



The Ibex Ski And Snowboard Club

THE OLD GOAT

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month

Gatsby's Sports Pub

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Special points of interest:

- *The Adams Family - Recap*
- *Retro Bistro Evening Update*
- *Cascade Drive-up Ski Trip*
- **MEMBERSHIP RE-NEWAL TIME—Sign up early, sign up often! After all this is Chicago. We now have over 138 members signed up.**

MT. BACHELOR

Three days of skiing/ riding with an optional 4th day playing golf is the adventure planned for Ibex members in February 2010. We'll be flying into Portland Oregon and taking ground transportation to the fabulous city of Bend, Oregon, about 3 hours away. Bend is famous for its many brewpubs and for its free-spirited way of thinking, which helps create an ideal spot for all vacation-minded individuals. With a population of about 80,000, Bend has the scale to provide for all who vacation here.



Bend is home to the Riverhouse Resort, which will provide us double-occupancy deluxe hotel rooms that include microwaves and refrigerators. There's no need for you to nuke breakfast, however, because the Riverhouse's hot breakfast buffet will prepare you every morning for an active day on the slopes or on the links.

On ski/ride mornings, head with us on our shuttle for the 30 minute trip to Mount Bachelor, a volcano that tops out at 9065 ft and offers 360 degrees of skiing over 3600 acres. It's the sixth largest ski area in the U.S. Mt. Bachelor's average snowfall is 370", creating an average base of 200". Their vertical drop is 3365 feet. There are 4 terrain parks for those interested in turning things (mainly themselves) upside down.

The mountain prides itself on the latest technology, using electronic-type lift tickets

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PUT A LID ON IT

According to a 2007/08 national study, helmet usage has significantly increased over the past several ski seasons. The study found that:

- 43% of skiers and boarders wear helmets, only 25% wore helmets during the 2002/03 season.
- 70% of children 9 years old or younger wear helmets.
- 59% of adults over 65 wear helmets
- The least likely group to wear helmets are men aged 18 – 24, only 32% wear helmets.



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IBEX TRIP CONNECTIONS



New Years – Keystone, CO

Sold Out!



Spring Break – Telluride, CO

Price: \$1259.00

Trip Leader: Mike Psaras

Trip Dates: 3/20/2010 to 3/27/2010

Spots: 32

Two Spots left!

VAIL Like nothing on earth.

Jan. Weeklong Trip – Vail, CO

Sold Out!



Chile, South America

Price: \$2783.00

Trip Leader: Glen Chiechi

Dates: 9/10/2010 to 9/20/2010

Spots: 24

Optional Extension to Buenos Aires

Price: \$579.00

Dates: 9/20/2010 to 9/24/2010

Spots: 24



Feb. Long Weekend - Mt. Bachelor

Price: \$1085.00

Trip Leader: Patrice Conaway

Trip Dates: 2/24/2010 to 3/1/2010

Spots: 20

If you have any questions or need additional information on our 2009-10 ski vacation trips, please contact Pam at the E-Mail address listed below. Complete trip brochures are also available at the Ibex Web site, www.skiibex.com

**Pam Arnold Chiechi
Trip Chair
847-915-2887**

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TELLURIDE - SPRING SKIING

We depart on March 20, 2010 from Chicago O'Hare on American Airlines Flight AA-2447 at 9:25: AM and arrive in Montrose, CO at 11:30 AM. From there it is a 65 mile bus ride to Telluride.

**Only Two Spots left!
Get in while there hot!**

The Town of Telluride is located in the southwest corner of Colorado in the spectacular San Juan Range of the Rocky Mountains. The town is situated in a dramatic box canyon and is surrounded by the twelve and thirteen thousand foot peaks of the Uncompahgre National Forest. Telluride a more out of the way, full-service ski resort with exceedingly short lift lines.

