

## Brilliant ski improvement experience for the 'young at heart'

TICK THIS OFF YOUR BUCKET LIST

**January 24 – February 1, 2020 | February 21 – 29, 2020**

**\$3,199 quad share\* | \$3,999 twin share\* | \$6,259 single\***

It's time to S.K.I ..... Spend the Kids Inheritance and go skiing! Embrace life and join our fabulous Big white ski community of like-minded 'over 50's' who are planning to ski and S.K.I (excuse the pun) for many more years ahead.

The Big White Masters' Week is a five day ski improvement program designed for the over 50's. Furthermore, the Masters' Week is really for passionate skiers; of any ability; keen to improve, living life to the full; active and invigorated. By learning good technique from the experts, you can be adventurous, and confidently ski within your limits, without risking injury. We can personally recommend this 'not to be missed' ski experience.

Imagine this – think après ski socializing on and off snow, whilst improving your skiing skills, in a relaxed and oh so friendly atmosphere. Take the opportunity to enjoy the freedom, friend new ski buddies, and together be active adventurers.

Under the watchful eyes of the Big White Snowsports School's most experienced and senior (not necessarily old!) instructors, you will hone your technique on the slopes. The focus is on fun and learning, in a personalized and small group, safe environment. There are groups for just the groomers, groups for those wishing to lift their level, and groups for bumps, trees and steeps.

Above all, one of the real benefits of the Big White Masters' Week is you are assigned the same instructor for the entire program which provides for continuity and progression over the 5 consecutive days, during the morning 2 hour group lesson.



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## Inclusions:

- 8 nights twin share accommodation at [Stonebridge Lodge Resort Big White](#), staying in a luxury condominium with private hot tub
- 7 of 8 day lift pass
- Masters' Ski Week Registration, includes Welcome breakfast | 5 x 2 hour Masters group lessons | A gourmet lunch at Kettle Valley Steakhouse\* | Drinks and après ski at Happy Valley Day Lodge
- Wine Lovers Wednesday Après Tapas
- Farewell drinks event
- Complimentary guided Snow Host Tour
- Afternoon forest walking tour
- Return airport transfers to/from Kelowna Airport (airfares not included).
- Welcome pack
- Après ski events^^
- Optional Experiences:
  - First Tracks ski program^
  - Evening sleigh ride and dinner at log cabin
  - Optional seven course Degustation Food & Wine Pairing culinary event
  - Half day Okanagan Wine Tour including lunch
  - Equipment rental

## [See why others have ticked this off their bucket list](#)

See for yourself how brilliant Big White Masters' Week really is. Some of our guests have attended every Masters Week, now in its' 7th consecutive year. If you need more convincing, read the [article](#) by the UK Telegraph journalist who joined us at one of the 2016 Masters' Weeks.

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The Masters Week experience is for skiers and snowboarders of any ability over the age of 50. We encourage you to bring your friends along. 1, 2, and 3 bedroom condos are available - the more the merrier!

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## Itinerary

### Day 1 – Friday

Make travel plans to arrive at Big White ideally by lunchtime. The gateway city is Kelowna International Airport, where you will be personally greeted, and transferred by shuttle bus to Big White Ski Resort Central Mountain Check-in. Stonebridge accommodation will be the perfect home for your 8 nights. Just steps from the village, Stonebridge is the best on the mountain.



You'll have the weekend to get acclimatized, explore the mountain and find your ski legs.

Make yourself right at home in a luxury self-contained condo with magic views; ensuite bathroom; private hot tub on your balcony; fully equipped kitchen, gas fireplace; in-suite laundry and more.



Late afternoon, we will acquaint you with the village centre, pick up ski passes, and rental equipment if required, so you are all set for your first day on the slopes tomorrow.

Join us for welcome après drinks along with other “Masters” from 4pm at The Bullwheel, before an early night, after your long flight.

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## Day 2 – Saturday

This morning hit the slopes at a leisurely pace. Join our group for a cruisy guided morning of skiing, to find your ski legs, and acquaint yourself with the mountain. Meet for a relaxed lunch at The Woods, one of resort’s slope-side restaurants.

The afternoon is yours to explore the mountain, enjoy a yoga session, soak in your private hot tub or just relax by the fire.

Après ski at 4pm at the Bullwheel to share your stories from your first day on the mountain. Evening at leisure.

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## Day 3 – Sunday

Tick an item off your snow bucket list or if still a little jet lagged, have a sleep in! The choice is yours.

