

COMMODORES INN, STOWE, VT
JAN 22 – 27, 2012
SUN to FRI morning

Please note that dates of trip do not follow the MLK weekend as in the past. We return again to the Commodore's Inn, Rte 100 S, Stowe, VT 05672. This is a modern facility with swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, and health fitness room. Meals are served in the dining room. All rooms have private bath.

Commodores Inn phone (to leave with concerned others): 802 253-7131

Leader: Eileen Greve cell: 609 204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com
35 N. Hill Dr, Westampton, NJ 08060-5723

YOUR PACKAGE includes 5 nights lodging (Sun thru Thurs nights) departing Friday a.m.

Check in is 3pm

- 5 dinners beginning Sun evening
- 5 breakfast buffet
- complimentary hot drinks available 24 hrs
- taxes and gratuities
- **If you wish a shorter stay, 4 or 3 night packages are available. Contact leader.**

If you are vegetarian, please let the leader know ASAP.

LUNCHES: are the responsibility of the participants. Rooms are equipped with a refrigerator, plus there are two supermarkets in town, a sandwich shop at the Shell station mini-market next to the Commodore's, and a pizza shop across the street. Please do not utilize the breakfast buffet for your lunch.

X/C SKIING: some of the very best skiing on any of our trips! Touring centers include Trapp Family, Stowe Mtn Resort, Craftsbury, Bolton Valley, Camel's Hump. Also backcountry skiing on roads and trails including Catamount Trail, Weissner Woods and Sterling Gorge.

SNOWSHOE DAY TRIPS: Mt. Mansfield, Nebraska Valley, Stowe Pinnacle, Hunger Mtn, Camel's Hump.

RENTALS: All ski touring centers rent skis for use at their property. Snowshoes available at some centers, also at Umiak Outfitters (500 yd from hotel – 802 253-2317).

RATING: This trip is suitable for all experience levels. Backcountry skiing requires at least advanced beginner to intermediate skill levels.

BRING: Daypack, water bottles (2 liters, wide mouth) thermos (optional), "sit upon".

- warm clothing for skiing (polypro, wool, layers, NO cotton)
- sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses
- skis, snowshoes, ice skates (Stowe has rink)
- waterproof hiking boots or snowpack (Sorel) boots for snowshoeing
- **bathing suit for pool, jacuzzi**
- BYOB (in your room only, please)

- Commodores Inn has a bar near the restaurant. Near the lobby area there is a lounge with seating around a TV and a fireplace. A separate area has game tables, 24 hour coffee, tea, etc

DRIVING: Participants are responsible to arrange their own transportation or carpooling. **Be sure that your car is prepared for extreme cold weather.* A good, strong battery, jumper cables, “dry gas” – a fuel additive to prevent frozen lines, minus 20 degree windshield washer fluid, good/new wipers and tires.

**THE MAIN ROADS are very well maintained, but you may need a shovel, sand or kitty litter, or chains for traction at trailheads.*

DIRECTIONS: There are a number of ways to get to Vermont. Mapquest says to take the NJ Tpk into Rt 95 to New Haven and pick up I-91 north through MA and into Vermont (you’ll be on Rte 91 for 183 miles). From VT Rte 91 take exit 10N onto I-89 toward Barre/Montpelier. At exit 10, follow Rte 100 north for 9 miles to Stowe. The Commodores Inn is on your right at the south end of town. This route is 408 miles and 7 hrs 15 min from Mt Holly, NJ according to mapquest. You could hit a lot of traffic this way going thru New Haven, Hartford, etc.

Another way with less traffic is to take the NY Thru-way, Rte 87 all the way up past Albany, staying on 87, about 45 miles further to exit 20 at Glen Falls onto Rt 149 toward Fort Anne. At Fort Anne pick up Rt 4 which then wiggle-waggles into VT and about 70 miles thru little towns until it joins Rte 89. Take 89 north and pick up the directions above. Mapquest gives this route 404 miles and 7 and ½ hrs. Suggest you have a good VT map for this route.

AN ALTERNATIVE some might want to consider is AMTRAK. Goes to Waterbury, just 10 miles south of Stowe. Call 800 872-7245. From Waterbury get the Stowe Taxi: 802 253-9490 or 802 370-9490. While at Commodore’s use the Stowe Shuttle, runs to Topnotch and Stowe Mtn Resort, but not Trapp, its free. Stops right in front of Commodore’s. Can walk to town.

COST: Cost is \$364 per person, double occupancy, or \$478 single for five nights. 4 night option: \$292pp double, or \$384 single. Triple occupancy or 3 night package rate available on request.

PAYMENT: By check made out to Leader. Deposit of \$200 by Dec 12 to hold your place. **Please send full payment no later than Jan 17 (so I can have the money in my bank account to pay bill) Eileen Greve, 35 N. Hill Dr, Westampton, NJ 08060 Thanks.**

CANCELLATIONS: Full refund with 14 days notice. After that, unless vacancy can be filled, loss of the equivalent of one night’s lodging may be charged.

Websites to check: www.commodoresinn.com www.gostowe.com www.skivermont.com

This trip can be combined with the Jan 20-22 Mountain Meadows Lodge trip, or the Jan 27-29 Colonial House Inn trip. See full schedule of winter trips on OCSJ website.