



January 22-27, 2017

**ASPEN • Margy's Hut • Betty Bear Hut • Uncle Bud's Hut •
Jackal Hut • Shrine Mtn Inn • VAIL**

The six day tour will cover nearly 100 miles with ascents totaling nearly 17,000 vertical feet, by-passing some of the huts on the trail system. Cold temperatures, long days, trail-breaking and dealing with varying snow conditions will demand a high level of fitness and skill. Each hut will be staffed with hut hosts who will provide dinner & breakfast each day. The challenges of the tour are often off-set by the camaraderie that is shared, the joys of moving through the Central Rocky Mountains, and the knowledge that the legendary ski troops of the Tenth Mountain Division had passed this way before.



*Fritz Benedict,
10th Mountain Division Hut
System founder*



ITINERARY:

- ❖ **PreTrip Day, Saturday, January 21** - Meeting and outfitting logistics will be worked out with each trip participant based on their logistics and ski rental needs. Our guides will be in touch with each person for the trip.
- ❖ **Day One, Sunday, January 22** - The tour begins! **Aspen to Margy's Hut** We will meet at the Upper Hunter Creek trailhead at 6am. The route will by-pass the MacNamara Hut ending at Margy's Hut. 13 miles & 3600' elevation gain.
- ❖ **Day Two, Monday, January 23** - **Margy's Hut to Betty Bear Hut**. Departing Margy's Hut the route descends to the FryingPan valley then climbs moderately, ending with a steep 2 mile climb to the Betty Bear Hut. 15 miles & 2000' elevation gain.
- ❖ **Day Three, Tuesday, January 24** - **Betty Bear Hut to Uncle Bud's Hut**. Departing the Betty Bear Hut the route climbs to Hagerman Pass (12,000') and the Continental Divide. This "above treeline" section can be very challenging in windy or whiteout conditions. By-passing the Skinner Hut the route descends to Turquoise Lake. A gradual climb to the southern flank of Galena Mtn. then rolling terrain to Uncle Bud's Hut. 11 miles & 3000' elevation gain.
- ❖ **Day Four, Wednesday, January 25** - **Uncle Bud's Hut to the Jackal Hut**. This is the longest travel day on the tour. The route by-passes the 10th Mountain Memorial Hut and descends to Camp Hale by way of Mitchell Creek, a seldom skied route. The day finishes with a steep 3 mile climb to the Jackal Hut. Approximately 18 miles & 3500' elevation gain.
- ❖ **Day Five, Thursday, January 26** - **Jackal Hut to the Shrine Mountain Inn**. Depending on weather and snowpack there are two route options. A "high route" climbs Pearl Peak and the Elk Ridge descending to Ptarmigan Pass and Wearyman Creek. A lower route descends Pearl Creek and climbs up the Resolution road by-passing the Fowler-Hilliard Hut to Ptarmigan Pass and Wearyman Creek. A final climb to Wingle (Shrine) Ridge leaves a short descent to the SMI. 12-15 miles & 2700' elevation gain.
- ❖ **Day Six, Friday, January 27** - **Shrine Mountain Inn to Vail**. The final tour follows the Commando Run, a classic route to the Vail Ski Area and descent to Vail. Route options are available including an "on piste" descent. Rolling terrain gives way to an 800' climb before a 3500' descent to Vail Village. A well-deserved celebration follows with drinks & dinner (not included). 13 miles & 2000' elevation gain.



THE CHALLENGES OF THE BENEDICT 100:

This multi-day tour is an aggressive challenge for even the best skiers. Aside from the rigors of many hours on the trail you should expect challenging snow conditions and be prepared for mid-winter storms and cold temperatures. Expect pre-dawn starts and possibly late arrival at the hut on the longer days. Changes to the route may occur depending on a terrain and weather conditions. This tour is not a race but it does demand the full participation of everyone each day. Each participant will be interviewed prior to their reservation in order to assess their fitness and skill level.

BENEDICT 100 INCLUDES:

- ❖ Personal phone interviews
- ❖ Professional Guides
- ❖ Hut Hosts
- ❖ Hut & USFS Fees
- ❖ Dinners & breakfasts (Bring your own lunches)
- ❖ Sleeping bags at each hut
- ❖ First Aid / Group Gear
- ❖ A limited amount of alcoholic beverages



BENEDICT 100 DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ◆ It is the responsibility of each participant to arrange for **transportation to Aspen**, pre-trip lodging and post trip transportation from Vail. Shuttle can be arranged with Paragon Guides for \$40 per person.
- ◆ Any **evacuation** during the course of the trip is at the participant's expense.
- ◆ **Ski Equipment:** It is the responsibility of the participant to have appropriate gear in good working order and trail tested before the tour. An equipment list will be sent to all participants. Rental gear (Free-heel Telemark / AT / Avalanche kit) is available through Paragon Guides as well as Aspen shops. We recommend lighter weight skis and boots.
- ◆ Personal binding repair kit / blister kit
- ◆ Due to the strenuous nature of this route, we would highly recommend a defined training program such as Fit for Trips: www.fitfortrips.com/paragon-guides.aspx

COST: \$1885.00 Per person

Reservations prior to Nov. 1, 2016, trip participants will provide a \$470.00 deposit to confirm spaces held. Major credit cards or personal check accepted. Once confirmed, we will send out to you via email or US mail our orientation packet with preparation materials and forms that need to be completed. An additional \$470.00 will be due on November 1st as a deposit on the trip. Reservations made after November 1, will require a \$942.50 deposit. The balance will be due on January 2, 2017.



Reservation Form: Please complete and return to PG office. Print out to complete or this form is in PDF format, most systems will allow you to type onto the form, save a copy and return via email.

For each member of your group:

TRIP: BENE100-2017

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Mobile phone _____

Home phone _____

Email _____

Age _____ Gender: M F

Dietary considerations: _____

Pre trip lodging: _____

Post trip lodging: _____

If renting ski / bike gear - height: _____ shoe size: _____

Please complete only information that is pertinent to your trip.

Cancellation Policy -

A schedule conflict, illness, injury or family emergency can alter the best laid plans...

- If cancelling *more than 8 weeks* out from the trip departure date, we will refund your deposit, retaining a booking / cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person.
- If cancelling *within 8 to 6 weeks* of the departure date there are no refunds available, but we will offer you a percentage of your trip amount paid as a credit toward another Paragon Guides trip, summer or winter, within one year from the date of cancellation.
- If cancelling *within 6 weeks* of the trip date, there are *no* refunds and *no* credits available.
- In the rare event a scheduled trip is cancelled by Paragon Guides, we will refund your money in full.

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the Paragon Guides Cancellation Policy.

_____ Date: _____

Participant signature

- Payment Options:**
- Credit card, record below.
 - Call our office to complete reservation with credit card
 - **WEBPAY:** You will be sent a separate invoice via email with payment link. Write WEBPAY in for credit card #

Payment:

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____

Exp.: ____/____ security code: _____ zipcode: _____

Use card for trip balance? Yes No