

SCHWEITZER, IDAHO

February 19th to February 26th, 2023

\$2400 early registration/\$2475 after August 19th member meeting

Schweitzer Mountain Resort is quickly rising in the ranks of the nation's top destination resorts with 2900 acres of amazing terrain and renowned tree skiing. Located in the rugged Selkirk Mountains of the northern Idaho panhandle and the northwest Rocky Mountains, Schweitzer is well known for its two massive bowls, uncrowded slopes, breathtaking views and amazing gladed terrain. Considered by many as the best skiing in Idaho and the best family-friendly resort in the Pacific Northwest, Schweitzer Mountain Resort is independently owned and proud of it. Only 80 miles from Spokane, WA, Schweitzer overlooks the town of Sandpoint, ID and offers breathtaking views of three states, Canada and the impressive Lake Pend Oreille. This inland Northwest ski resort is also home to Stella - Idaho's only six-person, high-speed lift.

Our 2900 acres of lift-serviced terrain rank us among the largest resorts in North America. It's no wonder why Ski Magazine voted Schweitzer "The Best Kept Secret in North America".

Funny History:

The peak known as "Schweitzer Mountain" was named after an old [Swiss](#) hermit who lived at the bottom of the basin (*Schweizer* is [German](#) for "Swiss"). He had been in the Swiss military, and, as part of a crime investigation, his house was searched. It yielded the bodies of numerous local cats that had gone missing. According to local legend, the man enjoyed cat stew; as a result, Mr. Schweitzer was soon hauled off to the asylum and forgotten, but his name remains with the mountain.

The Mountain:

Schweitzer won't give you altitude headaches, with the summit sitting at 6,400 feet. Base elevation is 4,700 feet, providing 2400 vertical feet of skiing downhill pleasure on 2900 skiable acres. You will experience some great all-around skiing: 50% of the mountain is easy/intermediate skiing. As was mentioned above, there are 2 very large bowls for your skiing enjoyment that include glades for intermediate skiers and above. With an average snowfall of 25' (300"), Schweitzer is not lacking for snow.

Our Hotel & Dining:

The Selkirk Lodge sits in the heart of the village. True ski-in/ski-out hotel, featuring a heated/outdoor swimming pool located at the 4th floor level, hot tubs and 2 queen beds. Our hotel includes the Chimney Rock Grill. This is a great place to grab pub-style food as well as fine dining. The Chimney Rock has a full bar with an extensive wine & local beer list. From the hotel you have Mojo Coyote Coffee for breakfast & local roasters coffee. Gourmandie offers wine, sandwiches & more. And finally, to finish-off this sample of dining is Powder Hound Pizza, where you can stop in for lunch or dinner. All of these places are just steps away from The Selkirk.

Sandpoint & Pend Oreille:

Sandpoint is a mere 11 miles south of Schweitzer, making hops to town for drinks, shopping, and dinner, easy. Being only 90 minutes from Spokane, our bus ride will be a cinch. Sandpoint has a thriving arts scene that is apparent through its galleries and public art displays. There are several breweries, like Laughing Dog & Mickduff's, a shopping district and many dining options including The Fat Pig, Sweet Lou's & Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant. Sandpoint will keep you entertained!

Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced pon-der-ay), shaped like a human ear, is used by the US Navy for acoustic underwater submarine research. At 1,150 feet deep, Lake Pend Oreille is the 5th deepest lake in the US. Sitting at the northern end is Sandpoint, the city closest to Schweitzer. You will enjoy seeing the lake from the slopes – it is an amazing site, that I have personally witnessed. Get those camera ready – the views are amazing!

The Details:

We fly from Philly to Seattle, with a short puddle jump to Spokane, Washington. The drive to Schweitzer by charter bus is approx. 90 minutes. The bus takes you through the town of Sandpoint then winds up the mountain (about 15 minutes) to The Selkirk Lodge. The trip is Sunday to Sunday, helping those with an Ikon Pass avoid the blackout weekend that happens that Sunday. The Selkirk features 2 queen beds for 2 skiers. The village of Schweitzer, while quite small does have some nice options for breakfast, lunch & dinner. As mentioned, Sandpoint is very close for other dining, etc options. Outside of skiing there are many things to do: snowshoeing, snowmobiling (something like 400 miles of trails, with guided tours available), a large Nordic trail system, dog sledding, horse sleigh rides and many other fun options.

Your trip includes a five-day lift ticket (\$471 credit for Ikon Passholders). A 6th day is available for \$94. Any seniors coming at age 80 you ski free! The day of arrival, we will all meet in a private room for baked potato treats & drinks. Schweitzer will give an orientation of what to do and how to get around the mountain. Our Mountain Ambassador will also lead a group the next morning for hands on guides.

This is a bucket-list must! I've skied Schweitzer in 2021. The mountain is laid out in a very easy way. Way less work getting to where you want to go. Some mountains are so vast, getting from point A to B can be exhaustive. Not the case with Schweitzer. A very enjoyable skiing experience for all skiers. This could be one of your favorite trips. Great skiing. Super comfy hotel. Everything close/in walking distance. And a fun town in Sandpoint. Get on this trip because I got a feeling it will sell out in July!

We need a Trip Leader. Your incentive is 50% off as the leader. Contact Michael@houlihanskier.com for more information.