An early start for those keen to take advantage of the optional First Tracks^ program. You will meet your instructor at 7.50am, to give you exclusive access to the Ridge Rocket Express Chair – which won’t start spinning for the public until 8:30am. Experience true “First Tracks” in untouched powder or perfectly-groomed corduroy as you have the mountain to yourself for the first 30 minutes – no queues, no waiting...the mountain is all yours.

The session wraps up at 10am, after your instructor gives you a debrief over breakfast and coffee.

For any guests who prefer a sleep in, mid-morning you can meet up with the Big White Snow Hosts at 10:15am. These expert guides will open your eyes to the locals’ favourite ski and snowboard runs, providing you with the ins and outs of Big White Resort terrain, the history of the resort and much more.



Ski home for lunch, then its your choice of more skiing, or perhaps an afternoon forest walk, and finish with a local ale at Happy Valley.

Optional: Tonight, you can join us at the resort's fine dining restaurant – 6 Degrees Bistro for a sensational culinary experience. Enjoy a signature seven course food and wine pairing dinner, or spend your evening at leisure.

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### Day 3 – Monday

This morning it's an early start to be ready for the first of the social events during the Masters Ski Week Program.

Big White Ski School invite you to the Masters Welcome Breakfast Reception – take Lara's Gondola down to Happy Valley for a delicious breakfast buffet and meet your new Masters' Week ski buddies and designated instructor for the next five days.



Enjoy the first 2 hour morning lesson of the week. Each day, the 2 hour group lesson will hone your technical skills and ability, as well as gain experience and confidence in a variety of terrain and conditions. This program is an exclusive program taught by the most experienced instructors at Big White.



We will meet for lunch at The Bullwheel in the village centre, and share skiing stories from the morning.

Yoga at Stonebridge usually starts at 5:30pm. Evening at leisure.

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## Day 4 – Tuesday

Day two of your Masters Week ski improvement program. Learn at your own pace with people of a similar ability level or hone your existing skills and take your skiing to a whole new level. There's something for everyone, whatever your ability!

Share your stories of the morning, whilst you enjoy a delicious and well-earned lunch after your lesson, at the Kettle Valley Steakhouse.

Afternoon & evening at your own pace. Keep skiing, maybe a forest walk, yoga, or time for a hot tub or binge on Netflix. The choice is yours.



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## Day 5 – Wednesday

“Hump” day – which does not necessarily mean it's a bumps day during Masters Week, unless you want to master the moguls. With two days of tuition under your belt, you will be feeling a new level of confidence, and keep to learn more and explore the opportunities Big White has on offer.

Own arrangements for lunch. Perhaps take a cross-country ski lesson this afternoon, or relax ready for the Wine Lovers Wednesday tapas and wine pairing event at the Globe Café.

## Day 6 – Thursday

Masters Week continues this morning, with more fun guaranteed, as you continue to progress your skills and explore the mountain. Afternoon to continue skiing, maybe take some time out, take a yoga class, and enjoy your luxury accommodation at Stonebridge.

Après ski drinks at Happy Valley Day Lodge.



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## Day 7 – Friday

This morning is the final 2 hour group lesson of your Big White Masters' Week. Your instructor will provide a wrap up of the week, reinforcing the ski improvement techniques learned over the week.

Tradition says that the group takes the instructor out to lunch at one of Big White's many restaurants.

Note: Finally, a gratuity for the instructor is very much appreciated. Usually around \$CDN50 per person

Afternoon après farewell drinks. Evening at leisure after skiing and socializing!

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## Day 8 – Saturday

It is time to say farewell to your Masters Ski Week friends from around the world and depart for home. Check out of your accommodation, with transfers to Kelowna airport arranged.

If your flight home is a late afternoon or evening departure, we seriously recommend you while away a few hours, enjoying the optional half day vineyard tour of Kelowna's magnificent Okanagan valley wine growing region. Lunch at a lakeside vineyard and afternoon wine tastings are the perfect way to conclude your Big White holiday.

Transportation to the airport included.

This experience is for skiers of any ability over the age of 50. We encourage you to bring your friends along. 1, 2, and 3 bedroom condos are available. In the event that accommodation at Stonebridge is fully booked, we recommend the sister property, Stonegate, which is similar in design, finish and excellent village location.

