final Awards Banquet



Trappeur's Crossing

**STARTING PRICE** **\$1420**  
per person/double occ.

6day ticket - add \$415

**Signup at:** [www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips](http://www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips)

**Questions:** CSC Trip Director - Cathie Mulgrew  
[cathiemulgrew@yahoo.com](mailto:cathiemulgrew@yahoo.com)  
336.473.6869





## **Asheville Ski and Outing Club presents Courmayeur Italy 2024**

### **Courmayeur Ski Resort Italy**

Courmayeur ski resort in the famed Aosta valley Italy is perfectly located on the sunny side of the Monte Bianco (Mont Blanc) massif. Courmayeur is a beautiful, refined town with an adventurous, big mountain spirit. Excellent lift access from near the center of Courmayeur provides both family-friendly & action-packed skiing & snowboarding within minutes of leaving your accommodation. The ski terrain combines 1,545m vertical descents from the main ski resort area and huge, challenging off-piste descents of over 2,150m vertical from Punta Helbronner on the flanks of Monte Bianco.



**JAN 28-FEB 4,2024**

**Land Package \$896.00**

**7 NIGHTS LODGING**

**3-star hotel Courmayeur, 2 per hotel room**

**Breakfast and Dinner daily**

**Bus transfers from Milan**

**Lift Tickets are NOT included**

Nice is one of the best places to visit in France to experience la belle vie (the good life). From wandering the quaint cobblestone streets to strolling the famous Promenade des Anglais, the joys of spending time in this beautiful coastal city are endless. Nice has a mild climate year round.



**Optional Extension to Nice**

**FEB 4 -7,2024**

**Land Package \$285.00**

**3 Nights Lodging at the 4-star Hotel Splendid**

**Hotel taxes**

**Breakfast Daily**

**Bus transfer from Courmayeur**

**Transfer to Nice Airport**

**Air from Asheville to Milan and back from Nice to Asheville \$1041.00 American/British Air**  
**To register: complete contract (next page) and mail deposit to Susan Robinson**

**For more information contact Susan Robinson [susanmac2@gmail.com](mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com)**

**ASHEVILLE SKI AND OUTING CLUB**  
**Courmayeur Trip January 28, 2024- February 4 or 7 2024**

**Name as it appears on Passport** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (cell)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Gender:** **Male** **Female**

**Roommate/ Lodging Mate(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please assign** \_\_\_\_\_ **as my roommate**

**Trip leader, please assign a roommate/lodging mate(s) for me:** **Male** **Female** **Non-smoker**

**Emergency information:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I grant permission for Trip Leader to authorize emergency care for me if the need arises and the emergency contact person cannot be reached and will hold Trip Leader harmless from any damages resulting from such care.

**Participation:** All event participants must be a member in good standing of the Western North Carolina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) or of the Crescent Ski Council.

**Cancellation Policy:** If I cancel participation in this event, for any reason, I understand I will be charged a cancellation fee described below, plus any unrecoverable amounts paid on my behalf for transportation, lodging or any other related expense. Failure to make payments may also result in cancellation of my participation on the trip with forfeiture of amounts paid to cancellation date. I acknowledge receipt of the cancellation and payment schedules for this event.

**\$100 Cancellation fee per person**

**Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement**

I understand that the Western North Carolina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) is a voluntary group operated by volunteer Officers, Board of Directors, and Trip Leaders who have no special or professional training in the leadership and organization of the Trip as defined as the Terms and Conditions. I agree for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to waive any claims or rights against them and not to pursue any legal action against them, for any harm, loss, personal injury whether mental or physical, or death suffered by me in connection with this trip, including, without limitation, all transportation, accommodation, skiing, sport, social, or other activity. I acknowledge on behalf of myself and all minors represented herein and for whom I am responsible, that participation in this trip may be potentially dangerous, I know that there are risks and dangers involved, and I hereby assume all the risks, known and unknown, of participation.

