



## C9 SilverStar 2024 – combo trip (Vance Creek Hotel), BC

### Downhill Ski, Snowboard and Cross-Country Trip

SilverStar, known for its 700cm annual snowfall, champagne powder and colourful, mid-mountain village also offers terrific skiing. Located in the heart of British Columbia's Thompson Okanagan region and less than an hour drive from Kelowna International Airport, SilverStar is one of BC's largest ski areas offering 3,282 acres of skiable terrain and a 2,500' vertical drop. Champagne powder and varied terrain attract every kind of skier. With four distinct mountain faces and 132 runs, the resort offers something for everyone. For the more adventurous, the backside of the mountain is an uncrowded paradise of over 1,900 acres of steep and deep, black and double black diamond runs. Many of its runs are named after old silver mining claims.

The Doppelmayr Gondola whisks skiers from the SilverStar Village to Alpine Meadows, Vance Creek and Powder Gulch at the Summit in 4.4 mins and also offers warm and dry access for cross-country skiers to the upper XC Trails. The state-of-the-art grooming fleet keeps the tree-lined trails groomed to perfection.

### Canada's Winter Wonderland Resort

In the 1930s, cross-country ski pioneers recognized the value of the Silver Star area. Located in an outstanding natural environment with an abundance of dry snowfall, the joint trail networks of Sovereign Lake Nordic Club and SilverStar Mountain Resort provide over 105km of daily groomed trails, making it the largest continuously groomed network of cross-country ski trails in Canada. High elevation and mild winter temperatures provide a perfect recreation area to explore. World-class grooming and outstanding early and late season ski conditions continue to provide some of the best cross-country skiing in the world.

### Dates

Monday, March 4 to Monday, March 11, 2024

### What It Costs

1-bedroom condo: **\$2,220** per person double occupancy (2 per room)  
Add: **\$1,010** single supplement (1 per room)

### Trip Highlights

- ❄ Magnificent skiing in the Okanagan region
- ❄ Downhill and cross-country
- ❄ 5 day or 6 day downhill lift pass is not included, see description for prices
- ❄ Cross-country trail passes are not included
- ❄ Complimentary guided mountain tours
- ❄ Mid-mountain lodging allows ski-in, ski-out to both downhill and cross-country
- ❄ 13 easily accessed food and beverage outlets in the village
- ❄ The front side offers a diversity of well-groomed runs for all levels of downhill skiers
- ❄ The dark side offers gnarly blacks and double blacks for advanced and experts
- ❄ Access to 105 km of cross country trails and 16 km of snowshoe trails
- ❄ Accommodation: Vance Creek Hotel, 7 nights, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom condos
- ❄ Welcome reception with appetizers and 1 drink
- ❄ Non-stop flight to Kelowna plus luxury private coach transfer





2-bedroom condo: **\$1,950** per person double occupancy (2 per room)

Add: **\$700** single supplement (1 per room)

Note: Limited availability for 2-bedroom condos - only 3 available.

Based on minimum of 24 participants, additional fee will apply if minimum not met.

- ❄ Deposit: \$100 Online Registration Deposit + \$500 to Tour Operator+ cost of insurance if taken. Deposit is due at time of booking. Credit card payments only, no cheques.
- ❄ Balance due: December 14, 2023 (after this time unbooked space will be released).

**Note** – all deposits are non-refundable.

## What's Included

### Accommodation – Vance Creek Hotel



Vance Creek Hotel offers true ski-in, ski-out access to the downhill slopes and cross-country trails. It is part of the Vance Creek Hotel & Conference Centre and offers modern amenities and comfort in a variety of standard rooms just steps from the mid-mountain village centre. Vance Creek Hotel is a tastefully decorated hotel with a modern Victorian theme. All condos have full kitchen facilities.

### Meals

- ❄ No meals are included
- ❄ A breakfast meeting spot will be designated by the trip leader





## Lift Tickets and Trail Passes

- ❄ Lift tickets and trail passes are not included in the base price of the trip
- ❄ SilverStar My Pass Lift Ticket includes unlimited access to downhill trails. The My Pass also includes access to 55 km of SilverStar cross-country trails, 16 km of snowshoe trails, tubing, 15 km of fat bike trails and outdoor skating
- ❄ Prices for the SilverStar My Pass Lift Ticket are as follows:
  - Adult (5 of 6 days): add **\$530**
  - Adult (6 of 7 days): add **\$635**
  - Senior 65+ (5 of 6 days): add **\$435**
  - Senior 65+ (6 of 7 days): add **\$520**
- ❄ Prices for SilverStar cross-country only trail passes are not yet available (estimated price is \$25 per day)
- ❄ If you have a SilverStar cross-country trail pass, you may be able to purchase a discounted add-on at Sovereign Lake
- ❄ Complimentary daily guided tours for downhill and cross-country skiers

## Other Options

- ❄ Land only (no flights): Deduct \$725. The transfer bus will not wait for passengers who are arranging their own air travel. No discount will be given for missed transfers and those passengers must make their own arrangements to get to the resort.