We'll be staying in the Mountain Village at the Bear Creek Lodge. The Bear Creek Lodge is ski in/ ski out and located near the gondola. All con-



Telluride has over 1,700 acres of skiable terrain serviced by 18 lifts including, 2 gondolas, 8 quad express lifts, 2 triple chairs, 2 double chairs, and 4 surface lifts. This uphill capacity gives skiers and boarders access to 92 separate runs rated as 24% beginner, 38% inter-mediate, and 38% advanced/expert. The longest run, *Galloping Goose*, is 4.6 miles long. Gold Hill's Lift #14 provides access to the highest skiable point at 12,255ft. Although most of the runs descending from the top of Lift #14 are double black, there is an easy descent from this lift, coming down the *See Forever* ski run on top of the ridge is among the best alpine vistas in the world.

Some of the Ibx group activities include a wine and cheese welcome party, group dinner and pub crawl.

We return to Chicago on March 27, 2010 departing Montrose Airport on American Airlines Flight AA-2456 at 12: 25 PM arriving at Chicago O'Hare at 4:05 PM.

All of this for \$1259. Be sure to reserve your spot on this trip because it will fill up fast.

-Mike Psars
Trip Leader



dominiums include a generous size living room with a gas fireplace, furnished in a warm and inviting mountain decor; a spacious dining area, full gourmet kitchen, jetted tub, mountain views, plush robes, luxurious bedding, washer/dryer, wireless internet, DVD/VCR entertainment center, in room safe, hair dryers, ironing board/iron, daily housekeeping, and premium coffee. Luxury amenities at the Bear Creek Lodge include three hot tubs, sauna and a heated pool.

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\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$259.00

ED'S PHILOSO-FEE

The last four or five years of skiing for me have been very adventurous. Every place I have skied, from Switzerland, Italy and Austria to Aspen, Lake Tahoe, Jackson Hole and Taos has been similar weather wise. It may start out sparse with little history of snow; conditions icy and skied off, but within a day, sometimes two, I have been always fortunate to get dumped on! In Europe the locals are much more interested in Après Ski and when it's snowing a couple of inches an hour, they consider it a sign to go drinking! Not us Americans, not us Ibex! All too often I am seeing Ibex hit the slopes while everyone else is getting off the mountain heading into the bar. Most of the time they are shaking their heads pointing back at us foolish Americans! Even in the states, at Lake Tahoe, Ibex was leading the way onto the only two lifts running on the Nevada side. Though in Jackson Hole, after the first run through three or four feet of fresh powder, certain members, did indulge in the European pattern of behavior and hit the bar. I remember shouting, "but it is only 10:00am!" To the re-



sponse, "it just took us an hour to go down **One Run**, I need a Beer!"

Hopefully this pattern will be continuing on our new season. However, my run of good fortune looks to be in jeopardy. Right now, just before Christmas, Keystone is reporting only 500 of 3000 Acres open and only 60% of intermediate runs open and only 3% of advanced runs open! Yipes!

So all of you please pray to the snow gods and help us get a good snow dump or two over Summit County and help out your Ibex brethren!

It was good to see all our friends at the Christmas party. Thanks to everyone who donated food to the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Your spirit of giving is most admirable and in keeping with the Ibex tradition of helping out a friend. Also thanks to everyone who dropped off some baked goodies to share amongst our membership. We have some good bakers in our group. As president I felt it necessary and proper to taste test each and every delicious

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IBEX MEMBERSHIP

It was great to see everyone at the Christmas party! The Holidays brought many members out that we haven't seen in awhile. December added six members (2 New / 4 Renewed) bringing our membership total to 138 members.

REMINDER that if you are not a current 2009/2010 Member, you will not receive the Newsletter or quarterly Directory until you renew. If you have not renewed, you will need to renew prior to signing for a Ski trip. Pre-printed forms will be available for all past members at the Ibex meetings. Blank forms are posted on the Website for downloading in case you can't make it to the meetings

Postcards are available and can be used to advertise IBEX at local town events. Please see me at the next meeting if you have an event that you can help distribute our information.

Thanks for your help!

