

# ALMOST HEAVEN – LAKE TAHOE

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I'm really surprised that John Denver thought "Almost Heaven" was being in West Virginia. From everything that I have heard, it is really a place called Heavenly Valley which is affectionately known as "Heavenly". Heavenly is one of Lake Tahoe region's numerous all star resorts. Heavenly has two all star trails, MOTT CANYON and GUNBARREL, which is a pure skiing experience and has 4,800 acres of skiing overlooking the blue waters of Lake Tahoe. Heavenly is the only ski area that allows you to ski in two states on the same day, California and Nevada, on 10,100 feet of vertical on 30 lifts and 90 trails. There are hair-raising steepes, powder filled bowls, "picture book" tree runs and wide open groomed runs on 360 inches of snow each season and the walk to the gondola is just 5 minutes away from where we are staying.

Caesars Lake Tahoe, now known as Mont Bleu Resort and Casino & Spa, was named as the best Tahoe resort by Zagat Survey of Hotels, Resorts and Spas. Built on impeccable service and attention to detail, Mont Bleu is a mountain haven that exceeds your fondest expectations. Experience the Four Diamond Award Winning Restaurants Ciera Steak + Chophouse, or be pampered at our superb Spa. Whatever your pleasure, Mont Bleu offers an extensive collection of services to make your stay the time of your life. You can enjoy stunning views of both the Sierra and lovely Lake Tahoe from all the hotel rooms, as well as great facilities and concierge. Mont Bleu gives you rustic lodging, without the rustic part. It boasts 437 luxurious hotel rooms, many with spectacular lake and mountain views, and with its signature Bleu Cloud Bed. Everyone will be rooming two to a room with two queen-sized beds.

Recharge at night with happening casino entertainment, swank, cozy or rustic taverns and restaurants, dancing, music, local hangouts and events.

Here are what some skiers say about Heavenly Valley: "It is the best mountain that I have every played on." "Heavenly Valley is the most beautiful place in the world to ski." "The views of the mountains in the distance and of Lake Tahoe below will take your breath away." "On a clear day you might see the trails of Squaw Valley which is included in your lift pass." Lift pass includes 4 days at Heavenly and 1 day at Squaw Valley, with transportation included.

The early signup price is \$1,259 for July 19 and August 2. After August 2 the price will be \$1,309.

Included in the price of the trip:

- Round trip air transportation between Philadelphia/Reno
- 7 nights lodging at the Mont Bleu Resort and Casino based on double occupancy
- 4 out of 6 day pass at Heavenly and 1 day at Squaw Valley including ski charter bus transportation
- Personalized luggage tags
- Group Party

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