

Erie Ski Club Presents another Escape to:

Whitefish Montana

(And Blacktail too!)

February 22-March 1, 2025



Prices start at \$1485 plus lifts (Land package)

Air: See Below

See details below or at www.erieskiclub.org

The Mountains

Whitefish used to be called Big Mountain, but that led to confusion with Big Sky so they changed it. It's just south of Glacier National Park, which borders Canada. Yeah, it's up there! The remote location means that the mountain is famous for the lack of crowds. They've got 2500 vertical feet and 3000+ acres with a good mix of terrain. There are plenty of choices for all. Here is the web site for Whitefish Mountain: <http://skiwhitefish.com>

Blacktail is a small local ski hill about an hour from Whitefish. We'll bus over there for a day trip on Thursday. They have 1440 vertical and ~1000 acres and 250" of all natural snow on average. The map shows a lot of moderate tree skiing and a fun looking bowl. Here's the web site: <https://blacktailmountain.com/>

The Accomodations

We'll be staying at the **Lodge at Whitefish Lake**. Like we would go anywhere else... If you have been there you know. AAA rates it as 4 Diamond, and they even hosted an episode of The Bachelor. This place is top shelf, by far the nicest place we have stayed. The buffet breakfast is included again! We're in the motel rooms at the Viking Lodge, with an option to upgrade to the Main Lodge Suite rooms. Here's their web site: <http://www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com/>

The town of Whitefish offers lots of choices for nightlife and restaurants. Here's that web site: <http://www.explorewhitefish.com/> There are lots of other activities available, tours through Glacier National Park, snowmobiling, dog sledding etc. The town of Whitefish is at ~3000 feet of altitude so altitude is not a problem.

Extras

Curling! The town of Whitefish has a curling club and we are looking at setting up an optional curling session. Unfortunately this will be during the day as the ice is booked solid for evenings all winter. This will be a nice way to start a "day off".

If you wish to arrange a side trip or other activity, please let me know and I will forward your information to the group. Past trips have had zip-lining, snowmobiling and heli-skiing side trips organized independently from the "main" trip.

AIR

(subject to change)

The last few years we have often found it better to get individual tickets than a group block so we will be using individual airline tickets.

Cost

Basic land package: \$1485 Viking Lodge Rooms (PP/DO)
 \$1765 Main Lodge Suite (PP/DO)
 Single supplement: \$775 Viking, \$1225 Main Lodge

\$100 early bird discount for those who sign up by the August 5 ESC picnic!

Includes: Lodging, price based on per person, double occupancy.

 Welcome party

 Buffet breakfast at the Lodge.

 Ground transfers to/from the airport

 Ski shuttles daily.

 Blacktail Mountain Day Trip, bus and lift ticket.

Lift tickets:

Days	Adult	Senior 65-69	Super Senior 70+
4	325	280	125
5	400	345	150

Payment schedule:

\$500 at signup.

\$500 October 1

Balance 12/01/2024 Final payment to the tour operator is due at this time and the trip will be closed at this date.

Travel insurance:

We will arrange a group policy with Travel Protectors as in the past. TBD

Fernie Combo option!

WPSC is running a trip to Fernie the week after this trip. It will be possible to combine these trips for a 2 week vacation. The Fernie trip will also be flying to Kalispell so linking the two trips will be very simple. Fernie is on the EPIC pass for those who have this.

Air for this option will be individually booked either on your own or through the Erie Ski Club/Ski.com. You will want to purchase your Fernie "land package" through Mike Dziubkowski/WPSC. Email for details!

To Sign up

Contact me via email, I will "pencil you in" pending receipt of your documents. This will hold your spot while the snail mail does it's thing.

To make it official:

Complete the signup form.

Provide a copy of your **passport**.

Write a check for \$500 to the **Erie Ski Club**.

Send it all to my address below.

Contact:

Vince Dunsworth

12660 Smedley Rd.

Waterford, PA 16441

Whitefish2025esc@gmail.com

Cancellation policy:

Upon written notice, you will receive a refund of recoverable expenses non-recoverable expenses as incurred by the club due to your cancellation will not be refunded. This will vary depending on when you cancel. You may be charged for your roommate's single supplement if your cancellation results in an unused bed. There may be re-ticketing charges. If you need to cancel, please contact the trip leader ASAP to determine what the penalties will be.