- Jacquie Wodach
Membership Chair



ACTIVITIES

February Bistro Evening February 13, 2010

Our next Ibex dinner will be at Retro Bistro in Mt. Prospect, a delightful and highly regarded French style bistro establishment. See page 6 of the news letter for the details on culinary experience. Sign-ups will be taken at the January 6th meeting.

Annual Chili Cook-off March 13, 2010

Dust off your recipe books, restock your pantry with chili powder, cumin, and what ever else you put in your chili for once again Joe Davis will be hosting our annual Chili Cook-off . Additional details will follow in the February Newsletter.

The Addams Family Recap

If you ask me the members of the Addams Family are not creepy or spooky, they are just plain crazy! This play is hilarious and we could not stop talking about it the next day.

If you haven't purchased your tickets with the 20 people who went to see the play on December 6th, then I suggest you better hurry before the play moves to Broadway.

Several of us took an early train down to the city and strolled through the German Christmas Market at Daley Plaza. The Addams Family certainly added the Merry in Christmas for all of us who attended.

One of the Best Theaters in Chicago!



Pam Sarah Joe Joan



Joan & Janine in the "Nose Bleed Seats" :)

Date	Activity
Friday - January 8, 2010	Bar of the Month - Anthem Grill - Palatine, IL
Saturday - February 13, 2010	Retro Bistro, Mt Prospect
Saturday - March 13, 2010	Annual Chili Cook-Off



Ibex Bistro Evening

February 13, 2010

Cocktails: 6:30 PM - Dinner: 7:00 PM

Founded by Dominique Legeai and Masato Suzuki of Lake Zurich's D & J Bistro, it's been in the hands of Legaei's daughter and son-in-law, Kendall College grads Lorraine and Christopher Barth, since 1997. **Retro Bistro**, located in Mount Prospect is recognized as one of Illinois's best restaurants, and has won several local diners' awards. We use only the finest ingredients in all of our dishes to ensure that every meal we serve is delicious and nutritious. Most of the selections available are international and Tuscan cuisine.

Tucked away in a strip mall, this tiny bistro belies its locale with charming decor and sophisticated cuisine. The menu blends French bistro classics like escargot, steak au poivre and osso buco with more contemporary plates such as wasabi-crusted tuna, peppercorn-crusted pork loin and linguini with chicken, prosciutto and Boursin cheese.

Retro Bistro also has a wonderful selection of modest to intermediate priced wine to accompany your dinner.

Our 3 course Prefix Dinner selections for the Ibex Bistro Evening are:

Appetizer	Entrée	Desert
Escargot Puff Pastry	Chilean Tilapia & Shrimp Scallop Brochette	Cheese Cake Du Jour
or	or	or
Beef Carpaccio	Grilled Hanger Tender Steak & Fries	Strawberry Short Cake

Price for this all inclusive 3-course exquisite gourmet dinner is only **\$35.00** (Gratuity & Taxes Included)

Event Coordinator: Joe Heater E-Mail: jheater1@comcast.net



Retro Bistro
 1746 W Golf Rd
 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Lorraine & Christopher Barth, Owners



AMERICA'S BEST SKI RACER

You'll have to tell us when you're sick of reading about Lindsey Vonn. Because until that time -- and maybe after it -- we're going to keep telling you about her. This weekend was a big one for America's sweetheart on skis: Vonn stomped the Lake Louise World Cup downhill on Friday, and then did it again on Saturday. She narrowly missed becoming the first American to win three consecutive World Cup races on three consecutive days when Austria's Elisabeth Goergl

pushed her to second place by a tiny three-hundredths of a second in Sunday's super G. Almost as if to prove she's one of the circuit's toughest women, Vonn finished Friday's race spitting blood. A bump popped her knee into her chin, cutting her tongue. "My mouth guard was the only reason I didn't completely chop off my tongue," she told reporters after the finish. The two wins and one silver this weekend bring Vonn's Lake Louise total to 11 podium places since 2004.

