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Tourism Whistler Market Development Travel Trade Quarterly Update September 2013

Big Things that happened this quarter

Summer 2013 hits high note for Whistler

Tourism Whistler reports that room nights for the months of June, July and August this year are up over the same months in 2012 and September is also pacing ahead of last year, which means Summer 2013 will come in as the best on record, in terms of room nights booked.

June saw an overall room night increase of 15 per cent over last year, while July was up by seven per cent and August by three per cent. Successful holidays and events, book early promotions, recovering leisure travel demand and good weather helped to boost summer performance.

New Whistler Ziplines

This summer saw the zipline expansions by two businesses in Whistler: Superfly and Ziptrek Ecotours. **Superfly**, The Adventure Group's new adrenaline adventure company offers guests treetop adventures and two new high-speed tandem zip lines that are the longest ziplines in Canada! Starting December 2013, Superfly, Whistler's only backcountry ziplines, will offer daily winter tours. During afternoon tours, guests will enjoy a snowcat ride up Cougar Mountain to a Yurt to enjoy warm drinks and snacks overlooking the valley below. While the evening tours will include a rustic dinner. **Ziptrek Ecotours** also launched their newest and longest line. This new experience offers spectacular views, as you zip right over the Fitzsimmons Valley to Blackcomb with a heart-stopping 30-storey descent along the way. Enjoy less travel and more zipping with lift access, the Eagle Tour now both starts and ends in the village. The new line launches from Olympic Station on Whistler Mountain at an elevation of 1,000 meters. www.superflyziplines.com and <http://www.ziptrek.com/whistler-canada>

Buzzworthy new guests at The Fairmont Chateau Whistler

At the end of June, four bee hives arrived at The Fairmont Chateau Whistler. These four hives total approximately 120,000 European Honey Bees. The bees have now settled into their new home on the rooftop and are working away to create nectar for some delicious honey! This is a fantastic new green initiative and culinary story to share with locals and guests. The bees will work to pollinate local flowers and produce honey that will be harvested by the Chefs for use in culinary and cocktail creations and will be sold in the Portobello Market and Fresh Bakery. The honey produced will be a delicate wildflower variety that will be a result of the local flowers the bees pollinate. The Beekeeper, Steve Gourley, will visit the hives every few weeks to ensure the Queen is in place and the hives remain healthy. For more information on bees at Fairmont Hotels and Resorts, visit their corporate page: <http://www.fairmont.com/promotions/fairmontbees/>

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Whistler Village Beer Festival

Whistler has long hosted an arrangement of time for beer to have its chance to shout just feels 'right'! The [Whistler](#) Village Beer Festival the awesome talents of the Canadian and some international brews to boot.



exciting festivals and in September it was a from a mountaintop. Beer in the mountains Festival is a festival focused on celebrating Pacific Northwest craft brewing industry with

Whistler Hosted Subaru IRONMAN® Canada

Whistler was thrilled to be named the new venue for Subaru IRONMAN® Canada for five years which began August 25, 2013. Whistler's natural beauty is the perfect setting for the race with winding mountain roads, sparkling lakes and mountain views all part of the unique and challenging course. There were plenty of events and activities around the race for athletes, family, friends and spectators. <http://www.whistler.com/ironman/>



2013 Whistler Subaru IRONMAN® Canada
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Tourism Whistler's 2013/14 Winter marketing campaign – #WhistlerUnfiltered: Behind The Lens

The proof is in the passion. Last year, over 25,000 images were tagged and shared by Whistler locals & guests creating a viewscape of Whistler through the [People's Lens](#). So this year, we invited nine professional outdoor sport photographers who've also documented Whistler to respond. Welcome to the [Pro's Lens](#).

Whistler is the ultimate place to experience contemporary mountain culture. In fact, Whistler is redefining mountain culture. This culture is expressed through the incredible mountains, vibrant village and spectacular setting of this place. But it's also defined by its people—visitors and locals alike—and their unique connections and passion for the place. The campaign showcases Whistler's uniqueness and invites the viewer to discover more of Whistler's story from behind the lens of 9 of the world's best outdoor photographers. Explore the exhibit:

Whistler.com/BehindTheLens

Most importantly – please continue to hashtag your amazing Instagram shots with **#WhistlerUnfiltered** – thanks for your ongoing support!