I have read and understand this Agreement, Cancellation Policy, the Terms and Conditions, Trip Description and all other rules of ASC, and agree to abide by their respective provisions. I am signing this document granting this release and am participating in this trip voluntarily.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE PAYMENT GUIDELINE**

Since trips often involve payments to resorts and tour operators in amounts of thousands of dollars, it is advisable that all participants payment schedules coordinate with the payment due in the Terms and Conditions of this contract. Participant scheduled payments should be scheduled such that all monies to be paid out are deposited into club accounts first. In order to ensure that payments, are made to the club in a timely manner, it is most effective to enforce a late payment fee.

If a participant is late with payment, for any reason, he/she will be charged a late payment fee described below. Failure to make payments according to payment schedules will result in the fees listed below for each deadline date. Failure to make payments according to payment schedules may also result in cancellation of their participation on a trip with forfeiture of amounts paid to cancellation date. He/she has acknowledged receipt of the cancellation and payment schedules for the event when they sign the waiver form. Late payment fees must be advertised with the corresponding event.

**\$25 late payment fee per payment**



Payment schedule for: Courmayeur Italy

*\$500 deposit with application due at signup along with a copy of this contract.*

Checks payable to: Asheville Ski Club and mailed to:

Susan Robinson

300 Elk Mountain Scenic Highway

Asheville NC 28804

August 1= \$500

October 1 = \$500

November 1 = Balance

You can pay more than the minimum if you wish to pay off sooner

**Please indicate the items you want for your trip and total**

Price based on current dollar/euro rate of 1.08/1 if the rate fluctuates then prices will be adjusted.

Land Cost Courmayeur per person double occupancy	\$896.00	_____
Single Room Rate upon request		_____
Land Cost for Nice per person double occupancy	\$285.00	_____
Single Supplement for Nice(rooms limited)	\$135.00	_____
Air from Asheville to Milan and Nice back to Asheville	\$1041.00	_____
	Grand Total	_____

*Please protect your investment with trip insurance. Sites such as [squaremouth.com](http://squaremouth.com) compare providers' coverage and prices, with links to the provider.*

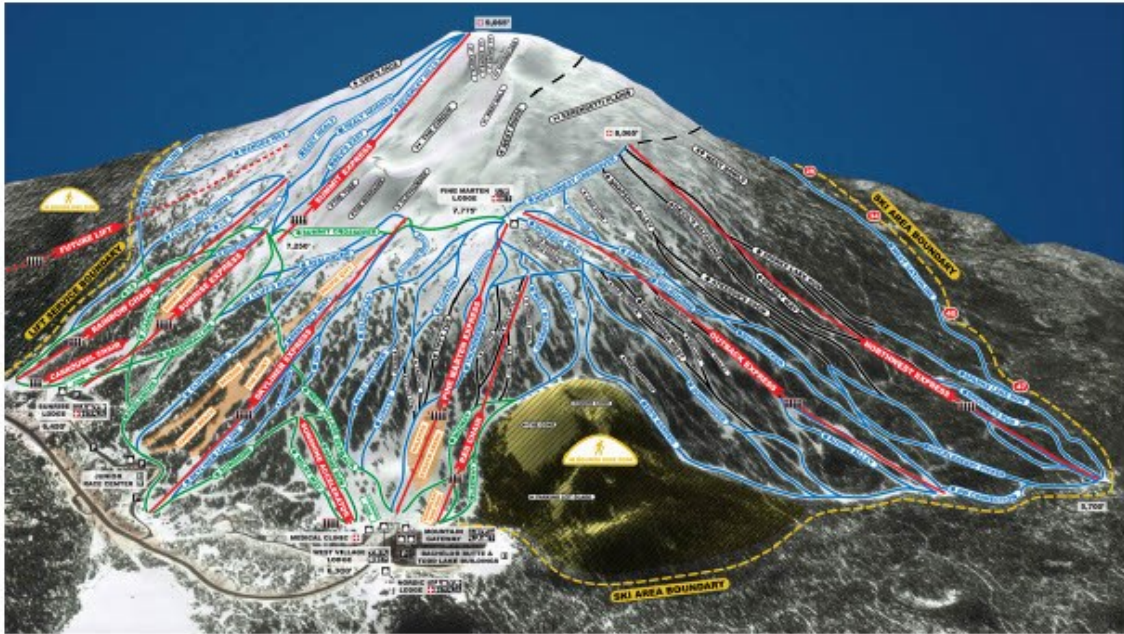
Fine Print regarding the Group Air tickets:

