

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

WHISTLER- I have travelled to Vancouver countless times over the years, often resisting opportunities to take a sidetrip to Whistler(www.tourismwhistler.com). Last summer this "mistake" was finally corrected.

Less than a two hour drive from Vancouver, Whistler is an amazing spot

to visit year-round. Start off at the Village, take a stroll, indulge yourself at one of many places to eat and browse the unique shops. The Village is located at the base of the lifts, making access to Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains convenient for skiing, snowboarding and sightseeing.
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lar providers offered free calls to the Philippines for three days after the disaster, but most people were unable to get through.

While Tuazan was speaking to The Media Line outside the church, a Jerusalem resident drove up to deliver a large plastic bag filled with clothes. The donor, Nadia Levene, said

she posted information about the drive on Facebook.

"I saw the news on TV and my heart was just bleeding," Levene told those assembled on the sidewalk. "I felt like I had to do something. This clothing is just the beginning. Just tell me what you need and what we can do to help."

Gratefully accepting the clothes, Tuazan tells Levene that the storm victims need summer clothes more than winter clothes as it is currently hot and humid in the Philippines.

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The ski season in Whistler typically begins around the third weekend in November, coinciding with American Thanksgiving. From there, both mountains are open daily for winter operations until late April. Blackcomb Mountain stays open for spring skiing and snowboarding until mid-May. Summer glacier skiing and riding on Blackcomb Mountain starts the third week of June.

In summer Whistler Mountain Bike Park opens as a haven for riders of all levels and the Village Gondola, Peak 2 Peak

Gondola and Peak Chair are open for sightseeing. There is no better experience than the Peak 2 Peak Gondola. You first take the Whistler Express Gondola from the Village, which takes 25 minutes. You'll arrive at the Roundhouse, a lodge where

you can have lunch or a snack, and take in the spectacular view of the mountains on the opposite side of the valley. From here, hop on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola for a thrilling 11-minute ride over to Blackcomb
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Mountain.

Prior to this trip members of my family and I had never gone zip lining. However, upon discovering Ziptrek Ecotours(www.ziptrek.com) we felt secure enough to give it a try. On the Ziptrek Bear Tour, one

gets to experience stunning aerial vistas over Fitzsimmons Creek. This tour is perfect for families, groups and those who have never ziplined before. There are five incredible ziplines, joined by a network of suspension bridges, board

walks and trails.

We had a great experience at The Fairmont Chateau Whistler Resort Hotel(www.fairmont.com/whistler), which does indeed define mountain luxury. With mountainside ski out the door convenience and an on-site Whistler golf course, the classic elegance of this award-winning hotel offers a modern alpine setting featuring exceptional dining, full resort amenities, a Vida Spa and Fairmont Gold - Fairmont's exclusive lifestyle hotel experience. There are an incredible 550 rooms here (15 of which are fully handicapped accessible), an in-house reserva-

tion centre for all Whistler activities and a rental station for bikes and ski gear. A small and pretty shopping plaza is part of the facility as well, featuring an art gallery and some boutiques. We just loved the two outdoor pools, one for lap swimming and the other which connects to an indoor one. There are three whirlpools, sauna and steam rooms and two outdoor plexipave surface tennis courts. For dinner, the Wildflower and the Grill Room are particularly popular. At the former, their culinary team invites diners to enjoy a tantalizing show case of locally inspired dish-

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es and innovative classics in a warm and relaxed setting. The latter is Whistler's newest destination for exceptional chops, steak and seafood. We heard some very good things about the Brewhouse Restaurant (<http://www.markjamesgroup.com/brewhouse.hm>) and our party of five was not disappointed. This is one of the busiest spots in the Whistler Village all year round. The pub has a cozy two-sided fireplace and lots of TVs, making it the perfect place to watch the game when you're tired from playing all day. The restaurant is warm and

family friendly with a great kids' menu and a huge patio for Whistler's long, hot summers. The cuisine is an inspired and appetizing mix of barbeque and rotisserie classics, with exceptional pizza and pasta options. These flavours are complemented by their range of hand-crafted ales and lagers, brewed onsite. And what's really nice is that despite the hustle and bustle the service is impeccable.

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