

# SKI/RIDE THE MONASHEE MOUNTAINS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

## BIG WHITE, BC, CANADA • 23 FEB – 1 MAR 20

**Passport  
Required<sup>1</sup>**

**Plans as of August 2019 – Estimated\* Base Price Includes Lodging, Group Meals, & Shared Expenses: \$959**

**Air: Purchase your own air<sup>2</sup> - Fly to Kelowna, BC • 6-day lift tickets: \$341 (Adult), \$296 (Senior 65+)**

\*All prices are estimated and dependent on final trip size, exchange rate adjustments, etc.

**New improved routing  
NO LONG BUS RIDE!!!**

**Reserve by Sep 30 for a \$25 discount!**

**<sup>2</sup> AIR is NOT included!**



**Big White** Ski Resort is Canada's largest totally ski-in/ski-out resort village, located in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley near Kelowna. The resort offers skiers and boarders 15 lifts to access 2,765 acres of 100% natural champagne powder. Big White is a modern picturesque village with a true Canadian alpine architecture theme. Awarded as North America's number one Family Resort, Big White has something

for everyone. The Village's main street is actually a ski run, where you can ski through to your lodging, or stop off in the charming and colorful village to grab something to eat, shop, or just wander around. On average, 24 feet of Mother Nature's finest, dry, champagne powder falls annually creating the world famous snow ghosts and blanketing the long cruising slopes. With over 119 marked runs – the longest being 4.5 miles and all totaling 65 miles, five powder bowls, and plenty of sunshine you'll soon realize why Big White has consistently been voted one of the top ski resorts in the world.



**LODGING AT BIG WHITE:** We will be staying in the **White Crystal Inn** surrounded by the ski runs and right in Big White



**Village.** Voted "Best in Canada", this hotel features excellent ski-in/ski-out convenience and is ideally located next to Lara's Gondola and the Bullet Express chair lift. These 495 sq. ft. double occupancy hotel style rooms for 2 generally with two queen beds, have full baths (Tub, Shower, toilet, sink), gas fireplace, and include a kitchenette with two-burner stove, sink, mini-fridge, microwave, coffee maker, dishes, cookware, & utensils. Hotel amenities include an outdoor hot tub, sauna, ski storage, in building restaurant/lounge, free Optik TV & Internet service, elevator, and a communal laundry,

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- ❖ 7 nights lodging: *White Crystal Inn* - 2 per Superior Kitchenette hotel style room (other options may be available).
- ❖ 6 days of lifts at Big White PLUS Night Skiing Tuesday – Saturday:
- ❖ Two group dinners planned
- ❖ <sup>2</sup> Arrange your own flights to/from close in Kelowna, BC with assistance from the trip captain, as desired.
- ❖ Ground transportation: Airport – Big White and return (possible optional inclusion or on your own)

### THE MOUNTAIN STATS:

- ❖ Patrolled Ski terrain:
- ❖ Groomed Area:
- ❖ Alpine & Glades:
- ❖ Top elevation:
- ❖ Village elevation:
- ❖ Base elevation:
- ❖ Vertical drop:
- ❖ Average Annual snowfall:
- ❖ Difficulty % (Green/Blue/Black/DbI Black)
- ❖ Lifts:

### BIG WHITE

2,765 acres  
905 acres  
1,525 acres  
7,606 ft  
5,757 ft  
4,950 ft  
2,550 ft  
294 inches  
**18/54/22/6**  
15

**Ask about trip  
insurance.**



**Trip is sanctioned by  
the Blue Ridge Ski  
Council**

Make check payments payable to Peninsula Ski Club and send to the trip captain.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Cross country trails (15.5 mi), Tubing Park, Ice Climbing Tower, Snowshoeing, Snow mobiling, Dog sledding, Ice skating, etc.

### TRIP CAPTAIN:

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### CHECK OUT...

Big White at: [www.bigwhite.com](http://www.bigwhite.com)

Photos by Big White Ski Resort

**Cost: \$1,300\***; Senior (65+) lift discount -\$45. **Refund Cutoff Date: 1 Oct 19**

**Payments:** \$500 at signup, \$400 Sep 12, \$400 Oct 10, balance Nov 14. **SIGN-UP DEADLINE: 1 DEC 19**

**\*Cancellation fees for this trip are \$35 before Sep 12 and \$70 after that. CANCELLATIONS AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE ARE LIABLE FOR THE GREATER OF UNRECOVERABLE TRIP COSTS or the cancellation fee.**

**\* Final trip size, unexpected surcharges, and/or currency exchange rate fluctuations may affect final price.**



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

(Plans as of August 2019...as accurate as possible, but adjustments are possible.)