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## Exclusions

- Airfares not included
  - Meals unless stated
  - Beverages unless stated
  - Gratuities (15% minimum for all service items) and payable direct
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## Optional Add-ons

- First tracks with private instructor^ (cost based on 3 per group)
- Culinary experience - 6 Degrees Bistro – 7 course food and wine pairing dinner
- Log cabin sleigh ride dinner
- Half Day Okanagan Valley Wine Tour including lunch
- Equipment rental
- Travel Insurance



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[Travel Tips: Watch our video – skiing tips for the Baby Boomers](#)

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## Stay Longer or add another destination

In addition, if you wish to extend your holiday, accommodation options are available to stay any number of extra nights desired in Big White; or consider another resort such as Whistler, Silver Star, Sun Peaks or Banff. Why not add on a stopover in Vancouver. [Contact us](#) with your requests.

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## **Your Mountain Home is Stonebridge Lodge Resort**

Stonebridge will be your luxury home away from home at Big White Ski Resort. The fully equipped condominiums boast executive kitchens, ensuite bathrooms, gas fireplaces, and in-suite laundries. Located in the heart of the Big White Village, you can literally ski to your door.

Each condo has a private hot tub, perfect for a 'soak' at the end of the day. Stonebridge also offers a fitness centre, a yoga studio, massage and physio studio, as well as an indoor/outdoor mineral salt pool, and the fabulous restaurant, 6 Degrees Bistro.

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### **Your Host – Sue Thorley**

Sue has spent 18 years skiing at Big White with her family. She knows the mountain inside out. Sue holds CSIA Level 1(2017) and Level 2 (2018) Canadian Ski Instructors Certification.

She is affectionately known as the "Lady Mayoress" due to her social connectivity around the mountain. She lives at Stonebridge at least three months each season at Big White. She has participated in the Masters Week program every year, since its inception, some seven years ago.

You too, will become connected with the Big White community, and it's this sense of connection that makes this experience feel like you home. During your Masters Ski Week Experience Sue will provide 'guided mileage', not ski instruction when skiing together. Big White Ski School's excellent CSIA instructors will conduct the 5 day Ski Improvement sessions and any other lessons.

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### **Notes**

\*Accommodation is based on your own guaranteed queen bedded room with own bathroom, in a one or two bedroom condominium. Prices quoted twin share is based on two adults, a one bedroom condo. Pricing quad share is based on a two bedroom condo for four adults. If you wish to share with friends, we can accommodate guests in larger two or three bedroom condos, subject to availability at time of confirmation. The

condominiums are self-contained with a full kitchen for self-catering. Only some meals are included, as advertised. Each condo has its' own washer & dryer.

\*\*Meals, après ski drinks and beverages are at your own expense, apart from the Welcome drinks. During the Kettle Valley Lunch, and après event one drink is provided per person. Additional drinks at your own expense.

^When skiing with Sue, she will provide 'guided mileage', not ski instruction. Big White Ski School will provide excellent highly qualified CSIA instructors to conduct all Ski Improvement sessions, and First Tracks.

^^ Apres ski drinks at own expense 4:00pm-5:00pm.

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## **Terms and Conditions**

Ski Holidays and Tours requires a 50% deposit at time of confirmation, and the balance due by the 1st November, 2019. The package is subject to change and availability. Airfares, insurance, meals (unless specified), other activities (unless stated) and all items of a personal nature are not included. Price variations may occur with currency fluctuations and other events beyond our control.

The hosted tour package price is based on per person, in CDN\$ inclusive of local taxes, land only and for the advertised travel period only. Gratuities are not included, and generally expected to be added in the range of 15%-18%.

Every effort will be made to have guests staying at Stonebridge. However, if necessary, additional condos will be booked at Stonegate. Guests will be advised of this situation, prior to paying deposits. The configuration, features and amenities of all condominiums will vary.

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule the hosted travel experience for any reason, including insufficient demand or force majeure. Travel insurance is highly recommended and we can assist with competitively priced insurance. All payments are non-refundable. Amendments will incur change fees which will be advised at the time of changes. Please refer to our complete Terms and Conditions, in our Booking Form and as advertised.

The resort hours are 8.45am – 3.30pm Ms. Thorley will undertake very effort to ensure she is the host for the Masters Ski Week events. However, this cannot be guaranteed, due to reasons beyond our control. A suitable and equivalent substitute will be provided in the event of Ms. Thorley's inability to host for any reason. All travelers ski or snowboard at their own risk, and will be required to sign a Waiver form with Big White Ski Resort Ltd when collecting their lift pass.