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Whistler has been named #1 in the annual Georgia Straight Best of Vancouver Readers Choice!

Congratulations to our members scoring in the top 3 in many different categories!

<http://www.straight.com/bov/2013/results/7>

Best weekend getaway

#1 Whistler

Best romantic hideaway (besides your home)

#2 Whistler

Best Summer Destination

#2 Whistler

Best Winter Destination

#1 Whistler

Best out-of-town spa getaway

#2 Scandinave Spa

#3 Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Best resort/hotel (Whistler)

#1 Fairmont Chateau Whistler

#2 Four Seasons Resort Whistler

#3 Westin Resort & Spa

Best B.C. golf resort

#2 Whistler Golf Club

Best adventure-tour company

#1 G Adventures

#1 Ziptrek Ecotours

Best BC Wine Festival

#3 Cornucopia

Best place to buy a vacation home

#1 Whistler



What you need to know

New Faces Developing Markets for Whistler

Tourism Whistler's Travel Trade Department has welcomed Carly McMillan, Kristine Johnson and Afton Edington to the Market Development team. Please feel free to contact them with any questions about their markets!

With Corinna Hoverd expecting baby number 2 in October, we are excited to announce the appointment of Amy Bjarnason to cover Corinna's maternity leave position of Manager, Market Development, Travel Trade. In addition to handling Australia (as she does now), Amy will take the lead in managing our UK, Europe and North American market for the year Corinna is gone. Also, we are pleased to announce that Afton Edington will be moving into the role of Associate, Market Development, Travel Trade supporting Amy for the year! Afton comes to us with a passion for Whistler, front line sales experience, travel agent experience and the list goes on....we know she will make a nice fit to the team!!!

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Many of you may know Carly McMillan from the Crystal Lodge where she was Director of Sales. Along with all her experience Carly brings with her from her previous role she is extremely passionate, outgoing, engaging, motivating, and just generally someone you want to be around. Supporting Carly is Kristine Johnson who is a true Whistler girl and an amazing story teller with extensive Whistler experience, including teaching skiing & snowboarding and supervising the Visitor Centre where we snagged her from. Kristine has also committed herself to our industry by investing her time and graduating from the Capilano University Destination Resort Management program. This dynamic duo are excited to look after the emerging markets in China, India and Brazil as well as being responsible for the secondary markets in Japan, Korea and Mexico.

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What's New at Whistler Blackcomb for 2013.2014

NOW SCREENING: The Wonder Reels, Season 2 Teaser

The Wonder Reels, Season 2 Teaser from Whistler Blackcomb and Switchback Entertainment is now live! This can only mean one thing – the countdown to winter is officially on! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10HrTjT5T6A>

In a continued quest to enhance the guest experience, Whistler Blackcomb has undertaken a major \$18 million capital expansion to introduce two new chairs to its high-speed network of express lifts. The new *Harmony 6 Express* high-speed six-pack chairlift on Whistler Mountain and the new *Crystal Ridge Express* high-speed quad on Blackcomb Mountain represents increased access and a dramatically enhanced experience in two iconic much-loved zones at Whistler Blackcomb.

Whistler Blackcomb's official opening day for this ski season is November 28, 2013. To help stoke the anticipation, the following are the top highlights for the 2013/14 winter season.

NEW Harmony 6 Express Chair on Whistler Mountain

In January 2013, Whistler Blackcomb announced the existing Harmony high-speed, quad chairlift on Whistler Mountain would be replaced with a new Doppelmayr high-speed, detachable, six-pack chairlift for the 2013.2014 ski season. The new *Harmony 6* high-speed chairlift will be capable of transporting six people on each chair and will increase the uphill skier capacity by 50 per cent; going from 2,400 skiers per hour to 3,600. The *Harmony 6* chair will keep the same alignment as the previous Harmony lift and will continue to service terrain spanning from the edge of the Symphony Amphitheatre all the way over to Glacier Bowl, adjacent to the Peak Express. This area, known as the Harmony Zone, makes up over 485 hectares (1,200 acres) of Whistler Blackcomb's 3,306 hectares (8,171 acres) of total terrain.

