

Interesting interlining

It's time to head for the slopes

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It won't be long 'til all the presents are opened and the trimmings are put away, the New Year is ushered in and the Super Bowl is played. If you're wondering how you'll spend the remaining snow-filled winter months, consider the excitement and thrill of gliding down a majestic mountain covered with sparkling snow. Skiing is fast becoming the most popular winter sport. Ski resorts are plentiful in both Europe and North America. We're fortunate to have several to select from in the Denver area, one of Piedmont's newest destinations. Here are a few ski packages to choose from:

Snowbird, located just 45 minutes from the Salt Lake International Airport, has four luxurious lodges to choose from with nightly rates from \$40 per person, double or single. Each lodge has a heated swimming pool, saunas, ski lockers and laundry facilities. There's also tennis, ice skating, disco dancing or shopping in the village shops. The resort has 32 ski runs, packed or powdered snow with five double chairlifts and a spectacular tram to take you to Hidden Peak. For more information on package rates, contact Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah 84070; (801) 742-2222.

Two mini-ski weeks are available January 7-10 and 14-17 at Bogus Basin (Boise), Idaho. The package price of \$69 includes accommodations at the Pioneer Inn, four lift tickets which can be used day or night, one ski race and a guided tour of Bogus Basin's 2000 acres of ski country. There are 37 ski runs with six double chairs. For reservations, contact Aero-Marine Interline Tours, 412 East Shore Trail, Sparta, New Jersey 07871; (201) 729-5004.

Great Escapes Tours, Inc. of Salt Lake City is offering an interline "ski discount program" to all Piedmont employees during the following time periods: January 5-26 and April 5-May 12. There are seven resorts offering 20 percent discounts on a space-available basis, so make reservations early since space is limited and demand is high. For more information, write or call Great Escapes Tours, Inc., 150 South 600 East, Suite 6C, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; (801) 364-1311.

Aspen Airways has extended an invitation to all Piedmont employees, their spouses and dependent children to participate in one, or more of their Aspen interline ski week packages, as follows:

- Ski School Package** — \$249.50 double
- 7 nights lodging
 - 6 days rental equipment (skis, boots, poles)
 - 6 days lift tickets (Aspen Highlands)
 - 5 days ski school (all day lessons — GLM method)
 - picnic lunch atop the mountain
 - round trip transportation between airport and hotel
 - free transportation to and from lifts
 - races and parties (with prizes)

- Multi-Area Package** — \$189.50 double
- 7 nights lodging
 - 5 days lift tickets (3 days at Aspen Highlands plus two days at any open mountains in the area: Highlands, Buttermilk, Snowmass and Aspen Highlands)
 - picnic lunch atop Aspen Highlands Mountain
 - round trip transportation between airport and hotel
 - free bus transportation to and from lifts
 - special airline discount on ski rentals, if needed
 - races and parties (with prizes)

- Snow Puppy Package For Young Children** — \$154.50
- 7 nights lodging (sharing room with two adults)
 - 5 days ski school and other activities all day
 - 5 days rental of skis, boots, poles
 - 5 days lift tickets

Dates for the Aspen Airways ski packages are Sunday-to-Sunday through April 6. Denver-Aspen round trip, space-available transportation can be obtained by presenting a letter of verification of employment and copy of confirmation for the ski week to Aspen Airways ticket counter in Denver. The DEN-ASE-DEN service charge is \$12. You can bring along a non-airline friend for the same ground package price if they travel full fare. To obtain reservations, send full payment to Mari Peyton, P. O. Box 8808, Aspen, Colorado 81611; (303) 925-8808. Make checks payable to Aspen Interline Tours.

Purgatory ski area and Tamarron Resort in Durango, Colorado have scheduled January 20-25 as interline week. During this week, Purgatory is extending a 50 percent discount on daily and multi-day lift tickets and ski rentals to all Piedmont employees and their immediate families. Tamarron Resort is offering a luxurious, two-bedroom condominium for \$50 per night. For reservations, call Tamarron Resort toll free (800) 525-5420. Throughout the rest of the ski season, Purgatory is offering a 50 percent discount on daily lift tickets to all Piedmont employees.

Skiing outside the U.S.

For those of you who prefer the European slopes, Alpine ski vacations are available for seven nights from \$437, which includes Luft-hansa round trip to Munich, bus transfer to/from the resort, room accommodations, continental breakfast and dinner daily, lift pass and group escort, all taxes and service charges. For further information, contact Alpine Ski Tours, Inc., Post Office Box 545, Crystal Bay, Nevada 89402; (702) 831-3344.

An Austrian ski package is available from \$98, but does not include air transportation. It features from five to seven nights accommodations at one of several participating resorts, continental breakfast and dinner daily and all local taxes. Further details can be obtained from Ski Jetaway, 21 Murray Place, Merrick, New York 11566; (516) 623-8016.