No changes are permitted to an itinerary or name once tickets have been issued. (Tickets May be changed, per the carrier's discretion, in the event of the death of an immediate family member or with a medical note from a doctor). Name changes after ticketing will incur a minimum fee of \$300.00 per change. No frequent flier upgrades will be permitted. Snow Tours, Inc will not be held responsible for non-credit of frequent flier miles. Individual deviations from the group's itinerary must be made in writing and are considered waitlisted until confirmation is received from the airline. Deviations will require a \$200.00 surcharge per person per change. Deviations must be booked prior to ticketing. A maximum of 10% of passengers will be allowed to deviate. Airline baggage requirements are strict; specific information on your airline's conditions will be sent in due time. Portage of luggage, skis, etc., is not included by Snow Tours, Inc. Baggage weighing more than 50lbs., but less than 70 lbs., will be assessed a penalty amount. Baggage weighing more than 70 lbs. must be shipped as cargo through a freight forwarder prior to departure. Snow Tours will not be held responsible for any baggage charges assessed by the airlines. The First Bag is free, the second bag is \$100.00 each way.

IMPORTANT NOTE: International flights require the passenger's airline ticket name to exactly match the passport name (i.e., no nicknames).

Tickets are Non-Endorsable, Non-Transferable, and Non-Refundable once they have been issued. Tickets are only valid for travel on the carrier noted. Reconfirmation of group space by the ski club required 120 days before departure or the space automatically reduced by the airline by 50 percent.

## Asheville Ski Club Mount Bachelor Trip March 2-9 2024



Mt. Bachelor is the 6th largest ski resort in North America — with 4,323 skiable acres, 3,365 feet of vertical drop, and 101 runs to explore, Mt. Bachelor provides a unique experience for everyone.

- 7 Nights Lodging in Bend, OR at Element Bend in Studio Suites
- 5 day adult lift ticket at Mt. Bachelor
- Round trip via private charter bus from RDM airport and Element Bend includes a grocery stop
- Daily private ski shuttle with 2 departure and 2 return times
- Welcome Reception
- Daily Breakfast
- **\$1408.00**



Sign up at: <http://asc-bachelor.sat.tours>

For more information contact trip leader  
Danny Muse: [danielpmuse@gmail.com](mailto:danielpmuse@gmail.com)  
828-707-0625



## **Asheville Ski Club Trip to Breckenridge March 30-April 6, 2024**



**Marriott Deluxe Suites:**  
**2 blocks to the slopes and**  
**a private ski shuttle**  
**Every room has a kitchen**  
**Walking distance to town**



**7 Nights Lodging**

**Porter Fee**

**Round Trip Bus from Denver Airport with 1 hour grocery stop.**

**Daily Hot Breakfast**

**Land Package \$940.00**

**Epic 5 day pass \$455.00**

**Pricing for round trip air AVL-DEN \$599.00**

**For more information Contact:**

**Trip Leader Susan Robinson [susanmac2@gmail.com](mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com) 828-275-4327**



**ASHEVILLE SKI AND OUTING CLUB  
Breckenridge Trip March 30-April 6, 2024**

**Name as it appears on Identification**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Gender: Male Female

**Roommate/ Lodging Mate(s):**

Please assign \_\_\_\_\_ as my roommate

Trip leader, please assign a roommate/lodging mate(s) for me: Male Female Non-smoker

**Emergency information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that the Western North Carolina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) is a voluntary group operated by volunteer Officers, Board of Directors, and Trip Leaders who have no special or professional training in the leadership and organization of the Trip as defined as the Terms and Conditions. I agree for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to waive any claims or rights against them and not to pursue any legal action against them, for any harm, loss, personal injury whether mental or physical, or death suffered by me in connection with this trip, including, without limitation, all transportation, accommodation, skiing, sport, social, or other activity. I acknowledge on behalf of myself and all minors represented herein and for whom I am responsible, that participation in this trip may be potentially dangerous, I know that there are risks and dangers involved, and I hereby assume all the risks, known and unknown, of participation.

