



# SKI UTAH'S WASATCH MOUNTAINS

## ALTA & SNOWBIRD, UT ❄️ 25 FEB - 3 MAR 12



Plans as of August 10, 2011 - Estimated Price: \$1828 +/- **NEW LOWER PRICE!!!**  
**& No baggage fee<sup>1</sup>**

**ALTA** takes skiing seriously. No frills - just the best snow Utah has to offer! Located at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon, Alta promises beautiful scenery and panoramic views from its slopes. Known for deep powder and a variety of awesome terrain, Alta provides skiing opportunities for every level of skier, including beginners. Alta is located 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, approximately 45 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport. It is one of the oldest ski resorts in the country, opening its first lift in 1939, and boasts an average annual snowfall of 540 inches. Note that Alta is one of three remaining ski resorts in America that prohibits snowboarders. Though widely respected as one of the most challenging of in-bounds ski areas in the world, Alta has always viewed itself as a family oriented ski area with its 2,200 acres of skiable terrain classified as 25% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, and 35% Advanced. The resort currently has 2 detachable quad chairs, 1 detachable triple chair, 1 triple chair [fixed grip], 3 double chairs, 3 surface tows, and a moving conveyor. **Ski magazine ranks Alta number 8 for Terrain Variety, 5 for Scenery, 3 for Weather, and number 1 for Snow and Overall Satisfaction!**

**SNOWBIRD** shares the canyon with Alta, its neighbor to the east. Beginning in the winter of 2002, both resorts began offering a joint pass allowing skiers to fully access all of the terrain on both mountains. Snowbird has 3,240 feet of continuously skiable vertical and 2,500 acres of terrain for everyone -- from wide bowls to gladed tree runs, from steep chutes to gentle cruising boulevards. Intermediates will want to checkout Chip's Run, the longest designated run at 2.5 miles. All this snow and terrain is easily accessible via eight chairlifts and one powerful aerial tram, which carries 125 passengers to the summit of 11,000-foot Hidden Peak in eight short minutes. Snowbird currently has 11 ski lifts (an aerial tram, 4 High-Speed Quads, 6 Doubles), plus a 600-foot tunnel enclosing a one-way conveyor lift connecting Peruvian Gulch to Mineral Basin. The tunnel, the first of its kind in North America, allows easier access for beginners and intermediates to new terrain and for skier transport when winds require the closing of the aerial tram. The resort is in an isolated mountain setting that is a cozy, pedestrian village within rugged surroundings. Snowboarders are welcome here and have access to the entire area. **Ski magazine ranks Snowbird number 9 for Lifts, number 7 for Weather, number 5 for Terrain Variety, number 2 for Snow, and number 4 for Overall Satisfaction!**

### TRIP INCLUDES:



**SOUTHWEST**  
**NO BAGGAGE FEES<sup>1</sup>**

- ❖ **Round-trip airfare** Norfolk - Salt Lake City (Southwest: Leave Norfolk 2/25, 0635; return 3/3, 2325)
- ❖ **Ground transportation** (30 miles between airport and mountain)
- ❖ **7 nights lodging:** *Cliff Lodge & Spa* (AAA 3-diamond hotel at Snowbird)
- ❖ **6 full days of skiing** at both Alta and Snowbird
- ❖ One or two group **dinners**, plus **one hot breakfast buffet** at *The Aerie* (in Cliff Lodge)
- ❖ Optional **daily hot breakfast buffet** at *The Aerie* available at 33% discount (details on back).

### THE MOUNTAIN STATS:

	ALTA	SNOWBIRD
❖ Ski terrain:	2,200 acres	2,500 acres
❖ Top elevation:	10,550 ft	11,000 ft
❖ Base elevation:	8,530 ft	7,766 ft
❖ Vertical drop:	2,020 ft	3,240 ft
❖ Average Annual snowfall:	540 inches	500 inches
❖ Difficulty % (Green/Blue/Black)	25/40/35	27/38/35

**Upscale & Slopeside!**

**LODGING:** We will be staying **slope side** in *The Cliff Lodge & Spa* at Snowbird. These **2-person hotel rooms with 2 queen beds** are **AAA three-diamond rated** and **provide ski-in/ski-out accessibility to the mountain**. This upscale lodge boasts 3 restaurants, 2 lounges, 2 pools, 4 hot-tubs, and many amenities including free Wi-Fi.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Snow mobiling, Snowshoeing, Ice Skating, Cross-country, Salt Lake City site seeing, etc.

Ask about  
 Trip Insurance

### TRIP CAPTAIN:

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**CHECK OUT:** Alta at: [www.alta.com](http://www.alta.com) & Snowbird at: [www.snowbird.com](http://www.snowbird.com)

**<sup>1</sup>Two bags free; skis & boots are one.**

**COST:** \$1828 +/- (est.); Age related discounts are NOT expected.

**REFUND CUTOFF DATE: 1 Oct 11\***

**PAYMENTS:** \$350 at signup, \$550 Sep 8, \$550 Oct 13, balance Nov 10.

**\*CANCELLATIONS AFTER CUTOFF DATE ARE LIABLE FOR UNRECOVERABLE TRIP COSTS in lieu of normal cancellation fee.**



## QUESTIONS YOU MEANT TO ASK... AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ANSWERS



The following questions and answers, compiled from a variety of sources, should provide information to make your choice of this trip to the Wasatch Mountains of Utah an easy decision.