Courtesy: Ski Magazine



ED'S PHILOSO-FEE - CONT.

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offering. Even those who still had a Jewel or Costco badge on their container...

Santa Clause seemed to be slightly drunk this again year, we may have to take him aside and talk to him. He seemed to be scaring all the children again this year and was harassing all the women in the place. He kept on bellowing about how he wanted me to set him up with more of the "naughty girls." I told him I thought "He" could see who was naughty or nice, but he said that only worked with children and how he was much more interested in those warm-blooded creatures with a nice "rack". And he didn't mean his Reindeer!

Don't forget to stop by the Bar of the Month in January. Around 15 of us met up at Montana's in Schaumburg for two or three hours a few weeks ago. It was a good time. This month we are meeting at another new place, or at least new to me, Anthem Grill in Palatine. See

the next page for directions.

Folks, please shop over at Viking Ski Shop this season for any of your winter snow activities. If you stop by Viking Ski Store in Barrington, please remember to mention you are a member of Ibex. Viking has graciously let us place our literature at their store advertising our club and ski trips. Other clubs and ski resorts are relegated to the wooden literature bin at the front of the store. Our literature stand is located back by the ski fitting area. Bob Olsen, owner of Viking, made a special exception for Ibex and I want him to know we appreciate his kindness. Always make sure you can see the sign and that there are tri-folds available. Though focusing in on the northwest Chicago suburbs, we want to entice more people to join us in our ski trips and activities. By letting Viking know you are with Ibex and are shopping in their store it lets them know that we have mutual interests and mutual benefits for us promoting Viking while they promote Ibex!

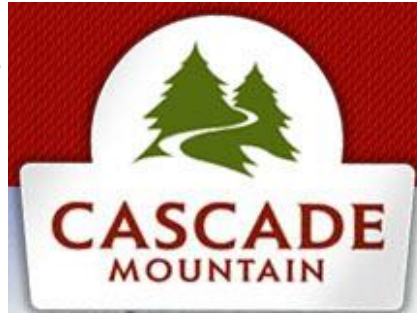
That's all for now, and please think SNOW!!

-Ed Fee

Cascade Drive Up Ski Trip

Sign-ups are in progress for the Premier Midwest Trip, our Cascade Mountain Drive up trip slated for January 29-31, 2010. Trip features; Two day lift ticket, lunch each day, lodging, and ski lessons provided by the Ibx Ski School. Deposits of \$50.00 per person will be taken at our November 4th meeting. Final payment is due January 6, 2010.

The Midwest Trip is a great opportunity to practice for your Western trips, party with your Ibx Buddies, and introduce friends to the club. Bring the family along and



teach the Little Goats the Ibx ways.

We will be staying at the Best Western in Portage and will have the option of using the Motel bus for transportation to Cascade Mountain. Your cost will be;

Adult:	\$190.00
Teenager (13-17):	\$87.00
Age 12 and lower:	\$25.00

Note: Rates are based on two adults in each room.

Noted poet, story teller and raconteur, Jeff Smith will be your trip leader.

E-Mail: ibextrips2009@skiibex.com

Bar of the Month



704 West Euclid Avenue
Palatine, IL 60067

The cuisine at Anthem ranges from American comfort food such as bbq ribs, burgers and steaks to more diversified dishes such as Pacific Northwest Cedar Planked Salmon and Grilled Calamari with andouille sausage, peppers and onions.

As with all of our Bar's of the Month, a large selection of draft an bottle beer along with mixed adult beverages.

Date: Friday January, 9th

Time: 6:00 PM



PUT A LID ON IT - CONT.

Notably, helmet usage increases with the skier's ability level. Only 26% of beginners wear helmets, 38% intermediates and 55% of advanced skiers and boarders wear helmets.

A skier's behavior has as much to do with safety of the sport as does any piece of equipment. The key message is to remember "Your Responsibility Code", a widely known and accepted code of conduct while on the slopes. One of the main points (there are 8) of "The Code" is always stay in control. After "responsible and safe" skiing or boarding, helmets are your second line of defense.

