

Epic Pass Info

New this year, lift tickets are not included in the pricing for 2 trips only: Crested Butte and South Lake Tahoe. Why? Both Crested Butte & South Lake Tahoe are on the Epic Pass, and both are part of Vail Resort Properties. Therefore, it is much more economical (this year) to purchase Epic Passes than traditional group lift tickets (Example: For Lake Tahoe, an Epic 5-Day Pass is \$300 less than the 5-day Group Tickets at last year's pricing. Plus, the multi-day traditional lift tickets are now for **consecutive days only**, so if you want to ski 3 days, take a day off and ski 2 more, you will need to buy the 6-day ticket at Tahoe because the 5-day ticket is no longer valid. In other words, "5 of 7 days", is only good for 5 consecutive days).

Bottom line: The Epic Day passes are flexible, more economical and can be used on any non-holiday days at any Vail Resorts owned/operated property.

So, what does this mean for you? Those of you going on Crested Butte and/or South Lake Tahoe, will need to buy either a full Epic Pass, or Epic Day Passes - depending on how many ski days you will be skiing.

How do I purchase Epic Passes? Three options:

A) Buy direct from Vail Resorts at <https://www.epicpass.com/>

If you buy direct from Vail Resorts, you will not get any "rebate" on the ticket(s) you buy. But we highly suggest you research the other benefits - such as discounts for on-mountain dining (think lunch), and for rentals from on-mountain ski shops.

B) Buy from Viking Ski Shop (773) 276-1222

In the past, if you bought an Epic (or IKON) pass from Viking, they usually gave a rebate in the form of an in-store credit towards purchases/services. As of now, we do not see on their website that they are selling any passes, but you can call to verify.

C) Buy from Winter Ski and Sport at <https://www.winterskiandsport.com/>

If you buy from Winter, our Tour Operator on both Crested and Tahoe, they give a rebate in the form of a discount on the trip(s) you take for which they are the Tour Operator. The amount of the rebate depends on which pass you buy. For the details, look at each pass option you are considering here:

<https://www.winterskiandsport.com/epic-pass-order>. [NOTE: If you are going on both trips and you want to ski 6 days at Tahoe and 4 at Crested Butte it would be \$2 more to buy (2) 5-Day Epic Passes vs. buying a 4-Day and a 6-Day - however the rebate would be the same. Remember - you can use the days on **any** non-holiday ski day at **any** of the included resorts, so splitting one of the 5-day passes to be 4 days at Crested Butte and 1 day at Lake Tahoe is not an issue.] Also, please advise your Trip Leaders which Epic Passes you have purchased, so they can verify the correct rebates from Winter Ski & Sport are applied to the cost of your packages.

Next Action Steps: Decide which trip(s) to go on. If you choose Crested Butte and/or South Lake Tahoe, you will need to purchase your Epic Passes on your own. Our Trip Chairs (Julian & Jackie), or your Trip Leaders can assist you in calculating the most advantageous way.