ERIE SKI CLUB TRIP AND TOUR AGREEMENT

A. DEPOSIT: The initial deposit for **Whitefish: \$500.**

B. IDENTIFICATION: Each person appropriate identification for presentation at the airport for check. No

Refunds will be made to any passengers whose participation is affected due to failure to possess proper identification

C. CANCELLATION AND/OR CHARGES: Erie Ski Club (ESC) reserves the right to withdraw the tour, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time, or make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant prior to departure time. ESC may add supplemental cost such as but not limited to fuel surcharges, taxes, and currency exchange rate and airport departure charges to the price of this trip.

D. RESPONSIBILITY: ESC is acting as agent for the applicant and shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to baggage or property, for any loss, injury, personal injury, death, accident, delay, inconvenience, or any other loss during, or occasioned by applicant's participation or lack of participation, in any trip or tour. Trip participants will ski or snowboard at their own risk.

E. REFUNDS: A full refund will be made to applicant if the trip is canceled by ESC except and unless where such cancellation is necessitated or caused, either wholly or in part, by applicant's cancellation or failure to make timely payments. Failure to make timely payments, at trip chairperson's discretion, may be deemed cancellation.

1) When someone cancels, ESC will refund the amount paid minus any and all amounts of cost caused by the cancellation. This may include ticket change fees, service fees imposed by travel agents, single supplements caused by a cancellation or other charges not listed here.

2) Regardless of when reservations are made, a passenger may cancel only by mail, sent to the trip chairperson's address listed on trip. Applicant shall be liable to ESC for any monies expended or paid by ESC over and above payments made by applicant to ESC.

3) ESC will not profit from a cancellation, but cannot afford to lose money either.

F. OTHER: Participant shall be a ESC member or a CMSC or WPSC club member with reciprocal trip privileges. Any trip or tour and this Agreement are subject to CAB rules and regulations.

G. TSA RULE: As of May 2009, it is mandated from TSA that we know your COMPLETE LEGAL FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME AND LAST NAME ALSO BIRTH DATE AND GENDER FOR TICKETING. Not supplying the information can cause no airline ticketing or cancellation from trip. To facilitate obtaining and verifying this data a copy of your passport is needed with your application.

CHECK the options desired:

Whitefish Ski Pass: 5 day pass
4 day pass
3 day pass
(senior discount calculated from your date of birth)

Lodging: Viking Lodge
Main Lodge Studio Suite
Single Supplement

Are you also signing up for Fernie the following week?

Air: Will check on availability when we see how much interest there is.

We highly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance to cover your investment. Information will be sent upon sign-up.

PRINT YOUR COMPLETE LEGAL NAME according to TSA RULE – (Attach a copy of your passport or driver's license)

TRAVELER 1

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Date of Birth _____ • Male ___ Female ___ • Single ___ Married ___

TRAVELER 2

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Date of Birth _____ • Male ___ Female ___ • Single ___ Married ___

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ • Work Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Ski Club Name _____

Rooming Preference (w/whom) _____ If no suitable roommate is found, you will be required to pay a single supplement for a private room. All roommates must agree to the pairing.

In Case of Emergency, contact (please fill out):

Name _____ **Phone (_____)** _____ - _____

Deposits will be accepted until trip is full. When trip is full, your name and deposit will be held on a waiting list until there is an opening.

Final payment is due as stated on the trip flyer. If balance is not received by this date, the people on the waiting list will be given priority. The trip chairperson will not call to remind you that your balance is due. It is your responsibility! Your deposit will be automatically forfeited!

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ **(Make checks payable to Erie Ski Club, Inc.)**

I do hereby accept the foregoing terms of this agreement.

Signature (**TRAVELER 1**) of Applicant (If Applicant is under 21, have parent or guardian sign) SIGN PLEASE, THANK YOU

Signature (**TRAVELER 2**) of Applicant