It is true that most injuries in skiing and boarding fatalities is some sort of head injury. While some sort of head injury is usually the first listed cause of death, most fatalities involve multiple, or secondary trauma sites, single causes of death are not common. Studies establish that helmets are of little value in preventing or reducing serious head injuries and fatalities in collision with fixed objects at speeds in excess of 12 mph. Most skiers and boarders are capable of reaching speeds of 25-40 mph or more.

I think it is still a good idea to wear a helmet, even if it is just to protect you from the idiots that do not ski in control.

John Brandt
Ibx Ski School Director

MT. BACHELOR - CONTINUED

such as those used in Big Sky. All participants receive a souvenir lift ticket ski-zip for the electronic gates. In addition, you can sign up for snow conditions by text message to get up-to-the minute information on your cell phone.

For your rest day, or for those of you who prefer golf shoes to ski boots, you can play unlimited golf on the resort's Riveredge course with a cart for \$48/ day. "Golf on a ski trip", you inquire???

Certainly - because the West Coast's exposure to ocean breezes creates milder temperatures and decent protection in the winter, golf is indeed a possibility in Oregon's version of February. It's similar to Autumn Golf here in the Midwest. Riveredge's slope is 126 from the white tees, in case you need to make a comparison to your normal course. Golf club rental is available at the resort as well, to make your packing easier.

If you opt out of golf on your rest day, take advantage of the size of the town and do a little shopping. There are over a dozen art galleries and five brewpubs, so there is something for everyone. Even better, there's no sales tax in Oregon, so that's an almost 10% break over what we're paying in Cook County now.

The trip cost for IbeX members is \$1085, which includes airfare, ground transport, a welcome party, 5 nights lodging, 3 days' lift tickets and breakfast every



morning. Roundtrip airfare is provided non-stop on United Airlines to Portland, a bonus for those of you wanting to augment your Mileage Plus points.

We depart around 5 PM on Wednesday February 24, and return Monday March 1, so you may need only 3 days of vacation to join us. Sign-up forms are on our website, so fill one out and reserve your spot now. Contact Patrice (or Pam Arnold at ibex-trips2009@skiibex.com) with any questions.

-Patrice Conaway

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I'm very happy to announce an exclusive partnership between CMSC and Skiing Magazine. For a limited time all members of CMSC Clubs will be able to receive a one year subscription to Skiing for free. Current subscribers are not left out, as they'll be able to extend their subscription for one year for free.



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Keith L. Fanta

VAIL COLORADO



Are you ready to ski an awesome destination & party with your fellow Ibx, the folks from Louisville Ski Club and maybe even some new

friends from Vail Resort? As of this writing 27 spots already sold so only one more opening! After this spot is sold, I will take a waiting list and will do our best to get you on the trip – we will try to add spots in groups of 2 based upon availability. So if you are still thinking about signing up for Vail, contact me as soon as possible – the longer you delay, the worse the odds are for adding additional spots.

I thought I'd share some information that was published in the October 2009 issue of *Ski Magazine* to whet your appetite for our upcoming adventure. "Vail. 'The gold standard for ski resorts. Vail has everything for everyone.'" *Ski Magazine's* readers voted Vail the number 3 ski operation in the land. Here's some individual statistics that roll up to the magic number 3 spot - # 3 Grooming, #4 Après, # 6 Lifts and Dining, #7 Snow, # 8 Lodging. Probably better than any resort on the continent, Vail has delivered on its mission to be everyman's everything." That has been the case since founder Pete Siebert envisioned Vail as a winter resort – not a ski area- when he opened a slice of Bavaria in Colorado in 1962. Pete's paradise now stretches seven miles, with 5,289 acres, 3,450 vertical feet, and 31 lifts. Vail works hard at creating reasons for generation after generation of skiers to return to Pete's place and the Back Bowls are as good as it gets.