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

**Q: Where is Big White and how will we get there?** A: Big White is 35 miles southeast of Kelowna, BC, Canada, in the Monashee Mountains. To facilitate your travel schedule while allowing flights to close in Kelowna, BC and to potentially save you money, **this trip does not include air**. After you have signed-up for the trip, the trip captain will give you guidance to make your own travel arrangements from the origin of your choice to Kelowna, just an hour shuttle ride from Big White. Note that the sooner you make your reservations, the more likely you will secure the space/schedule you want at the best possible air price.



**Q: What kind of living arrangements can we expect?** A: All of the lodging at Big White is ski-in/ski-out. The **White Crystal Inn** is in the heart of the ski through village and right on a ski run. These 495 sq. ft. double occupancy hotel style rooms for two, generally with two queen beds, have full baths (Tub, Shower, toilet, sink), gas fireplace, and include a kitchenette with two-burner stove, sink, mini-fridge, microwave, coffee maker, cookware, dishes, & utensils. Hotel amenities include an outdoor hot tub, sauna, ski storage, in building restaurant/lounge, free Optik TV & Internet service, elevator, and a communal laundry. Ski directly to the Inn, put your skis in the ski room right inside the door, and when you are ready to go out again, take your skis out the door, put them on, and ski down to the lift. [Other room options may be necessary/available – contact the trip captain.]



**Q: Is there a pool or hot tub?** A: The *White Crystal Inn* has a sauna and common outdoor hot tub on the first floor.

**Q: What about eating at Big White?** A: With 20 on-mountain restaurants, cafes, delis, pubs, and nightclubs, there is no shortage of places to relax or replenish your energy level when it's time for a break. Enjoy a luxurious lunch, sit for a social drink to warm your soul, have a 'dinner date', or treat the family to a wonderful meal. To thoroughly enjoy the BC Okanagan Valley's offerings, be sure to savor some famous local wines. Your room includes a kitchenette that will allow you to do some of your own food prep if you so desire. There is an on-mountain grocery/beverage store and on-line shopping with low cost delivery from Save-on-Foods in Kelowna is reportedly available. And remember, we are planning on two group dinners.

**Q: What kind of skiing should we expect?** A: At Big White they say, "It's the snow", and they mean light, fluffy, postcard-perfect snow, that comes from the heavens, not from the nozzle of a snow gun. Big White averages over 24 feet of 100% natural champagne powder. With 5 distinctive bowls, 118 patrolled runs, groomed runs prepared nightly, and green runs accessed from every lift, even a beginner will experience the thrill of big mountain skiing and riding at Big White. Ski amongst the famous 'snow ghost' glades, carve turns on the cruisers, and etch first tracks down the spacious bowls. Tremendous variety is at hand for skiers and riders of all skills. Our lift tickets are good for all 6 days (the 6<sup>th</sup> day is free). And if that's not enough, night skiing is included Tuesday – Saturday.

**Q: I like to ski black diamonds. With only 28% of the mountain, will I be bored?** A: Everyone has their own idea of how challenging any area is, but there are certainly plenty of single diamond opportunities and some "dark blue" and glade runs. You might also want to take a look at the double black runs off the Cliff served its own chair; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUPgo8fjR2I>

**Q: Isn't it cold in Canada?** A: Predicting the weather is a bit of a fool's errand, but from 2009 – 19 the Big White Ski Resort average February high was 29.9, low 14.3, and the resort has been awarded "Best Weather" by Ski Canada Magazine. Abundant snowfall makes for a perfect ski vacation!

**Q: <sup>1</sup>Do we need any special "documentation" to travel in and out of Canada?** A: **A US passport is needed to cross the US/Canadian border.** Remember, **without the appropriate documents you will not be allowed to board your flight/cross the border** and there isn't anything I can do to assist. **Canadian immigration may also check for criminal convictions including DUI – see:**

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.html)

**Q: Do "seniors" receive a discount?** A: Seniors (65+) get a discount on their lift tickets.

**Q: What about Cross Country and Snowshoeing?** A: Big White offers 15.5 miles of incredible combined Nordic and Wilderness trails perfect for Canadian cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Over 8.5 miles of trails are groomed daily with state of the art grooming equipment for both skate and classic technique.

**Q: What about non-skiing activities?** A: Tour the area on a snowmobile or by dog sled, challenge yourself on the ice climbing tower, ride the mega snow coaster inner tubes, enjoy outdoor ice skating or a horse drawn sleigh ride, try "Fat Biking" in Big White's back country, just enjoy the area. Entertainment and Nightlife includes regular après-ski with live bands in bars and pubs.

**Q: What if I have more questions?** A: Contact Bill Bryan, at (757) 851-0748 or by e-mail to [Bigwhite20@peninsulaskiclub.com](mailto:Bigwhite20@peninsulaskiclub.com).