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**VAIL / ASPEN INTER-CONNECT SKI**

A less aggressive version of the Benedict 100 ski tour, the IC Tour explores the classic Vail to Aspen route from the western side of the 10th Mountain Hut System. The 5-day tour begins south of Vail near the town of Eagle. This route uses some of the original huts built by TMDHA and nearly completed Fritz Benedict’s dream of linking these famous Colorado ski resorts. A long last day can reward tourers with a descent into Aspen to complete the adventure.

**Huts and Accommodations:** Peter Estin Hut / Harry Gates Hut / Diamond “J” Guest Ranch / Margy’s Hut

**Logistics:** Participants will be screened through phone conversations with PG staff. A complete equipment list is provided and final pack inspection will take place on the morning of the first day. Transportation to Eagle is the responsibility of each participant unless pre-arranged with PG. A return shuttle to the Vail area is provided by PG for \$40.00 per person. Sleeping bags are cached at each hut and are provided by PG. A lightweight sleeping bag liner is also provided and carried by each participant. PG will provide all breakfasts and dinners, participants are responsible for lunches. All participants will be required to carry some fresh food to compliment PG’s cache at each hut. Dinner, breakfast and a hot shower on Day Three is provided at the DJ Guest Ranch.

**Itinerary:** **Day One** - We will meet in Eagle at 8 AM for a briefing and final pack inspection. PG will provide transportation to the Yoeman Park trailhead (9060’).

- Peter Estin Hut (11200’) 5 miles, 2140’ elevation gain, 5-6 hours

**Day Two** - Peter Estin Hut to Harry Gates Hut (9700’)

- 7 miles, 1500’ elevation loss / 500’ elevation gain, 5-7 hours

**Day Three** - Harry Gates Hut to the DJ Guest Ranch (8250’)

- 6.6 miles, 300’ elevation gain / 1450’ elevation loss, 4-5 hours

**Day Four** - DJ Guest Ranch to Margy’s Hut (11300’)

- 9 miles, 2950’ elevation gain, 7-9 hours

**Day Five** - Margy’s Hut to Aspen (8380’)

- 13.7 miles, 1000’ elevation gain / 3900’ elevation loss, 8-10 hours

**Alternate Route:** Margy’s Hut to Lenado (8640’)

- 6.3 miles, 2660’ elevation loss, 3-4 hours

**Total Elevation Gain: 7900’      Total Elevation Loss: 6850’**

The IC is an aggressive multi-day hut to hut ski tour. Traveling each day can take its toll. Weather conditions, trail breaking, pack weight (20-30 lbs.) and the winter environment demand good ski skills, outdoor skills and a solid fitness level. However, the rigors of the 40+ mile tour are off-set by the rewards of beautiful country, great ski touring and the camaraderie of time spent with like minded skiers. A minimum of 4 people are needed for the tour. A 50% deposit is required with a Full Refund if the required minimum is not met.

- **Trip Cost:** \$1075.00 per person

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