By the way, Beaver Creek was voted the # 5 spot in the same survey & we have interchangeable lifts tickets so we will be able to take advantage of skiing 2 of the top 5 ski destinations. Here's some of the ratings for Beaver Creek - # 2 Grooming, #3 Service, # 4 on Mountain Dining, # 9 Lifts. The article states, "Never overcrowded, even on weekends".

You will be joining your fellow Ibx for our first weeklong trip to exiting Vail for the amazing price of \$1198 for a week of superb skiing and fun galore. Vail has it all – outstanding skiing with three distinct areas of the mountain, including **seven bowls and over 5 thousand acres** of terrain. At **seven miles wide**, finding fresh tracks is as easy as finding elbow room. In fact, on an average day, there are only two skiers per acre, and on a busy day, only four! Vail receives an average of **346 Inches of snow** each winter and combined with **300 days of sunshine a year** and you've got perfect conditions.

We've also booked **primo accommodations at the Vail Spa** - located in Lionshead which is conveniently located within walking distance to Vail's Eagle Bahn Gondola. Condos have full kitchens, living and dining areas, washers and dryers and complimentary wireless Internet access. Check out the **Spa with hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms and indoor and outdoor pools**.

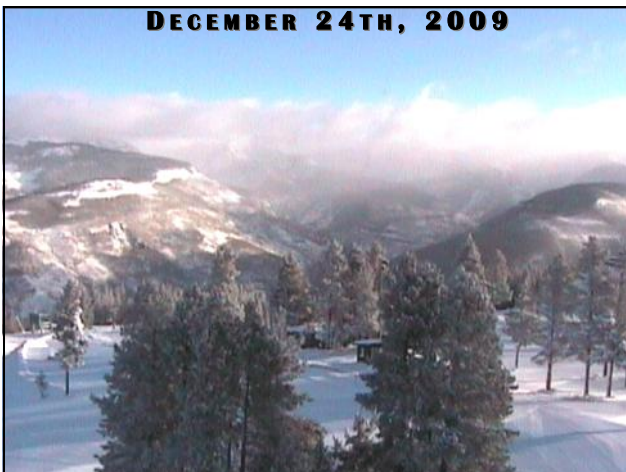
There will be plenty of opportunities to party including a Welcome Reception, Group Dinner, Ibx/Louisville Ski Clubs Pizza Party—Hosted by Vail Resorts and a Pub Crawl.

Remember – start your "get in shape" for ski season routine NOW and think S-N-O-W!

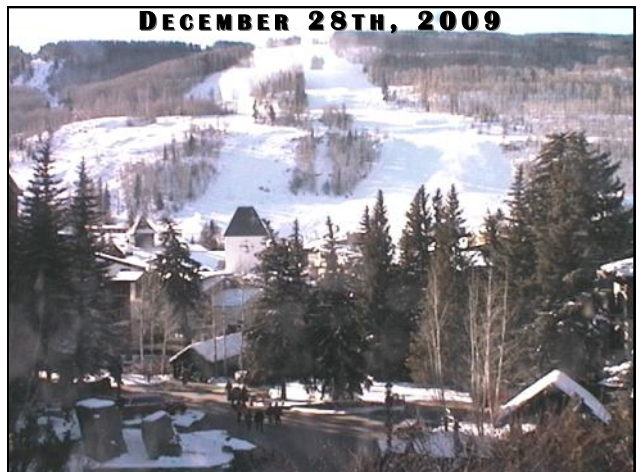
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DECEMBER 24TH, 2009



DECEMBER 28TH, 2009



CHILE - SANTIAGO & VALLEE NEVADO

Cosmopolitan, Cultured, Captivating Chile - All Ways Surprising !!!

