

## WINTER ITINERARY – 5 DAY

You have enough time to ski a handful of resorts and get the vibe associated with each! Your choice of resorts include Homewood, Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Sugar Bowl, Northstar, Mt. Rose and Diamond Peak. Being that you are in Tahoe for 5 days we are going to recommend the most notorious of the group - Northstar, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Sugar Bowl and Mt. Rose.

### *Day 1*

Start your first day with a hearty breakfast at the *Old Post Office Café* in Carnelian Bay. This is a real deal, no frills, greasy spoon diner that's been feeding vacationing folks and locals for nearly 50 years.

Twenty minutes away is *Northstar California Resort*. Northstar is your family friendly resort with a reputation for the largest snowmaking and grooming fleet on the North Shore. Upon arrival at their village you will find many high-end shops for any last minute needs you may have. If there is anyone in your party not looking to ski on the first day, the spa at the *Ritz-Carlton* is top notch. Northstar also maintains 23 trails for XC skiing and snowshoeing which covers 29.5km of trail. Celebrate your first day on the slopes in North Lake Tahoe with bubbles at East Ridge where every day at 2PM a glass of complimentary champagne is served. The Ritz-Carlton is at mid-mountain and their rustic yet elegant restaurant, *Manzanita*, carries premium food and cocktails to enjoy during a quick retreat from the slopes. Back at the base area are fire pits to enjoy a hot chocolate and restaurants which offer everything from pizza to sushi, all of which encircle an idyllic ice skating rink!

Conclude your first day with a lakeside meal at the warm and inviting *Jasons Beachside Grille* in Kings Beach. If you're feeling lucky a stop into the Crystal Bay Casino may be in order.

### *Day 2*

For your second day in North Lake Tahoe it's time to head up to the home of the 1960 Olympics – *Squaw Valley*. But first, head over to the *Fire Sign Café* at the south side of Tahoe City to get enough fuel to power yourself through a big day on the mountain. Arrive early to beat the waitlist.

As you arrive in Squaw Valley the massive granite peaks tower above you. What's ahead are 4,000 acres of some of the most spectacular terrain in all of Lake Tahoe. While this mountain is known for their intermediate and advanced terrain, what's great is beginners can still go all the way to the top, so everyone in your party can enjoy the views of Lake Tahoe from atop Squaw Valley! Part of the novelty of being at Squaw Valley is riding the Tram or Funitel to access the upper mountain. Advanced riders will head towards the steps of the infamous KT-22 and Shirley Lake. For the non-skiers/boarders in the group inner-tubing is a fun way to enjoy the snow! Shops and restaurants cover the base area providing ample opportunity to mix it up with locals and tourists alike.

### ***Day 3***

Head up to Truckee to *Marty's Café* to enjoy this local favorite restaurant for breakfast.

Twenty minutes East on Hwy 80 is *Sugar Bowl*. Sugar Bowl is steeped in history from the Disney family and Hollywood elites, but now days embodies a local hometown mountain culture. Excellent beginner terrain, but also plenty of variety for intermediates and advanced riders. If you're interested in exploring the terrain beyond the resort, Sugar Bowl offers professionally guided tours of some of the finest backcountry terrain in the region out of their Backcountry Adventure Center.

After skiing Sugar Bowl head back to Downtown Truckee for a variety of watering holes, restaurants and funky shops. Stop into Alibi Ale Works to try locally crafted beer.

### ***Day 4***

Grab breakfast at *West Shore Market* for a quick breakfast en route to the mountain.

Twenty minutes up the road is *Alpine Meadows*. Family and kid friendly, Alpine has something for everyone! Their warm and laid back atmosphere allows you to get on the mountain and enjoy your day of riding snow without any hassle. From easy-riding progression parks to wide-open bowls Alpine Meadows brings an exciting challenge to any level of skier or snowboarder. A few great views of Lake Tahoe make the day that much better!

For dinner head back down the west shore of Lake Tahoe to *Sunnyside* for their amazing location right on the water.

### ***Day 5***

The fifth and last day presents an opportunity to get back on the mountain if your ski legs are still strong or you can enjoy some of our additional winter activities, such as snowmobiling, XC skiing, snowshoeing, shopping, ride a horse-drawn sleigh at Sand Harbor or simply build a snowman on the beach. Should you choose to ski, *Mt. Rose* is a little off of the beaten path, but is a local favorite especially our locals in Incline Village and off the hill in Reno. Mt. Rose's close proximity to Reno also makes it an option to ski and then fly out of the *Reno Tahoe International Airport* in the same day. The terrain at Mt. Rose features nice long runs for both beginners and intermediates. Experts will enjoy skiing The Chutes, which is 1800+ feet of 40-55 degree pitch! Rose is a good choice if you want to avoid the crowds and be greeted by some of the nicest staff in all of Lake Tahoe.

Following a great day of skiing head down to Incline Village to the Hyatt Regency where *Lone Eagle Grille* is situated right on Lake Tahoe and is sure to have something to eat and drink to celebrate your 5 days in North Lake Tahoe! If you arrive just before sunset you may be in store for the perfect vista to catch alpenglow, so be sure to have your camera ready!