Or, perhaps the Laurentian Mountains in Canada might be appealing. The package price of \$150 per person, double, includes four nights in Alpine-style accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, fondue parties and lift tickets. Also available are ski lessons, Montreal sightseeing tour and day of skiing at famous Mont Tremblant. Tour dates are February 25 and March 10. Space is limited so make reservations as soon as possible with Hallmark Travel, Inc., Interline Division, 56 East Andrews Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30305; (404) 231-0260.

Safaris are year-round

East African safaris are available for as little as \$400, which includes all meals and, where applicable, accommodations at the Inter-Continental Hotel or similar in Nairobi. A six-day Northern and Southwestern Kenya safari features the Samburu Game Reserve, Meru National Park (home of "Born Free's" Elsa), a night at the Ark and the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Departures are weekly on Sundays and Tuesdays. A seven-day Southeastern and Northern Kenya safari, with departures on Tuesdays and Saturdays, includes visits to Amboseli, the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tsavo National Park, Nairobi, Mt. Kenya Safari Club and a night at Treetops, the Ark, Mountain Lodge or Secret Valley. Also departing on Tuesdays and Saturdays is another seven-day Southeastern Kenya safari that features a three-night stay at Mombasa, on the Indian Ocean, with a full-day excursion to the historic Arab port of Malindi and also includes Amboseli, Tsavo and Mzima Springs. Ten-day safaris are available at \$560 and depart Tuesdays and Saturdays for a night at Treetops, the Ark, Mountain Lodge or Secret Valley, Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Nairobi and the Masai Mara. Thirteen-day safaris are also available at \$725 with visits to all of the above-mentioned locations. Additional details and reservations can be obtained from Interline Representatives, Ltd., 25 West 39th Street, New York, New York 10018; (212) 840-6727.

Bogota has bargains

Three-day, shopping-spree weekends in Bogota, Columbia are being offered to all Piedmont employees, their parents and retirees by New Horizons Unlimited. Departures are positive space and leave Miami every Friday from January 18 to March 28. The cost is \$135, plus an additional \$30 for parents and retirees, and includes, in addition to air transportation and departure tax, two-nights accommodations at deluxe hotels with all service charges and taxes, half-day get-acquainted city sightseeing tour with English-speaking guide, round trip transfers, portage tips for one bag per person at airport and hotel, and tourist card. Bogota, nestled high in the Andes, is a shopper's delight with high-quality items and low prices. Good bargains include pre-Columbian artifacts, beautiful woolsens, emeralds, silver, gold, copper, clothing and leather goods such as shoes, boots, jackets and handbags. For more information, contact New Horizons Unlimited, Post Office Box 747, Madison Square Station, New York, New York 10010; (212) 475-7664.

Tomodachi fare returns

Once again, Japan Air Lines is offering the Tomodachi service charge fare of \$107 to Tokyo for all Piedmont employees, their spouses and dependent children under 21. Departures from New York, January 10 through March 31, are positive space, economy class Monday through Thursday and space available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This year's program includes optional extensions from Tokyo to Bangkok for \$58, and Tokyo to Singapore for \$65. JAL Hotel System in New York City can assist in hotel reservations; (800) 221-4862. To obtain the Tomodachi fare, send letter of employment verification with \$107 service charge plus \$3 departure tax to the nearest JAL ticket office at least two weeks prior to departure date.

Sheraton extends discount

Because of the tremendous response, the 50 percent discount offered by Sheraton Resort Inn during the months of September, October and November has been extended through January. The rate is \$20, single, double, triple or quad, plus four percent state tax. The hotel is located in Clermont, Florida, near Orlando, just five minutes west of Walt Disney World on Highway 192. For reservations, call the Sheraton (813) 424-2621 and identify yourself as a Piedmont employee.

Take TAP to Portugal

TAP, the airline of Portugal, announces its new Navigator fare to Lisbon for \$109. Departures from New York/Boston are positive space and reservations may be made within fifteen days of departure. For an additional \$10, and only in connection with the Navigator fare, interliners may go to Madrid, Faro, Funchal or Oporto. Stopovers are allowed in any direction. The \$10 rate is round trip, space available. Also in connection with the TAP program, the following hotels will grant a 50 percent discount during off season (through March 31): Lisboa Penta Hotel; Hotel Roma; Balaia Hotel; Estoril Sol Hotel and Hotel Madeira Palacio. All Piedmont employees, their spouses, dependent children under 21, parents, retirees and their spouses are eligible for an unlimited number of trips on TAP's Navigator fare. Present Form PA-T-293 to any Piedmont ticket counter along with payment of \$109 service charge plus \$3 departure tax.

Art calendar for sale

The 1980 version of Japan Air Lines' popular art calendar is now being offered for sale. This limited-edition classic features select Japanese art objects in full-color panels suitable for framing, each measuring 17 by 12 inches. These calendars may be ordered by sending a check or money order for \$5 to Japan Air Lines, Post Office Box 777, Burlingame, California 94010. The price includes first-class postage or UPS delivery and handling. Allow five weeks for delivery.