**Q: Where are Alta and Snowbird and how will we get there?** A: These two resorts are located in Little Cottonwood Canyon of Utah's Wasatch Mountains, less than 30 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport. We will fly from Norfolk International Airport to Salt Lake on Southwest via Midway. In Salt Lake, we will board our shuttle for an uncommonly short 45 minute ride to Snowbird. For our return, we'll simply reverse our route. [Flight times and routing are subject to change.]

**Q: What about baggage charges?** A: **Southwest does not charge for the first two checked bags;** your ski bag combined with your boot bag count as one. **This represents a savings of up to \$120** round trip compared to our usual Delta flights.

**Q: What kind of living arrangements can we expect?** A: We will be staying slopeside at the upscale *Cliff Lodge & Spa* in Snowbird. This AAA three-diamond hotel has rooms for two with two queen beds, and a full bath. The rooms include a small refrigerator, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, humidifier, and coffee maker. Each room is has its own level one locker including boot dryers, shelves, and plenty of room for skis. The Cliff Lodge has several dining options and free Wi-Fi throughout.

**Q: What about eating at Alta and Snowbird?** A: Plans are to have two group dinners while we are on the trip. Since we will be based at Snowbird, lunch will be your primary time to be able to eat at one of several Alta facilities offering everything from hamburgers, pizza, and soup to a full-service European café featuring French country cuisine. At Snowbird, the mountain is home to 15 food and beverage locations. These offer everything from cafeteria style to fine dining. See the next question about the hot breakfast buffet in *The Aerie* restaurant on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of our lodge.

**Q: What's the story with the breakfast buffet?** A: Included in the trip price is a voucher for one day's breakfast buffet in *The Aerie* restaurant in the Cliff Lodge. Additional vouchers can be purchased with your trip payment at 33% off the normal price with tax and gratuity. Vouchers cannot be purchased at the discount price at the mountain. The daily price is \$16 with tax and tip for the buffet including hot and cold items, juice, and other beverages. See the sample menu on line at [www.snowbird.com/imagelib/dining/Aerie\\_BfastBuffet\\_Menu.pdf](http://www.snowbird.com/imagelib/dining/Aerie_BfastBuffet_Menu.pdf). [Note the price on the Web does not include tax and tip.]

**Q: What days will we be skiing?** A: We will have the opportunity for six days of skiing at both Alta and Snowbird.

**Q: What kind of skiing will we find at these resorts?** A: **Alta** is nestled in a naturally beautiful setting and graced with splendid light, dry powder. It is noted for some of the best snow conditions in the world. Alta receives an average seasonal snowfall of 540 inches. And the terrain offers something for everyone: 25% beginner, 40% intermediate, and 35% advanced. At first glance, Alta looks intimidating, but there is probably not a finer ski area to learn powder skiing. Or for other skiers, Alta offers a variety of groomed runs too including runs off every lift. At Alta you get the best of both worlds! Alta has it all: steepes, cliffs, chutes, cruisers, bowls, and glades. **Snowbird** has 3,240 feet of continuously skiable vertical and 2,500 acres of terrain for everyone -- from wide bowls to gladed tree runs, from steep chutes to gentle cruising boulevards. Intermediates will want to checkout Chip's Run, the longest designated run at 2.5 miles. All this snow and terrain is easily accessible via eight chairlifts and one powerful aerial tram, which carries 125 passengers to the summit of 11,000-foot Hidden Peak in eight short minutes. And the 500-acre bowl, Mineral Basin, is serviced by a high-speed detachable quad to access the terrain.

**Q: What about mountain grooming?** A: Both resorts groom runs regularly. Alta emphasizes there are groomed runs off every lift. Based on the period 8 Feb – 31 Mar 11, Alta grooms ~ 27% of their runs daily; Snowbird grooms ~ 47% daily.

**Q: Did I hear something about a mountain ski tunnel?** A: Yes. At the top of the Peruvian Express High-Speed quad is a 600-foot long, 12-foot high, 10-foot wide tunnel with a carpet lift that takes skiers to intermediate terrain in Mineral Basin.

**Q: What about snowboarding?** A: Snowboards are welcome throughout Snowbird which also features a super pipe and terrain park. Alta, on the other hand, is one of three ski resorts in America which does not allow snowboards. [If you are exclusively a boarder, ask about a possible price adjustment.]

**Q: Are there activities other than skiing?** A: There are a variety of different activities at each of the resorts. These include snowshoeing, snowmobiling, cross country (10 km at Alta. 2 km at Snowbird), evening entertainment, or take the bus into Salt Lake City during the day.

**Q: Are there any age related discounts?** A: No. Our special price is discounted well below the senior price.

**Q: What about non-skiers?** A: Non-skiers will receive an \$87 trip discount and a \$225 gift card for the *Aerie Spa*.

**Q: What if I have more questions?** A: Contact Bill Bryan, at (757) 851-0748 or by e-mail at [billb-1111@cox.net](mailto:billb-1111@cox.net).