I have read and understand this Agreement, Cancellation Policy, the Terms and Conditions, Trip. Description and all other rules of ASC, and agree to abide by their respective provisions. I am signing this document granting this release and am participating in this trip voluntarily.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Susan Robinson

300 Elk Mountain Scenic Highway

Asheville NC 28804

November 1= \$500

January 1 = Balance

You can pay more than the minimum if you wish to pay off sooner

**Please indicate the items you want for your trip and total**

Land Cost double occupancy	\$940.00	_____
Single Room Rate	\$805.00	_____
Round trip Air Asheville-Denver	\$599.00	_____
	Grand Total	_____

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#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík
Days 4, 5	Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur
Days 6 – 8	Hotel Katla by Kea, Vík
Day 9	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

**Day 1: Sunday, May 19, 2024 Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland; a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

**Day 2: Monday, May 20, 2024 Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins** Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring the city hall, the harbor, the Parliament building and the nearby cathedral, dating from 1796. Then, get to know your fellow travelers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel in the later afternoon. (L)

**Day 3: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík** Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation center. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B)

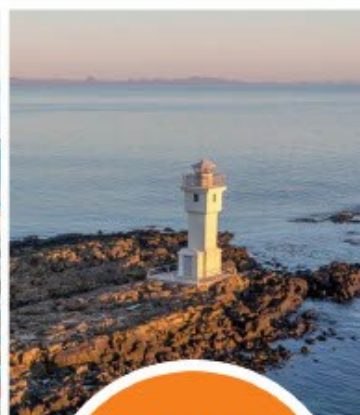
**Day 4: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur** Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches, volcanic craters and the Snæfellsjökull glacier. Put your camera to work snapping photos of this dramatic landscape during a walk along the coastline. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste *hákarl* – cured shark meat. (B, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, May 23, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Breiðafjörður Cruise - Stykkishólmur** Begin your day with a walk on Sögundisey Island, searching for marine birds and taking in the views of Stykkishólmur before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins,\* cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out to the shoreline. This afternoon, it's **your choice!** Follow local tradition and take a hike up Helgafell Mountain, known as the Sacred Hill, with your Tour Manager -OR- spend some time on your own at Stykkishólmur Swimming Pool, a facility with both outdoor and indoor swimming pools and thermal pools to soak in. (B)

**Day 6: Friday, May 24, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík** Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 7: Saturday, May 25, 2024 Vík - Skógar Museum - Sólheimajökull Glacier - Vík** Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and





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its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. View Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins\* along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, May 26, 2024 Vik - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vik** Journey to Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park and home to the country's highest mountains. Marvel at the vistas and snowy

mountain peaks while you set sail\*\* along the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice that surrounds you. (B, D)

**Day 9: Monday, May 27, 2024 Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik** Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the inside-out. In the afternoon, visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, before returning to Reykjavik. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 10: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Reykjavik - Tour Ends** Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

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Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

On occasion, some activities may not be available due to inclement weather.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Appropriate clothing is critical to fully enjoying your trip. Iceland's weather conditions are ever-changing and require sturdy waterproof shoes and layers of waterproof and windproof clothing.

\*Puffins can usually be viewed mid-May through mid-August.

\*\*During the months of April and October, the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon cruise may not operate due to seasonality. This is reflected in the land price for these time periods.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.



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Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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**A deposit of \$1,147 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation.** Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 13, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 20, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until November 20, 2023.

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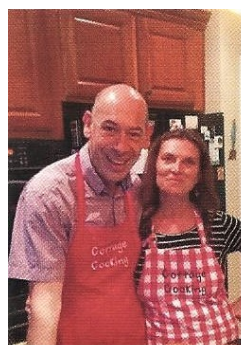
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