Adventure, Wine Tasting, Skiing & Fun – don't miss out on your chance to participate in the 1st ever IbeX trip to the Southern Hemisphere. We will depart on Fri., Sept. 10, 2010 to Santiago, Chile with skiing @ Valle Nevado and an optional excursion to Buenos Aires. Tango anyone? Hey, it takes 2 to tango! It's important to sign up early for this one in case we need to work with our trip provider to add more spots. Please let me know if you require information regarding payment by credit card option for the Chile trip (after the initial sign up deposit). Don't miss out – sign up today!

Santiago City Tour

You will visit the most important historical sites of Santiago including the downtown area surrounding the **Plaza de Armas** and the **Presidential Palace**. You will also pass by the **Mercado Central**, one of Chile's largest fresh seafood markets and take a stroll by the many bustling stalls to see the tremendous variety



available from Chile's bountiful sea. You will visit some of the lesser known barrios of Santiago including, **Republica** and **Concha y Toro**. Initially constituting the outskirts of the city, the capital's constant growth transformed the area into a privileged neighborhood and home of Santiago's high society. There will be time to walk around and take photos of the many styles of architecture from dating back to the 19th and early 20th century. Continuing through the **Las-**

tarrias neighborhood you will walk through the **Parque Forestal** passing by the **Bellas Artes Museum**. For a scenic vista of the city, you will visit the top of **Cerro San Cristobal** hill 600 feet above the city. Your final stop will be the picturesque **Los Dominicos Craft Market** with over 150 Chilean artists where you can enjoy a stroll through the pleasant atmosphere of the artisan village or have lunch independently.

Maipo Valley Wine Tour

Departing Santiago, you will drive south along the foothills of the Andes to the **Maipo Valley**.



The valley, the oldest and most famous of Chile's wine valleys, is home to many of Chile's famous wineries. You will travel back in time to 1883 when Don Melchor **Concha y Toro** brought grapevines from Bordeaux to Chile and established one of Chile's most important wineries. You will see how the new merges with the old, including a visit to the Casillero del Diablo, the "devils corner" in the ancient part of the cellars. Next stop, one of the jewels of Chile, **Viña Santa Rita**, founded in 1880. You will visit the winery and cellars before our lunch in the winery's Doña Paula Restaurant, which is a certified national monument.

Concha y Toro Vinyards

There are few places in the world where nature has favored a territory as much as in the Chilean Central Valley, where rich sun shines on the vineyards about 300 days a year. The soft ocean breezes, impressive Andes mountains, perfectly balanced soil components and clean mountain rivers create an ideal micro-climate for cultivating the noblest of French stock: Cabernet Sauvi-

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gnon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Carménère, and Sauvignon Blanc, among others..

The Port City of Valparaiso and Viña del Mar (full day)

You will drive west approximately one hour and a half in the direction of the coast and pass through the lush agricultural valley of **Curacavi** and the now famous **Casablanca** wine valley. Our coastal tour will begin in **Valparaiso**, one of the first cities founded by the Spanish, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will begin your tour in the downtown sector of the port learning about the history of Valparaiso and its importance in South American trade and commerce. Spread along spectacular steep hills and splendid aging buildings you will ride the century old hillside ascensors (elevators) and walk through the **Concepcion** and **Alegre** neighborhoods. Your lunch in Valparaiso will be at **Coco Loco**. Located on the 22nd floor of the prestigious Costanera building it has magnificent views of the Pacific coastline. After lunch, our destination will be the resort city of **Viña del Mar**, also known as "ciudad jardin" (city of gardens) because of its lush gardens and palm-lined boulevards.

Valle Nevado

Located in the heart of the Andes, 1-1/2 hours from Santiago, Valle Nevado Resort is the largest winter resort in the Southern Hemisphere and is probably the most modern in Chile. Nested in a wonderful natural setting, it is a world apart, offering more than 22,000 acres (34 square miles) of skiable terrain Valle Nevado Resort is famous for powder skiing and phenomenal views of the Andes Mountain Range With modern lifts, you can enjoy more than 25 dive4rse, fully-groomed runs; the terrain is immense and all above tree line.

