

# The Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council Travel Contract

**General Trip Policy:** our trip prices are the result of assuming all seats will be filled, or special air fares which are limited. Additionally, long term hotel commitments have been made. Serious financial penalties usually result from cancellation of air and group hotel bookings. The passenger, as beneficiary of the low rates, is expected to share in this responsibility and it is therefore imperative that we have a firm deposit, payment and cancellation policy which is fully understood by all prospective passengers. There will be no refunds for any unused portions of a tour. Please read these carefully so as to avoid any possible future misunderstandings.

**Late Payment Charges:** Any passenger who does not meet the payment schedule will be charged a \$10.00 late payment fee for each late payment.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy:** A full refund will be made if for any reason a trip is cancelled by the Chartering Organization and/or Tour Operator. When Cancellation is made by the passenger for any reason prior to the commencement of the trip, there will be a \$50.00 cancellation charge per each canceling passenger. If full payment, or written notice of cancellation, is not received by the full payment deadline, then deposit and payments will be forfeited. If a cancellation request is received from 30 to 60 days prior to departure, and if an eligible substitute is available from the wait list, and in the case of charters, the aircraft/bus departs completely full, a refund will be made. In any event, a refund will be made less the \$50.00 per person cancellation charge and all justifiable un-recovered expenses for transportation, lodging, etc., incurred by the Chartering Organization and/or the Tour Operator will be deducted from the refund. The refund will be made within (60) days of trip completion. For cancellations within 30 days of departure, there is no refund and no substitutions are permitted. To substantiate date of cancellations, all cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and received by the MDSC Travel Committee no later than the above deadlines.

In the event of cancellation, refunds will not be made until actual unrecoverable expenses incurred have been fully determined. Refunds will be made within (60) days after completion of the trip.

**Baggage:** (1) One ski bag + one boot bag in place of one bag in free allowance. If additional pieces are checked, excess fees apply. (2) One suitcase + one set of ski equipment (ski and boot bag) = Free (3) Two suitcases + one set of ski equipment (ski + boot bag) = One piece of excess baggage (4) If combined weight of ski bag and boot bag exceed 50lb/23kg an overweight fee applies (5) Additionally, carry-on luggage can be taken on the airplane provided it will fit under you seat, limited to a size of (9" x 13" x 22").

**Responsibility and Liability** The MDSC and/or the Tour Operator reserve the right to withdraw the tour, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time, or to make changes in the transportation, lodging or published itinerary, whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant. The passenger ticket in use by the airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the passenger. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or events during the time passengers are not on board the aircraft. The liability of the carriers for baggage accompanying passengers is limited to their stated Liability policy. Liability other than that stated by the carriers is at the owner's risk, and the MDSC, Tour Operator, cooperating agents, act only in the capacity of agents for the various owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services. As such they shall not be liable for any death, injury, personal injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason or any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangements of any tour, or otherwise in connection therewith.

Neither the MDSC and/or the Tour Operator and/or agents, or the airlines concerned are to be held responsible for lack of snow or non-operation of lifts at ski resorts: or for closure of access routes to and from resorts due to snow or weather conditions: nor are they to be held liable for any additional expenses or consequences arising there from. Similarly they are not to be responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or at resorts due to inclement weather or road conditions, or for any other reasons beyond their control; nor are they to be held liable for payments of any refund for unused hotel accommodations, meals or other tour inclusion occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotel holding rooms as per confirmed itineraries.

**Special Arrangements:** Although these trips are package group trips, every possible effort will be made to honor special requests by individuals such as special rooming arrangements. We suggest that the individual make special requests in writing, directly to the MDSC Travel Committee, so that we know exactly what you want.

**Not Included In Cost:** meals, laundry, telephone calls, tips or items of a purely personal nature unless stated as included.

**Air and Bus Fuel Surcharge:** Both the air carrier and the bus carrier may impose fuel surcharges any time up to the day of departure. Any surcharges will be passed on those participating on the trip.

**Identification:** On all flights you will be requested to show positive identification before boarding the plane both to and from you destination. **Please be sure this is available.**

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PLEASE PRINT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

I want to room with \_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Ski Club

I have read the terms and conditions of this trip, including the deposit, payment cancellation and responsibility policies and so state to have knowledge of these terms and conditions and to have accepted them.

Also, I attest to the fact that I am a member of the above listed MDSC Ski Club and have been a member since \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No. \_\_\_\_\_