## Flights: (all times local)

- ❄ Non-stop Air Canada, Toronto to Kelowna
- ❄ Monday March 4 AC1911 Toronto – Kelowna depart 8:45AM – arrive 10:44AM
- ❄ Monday March 11 AC1910 Kelowna - Toronto depart 11:45AM – arrive 7:08PM
- ❄ Flights are subject to change
- ❄ Fuel charges and taxes are subject to change

## Baggage Fees: (subject to change)

- ❄ 1<sup>st</sup> bag is complimentary each way as part of this group package only
- ❄ 2<sup>nd</sup> bag is \$56.50 (each way, including taxes)

Air Canada considers skis and boots as 1 piece even if in separate bags, as long as nothing else is in the bags. (Subject to change, check with the airline.)

## Air Deviation Fee

Any person deviating from the group itinerary will be charged \$90 CAD plus tax and any difference in air fare plus any additional charges imposed by the suppliers and airlines. Deviations are on a request basis. Members must abide by the prearranged transfer dates and times or arrange their own transfers at their own cost. Deviations will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis and must be requested and completed prior to the trip balance due date.

## Land Transfers

Return private coach transfers from airport to resort including beverage/grocery stop on the way to SilverStar.





## Passport / Travel Documents

For travel within Canada, PHOTO ID is a requirement to board all aircraft.

**Note:** HPSC members are solely responsible to ensure that their travel documents are complete, valid and in order.

### Names

Individuals must ensure that all names are spelled correctly and match their personal identification on their passport or valid travel ID. Date of birth and billing address must also be provided at the time of deposit. A name correction, name change or substitution will incur an administration fee of \$90 plus tax prior to final payment or \$195 plus tax after the balance due date. No name changes will be permitted within 14 days of departure. It is the traveler's responsibility to have proper identification and documentation on hand while travelling.

### Resort Info

SilverStar is a big-mountain resort, with a small-town feel, with all the terrain you would expect at a larger resort, without the crowds. It is BC's third largest ski area, with over 3,282 skiable acres. The colourful mid-mountain village offers a true ski-in, ski-out access to the slopes, and Canada's first all-inclusive lift ticket provides affordable, friendly fun for guests. With four distinct mountain faces and 132 runs, the progressive terrain is perfect for all skill levels. For the more adventurous, the backside of the mountain is an uncrowded paradise of over 1,900 acres of steep and deep, black, and double black diamond runs. Themed after an early 1900's mining town, the bars, restaurants, and shops that line the charming main street are where you will find long-time residents and local characters who help give SilverStar its safe, "homey", community feel.

SilverStar has 55 km of cross-country trails of all levels, from beginner to advanced. Cross-country skiers can use the lower village trails or take the gondola to access the upper trails which also provide a connection to the 50 kms of Sovereign Lake trails. After skiing at Sovereign Lake, XC skiers can return to SilverStar resort taking a trail around the mountain with gentle climbs to the Village Centre.

SilverStar also has 16 kms of snowshoe trails, 15 kms of fat bike trails, tubing and outdoor skating.

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policies are set by the Tour Operator, not HPSC. Please consider your commitment carefully before booking your trip. The deposits and insurance premium are non-refundable.

### Optional Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is available to protect non-refundable payments if participants are forced to cancel their vacation prior to departure or interrupt their vacation due to medical reasons. A doctor's certificate must be presented to the insurance company for reimbursement. Full insurance details are available, and will be provided with purchase of an insurance policy. All Insurance payments must accompany the deposit in order to be valid.

Cost of insurance varies per person. **To get the proper quote you must specify your name, age, DOB, mailing address, phone number, email address, the options chosen and total trip cost.** After you have registered, paid the \$100 non-refundable deposit and completed Stage-2 of the registration procedure, you will contact the Tour Operator for a quote.

Merit Travel offers trip cancellation insurance with Allianz Global Assist. You can also purchase the "Cancel For Any Reason" rider for an additional 25% supplement. This allows cancellation for any reason up to 7 days prior to receive a refund of 75% of the prepaid travel arrangements, and from 6 days to 48 hours for a refund of 75% up to a





maximum of \$1,500.00, and within 48 hours the cancellation must be for medical reasons only for any refund. "Cancel for any reason" rider must be purchased at the time of deposit.

An "All-Inclusive Plan" insurance option may be purchased which covers trip cancellation, baggage delay, trip interruption and medical emergencies not covered by your government health plan. Pre-existing conditions are excluded.

Insurance is non-refundable from date of issuance. Please note that any unused portion of a ski trip will not be refunded as per conditions above. Passengers must submit a claim to their insurance company if they cancel after the above dates.

### **The Fine Print**

Tickets are 100% non-refundable once issued. Name changes and deviations are not permitted once ticketed. Individuals must ensure that all names are spelled correctly and match their personal identification on their passport. The Tour Operator and Airline will not be held liable for delays or cancellations caused by strikes, labour disputes, government actions, weather or any cause beyond the Tour Operator's or Airline's control. The Airline reserves the right to change equipment or schedules. The customer hereby releases and waives any claims against the Airline and Tour Operator regarding cancellation or schedule changes.

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of August have been included in the package price. However, in these volatile times the Tour Operator reserves the right to charge for unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel and taxes imposed by the resort or Airline.

Check the High Park Ski Club long trip member policies (including cancellation) on our website. Notwithstanding the advent of legal recreational cannabis in Canada, you must meet customs regulations outside of Canada when traveling with the Club.

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