Valle Nevado Resort Stats:

- 278 inches of annual snowfall
- 22,236 acres, 12 lifts
- Top elevation: 12,038 ft.
- Lowest elevation: 9,381 ft.
- 14% beginner, 30% intermediate, 56% advanced / expert



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- Airport meet and greet
- Breakfast daily
- ½ day city tour Buenos Aires
- Tango show with dinner and wine

Options available for lunch and horse back riding

Option available to take tour to Uruguay.

Glen Chiechi

Trip Leader

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Pam Arnold

Trip Assistant

Trip Payment Schedule

August 28	October 21	December 16	February 17	April 21	May 19
\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
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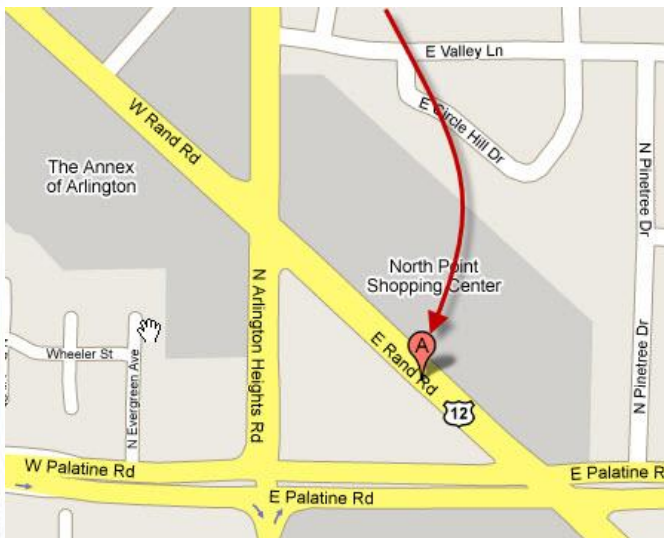
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Gatsby's Sports Pub

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Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

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Palatine, IL 60078

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2009–2010 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single \$20.00

Couple/Family \$35.00

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Wodach	01--01	Andee Bram	01--10
Bill West	01--01	Carolyn Lepsi	01--11
Chuck Bram	01--02	Mary Harder	01--14
Mark Westlund	01--03	Cheryl Santilli	01--14
Randy Flieger	01--03	Cliff Low	01--15
Robert Harper	01--03	Kim Racanelli	01--19
Debra Bahrs-Fazekas	01--05	Pat Mazzanti	01--19
Regina Akutagawa	01--06	Terese Potthast	01--21
Dennis Baren	01--06	Barbara Peterson	01--22
Greg Kujawinski	01--08	Chuck Binzel	01--30

PARTING SHOTS



Windows

There are three engineers in a car; an electrical engineer, a chemical engineer and a Microsoft engineer.

Suddenly the car just stops by the side of the road, and the three engineers look at each other wondering what could be wrong.

The electrical engineer suggests stripping down the electronics of the car and trying to trace where a fault might have occurred.

The chemical engineer, not knowing much about cars, suggests that maybe the fuel is becoming emulsified and getting blocked somewhere.

Then, the Microsoft engineer, not knowing much about anything, comes up with a suggestion, "Why don't we close all the windows, get out, get back in, open the windows again, and maybe it'll work !?"

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January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Keystone	2 Keystone
3 Keystone trip returns to Chi- cago	4	5	6 Club Meeting At Gatsby's	7	8 Bar of the Month Anthem Grill Palatine	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Vail Ski Trip De- parture
17 Vail	18 Vail	19 Vail	20 Club Meeting At Gatsby's Vail	21 Vail	22 Vail	23 Vail Ski Trip Re- turn to Chicago
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Club Meeting At Gatsby's	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ibex Night at Retro Bistro Mt. Prospect 6:30 PM
14	15	16	17 Club Meeting At Gatsby's	18	19 Bar of the Month TBD	20
21	22	23	24 Mt. Bachelor Departure	25 Mt. Bachelor	26 Mt. Bachelor	27 Mt. Bachelor
28 Mt. Bachelor						