

FYI Travel: Ski season has begun

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The Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa in Telluride, Colo., will open its doors for the 2007-08 ski season with rates starting at \$199 per room, per night available through April 6. Snow enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels will enjoy exploring Telluride Mountain and its more than 1,700 acres of pristine, skiable terrain while non-skiers can relax at the newly renovated Golden Door Spa.

A PEEK OF THE PEAKS - The view from the outdoor fire pit at The Peaks Resort in Telluride, Colo., features, naturally, mountain peaks in the distance. CNS Photo. Peaks Ski Package: Experience daily ski-in, ski-out convenience, short lift lines and some of the country's best mountain scenery. This package includes luxury accommodations and one daily lift ticket for each paid adult per night. Rates: Dec. 15-Dec. 20 and Jan. 5-Jan. 31 from \$285 per night; Feb. 1-April 6 from \$357 per night.

Peaks Ski and Spa Getaway: Enjoy the alpine air of Telluride's slopes and then retreat to the Golden Door Spa for post-ski rejuvenation. This package includes luxury accommodations, daily \$150 spa credit per adult, one daily lift ticket per adult and complimentary continental breakfast every morning. Rates: Dec. 15-Dec. 20 from \$599 per night; Jan. 5-April 6 from \$599 per night.

There is no additional charge to accommodate children under 16 with Peaks Resort packages, however, lift tickets are not included. Packages are double-occupancy. Winter non-stop flights are available into Telluride Regional Airport daily from Denver and Phoenix, or into Montrose Regional Airport from Denver, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, Houston, Newark, N.J., Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

FYI: For more information or reservations, call 866-282-4557 or visit www.ThePeaksResort.com.

ROAD TRIP

The Chicago-Hyatt Regency McCormick Place is offering a special package for the 2008 Chicago Auto Show, Feb. 8-17 at the adjacent McCormick Place. This package, available throughout the entire month of February, offers guests a one-night stay in a guest room for two starting at \$189 plus tax, based on availability. The package includes free parking and complimentary shuttle service to both the Chicago Museum campus and Michigan Avenue shopping.

FYI: For reservations, call 312-567-1234, and ask for the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Auto Show Package. Web sites: www.hyatt.com, www.chicagoautoshow.com.

WALK THIS WAY

Robin Pope Safaris, whose walking safaris in the South Luangwa Park in Zambia have achieved worldwide recognition, is expanding into neighboring Malawi with the introduction of Pumulani, the only luxury accommodation within Lake Malawi National Park. The Lodge is now taking bookings for availability in July 2008.

Consisting of a main lodge and 10 separate stylish villas, Pumulani is located on a lush hillside overlooking the lake, which David Livingstone referred to as "Lake of Stars" and has been designated as a World Heritage Site. The dining and bar area feature an expansive deck offering spectacular views. Meals will be served both inside and out and serving times are according to a guest's schedule. The infinity swimming pool will be located on a lower terraced deck and a lake-shore bar will offer light snacks and refreshments throughout the day.

Each of the villas consist of a spacious bedroom, bathroom and sitting area, opening to a large deck and expansive views beyond. Cooling grassed roofs have been designed to blend in with the rocks and trees surrounding each villa. One of the villas has been planned especially for honeymooners and one is a family villa that sleeps four or five persons.

Activities at Pumulani will include snorkeling, kayaking, water skiing, fun tube, wake boarding, sailing,

fishing and scuba diving. Guests may sail on the lodge's 40-foot wooden dhow, handcrafted by local inhabitants of Likoma Island, a great way to view one of Malawi's beautiful sunsets over the lake. With an abundance of bird life around Lake Malawi, bird watchers will be in paradise at Pumulani.

Known as the "Warm Heart of Africa," Malawi is a landlocked country with Africa's third-largest lake, Lake Malawi, which extends almost the length of the country and has more than 500 known species of fish that are not found anywhere else in the world. The Malawi population is made up of a number of tribes, thus creating a diversified and fascinating culture that today is not found anywhere else in Southern Africa.

Pumulani will open on July 1, 2008. Starting in 2009, the lodge will operate April 1 through Jan. 4. Guests will be met at Kamuzu Airport in Lilongwe and guided through the immigration procedures.

FYI: Rates start at \$300 to \$425 per person per night and will include accommodations, meals, road transfers to and from Club Makokola airstrip, laundry, bar and all nonmotorized water sports activities. For more information or reservations, visit www.pumulani.com or www.robinpopesafaris.net.

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