NEW Crystal Ridge Express Chair on Blackcomb Mountain

The new *Crystal Ridge Express*, which was also announced in January 2013, will see more of a transformation from the existing Crystal Chair compared to the *Harmony 6* changes. The new *Crystal Ridge Express* high-speed quad chairlift in the Crystal Zone will continue to deliver skiers and riders to an elevation of 1,827 metres (5,994ft) next to the Crystal Hut, however the aspect of the new lift line is dramatically different, and will originate 158 metres (518ft) lower than the previous Crystal triple chair. The new bottom terminal location along the Blackcomb Glacier Road ski-out eliminates the need to utilize the Excelsior Chair to access many Crystal Zone trails including Ridge Runner, Rock 'N' Roll, and gladed trails like Outer Limits. This new lift alignment will also make it even quicker for guests to return to the Glacier Express chair in order to access Horstman Glacier, Blackcomb Glacier and Spanky's Ladder.

The *Crystal Ridge Express* will be 1,708 metres (5,604ft) in length, with a vertical rise of 535 metres (1,755ft) and will increase skier carrying capacity from 1,800 skiers per hour to 2,400.

For more information about Whistler Blackcomb's two new chairs for the 2013.2014 winter season, visit: www.whistlerblackcomb.com/the-mountain/new-lifts

Snowmaking Upgrades in the Crystal Zone

In conjunction with the construction of the new Crystal Ridge Express chair on Blackcomb Mountain, Whistler Blackcomb has also invested \$3 million into a comprehensive snowmaking upgrade project in the Crystal Zone.

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The Crystal Zone is an extremely popular area on Blackcomb, renowned for its powder stashes, undulating cruisers, and gladed tree runs riddled with natural terrain features. Until now, there has been no snowmaking in the Crystal Zone. The improved snowmaking infrastructure in this area will ensure guests are able to ski the new *Crystal Ridge Express* lift top to bottom as soon as the new lift opens for the 2013.2014 ski season. It will also ensure great skiing conditions mid-mountain on days when the alpine does not open due to avalanche risk or bad weather.

The Wonder Continues

The celebration of *Wonder* will continue at Whistler Blackcomb with Season 2 of The Wonder Reels, a seven part video series released throughout the winter. Season 2 of The Wonder Reels was filmed, edited, and produced by Switchback Entertainment, one of the industry's top production companies, and will premiere August 27 to fuel stoke for the upcoming ski season.

Whistler Blackcomb will also be introducing two new Wonder Routes for the upcoming ski season designed to provide an ideal sample tour of the Crystal Zone on Blackcomb Mountain and the Harmony Zone on Whistler aided by the two new lifts. The Crystal and Harmony Wonder Routes will include a mix of steepes, gladed runs and mild cruisers to showcase the variety of terrain within these two iconic zones.

Ski/Ride With An Olympian Program

With the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics right around the corner, Whistler Blackcomb will celebrate its Olympic legacy from hosting the 2010 Games with the return of its "Ski/Ride With An Olympian" Snow School program. Initially introduced mid ski season last year, the 'Ski/Ride With An Olympian' program is Whistler Blackcomb Snow School's most elite product and offers guests the chance to hire an Olympic athlete to be their own personal guide. This exclusive program includes a full-day of skiing or riding guided by an Olympic athlete, with capacity capped at five people per group. Like all other Snow School lessons, the 'Ski/Ride With An Olympian' program also gives guests lift line priority.

The International Freeski Film Festival (iF3) Comes to Whistler

The International Freeski Film Festival (iF3) will be making a stop at Whistler Blackcomb this year on Saturday, October 12, 2013. The one-day event will feature premieres of the year's best ski movies, along with a retro ski-themed kick-off party and a rocker-themed wrap-up amidst Whistler's wild nightlife scene. The premieres will be held at Millennium Place in the heart of Whistler Village and will take place alongside Whistler Blackcomb's legendary **Turkey Sale**, where over 20,000 people descend on Whistler to take advantage of huge pre-season savings on ski and snowboard equipment from the industry's top brands.

Innovation and Progression

Whistler Blackcomb is a place defined by its dedication to innovation and progression. Atop Whistler Mountain, in the interior balcony area of the PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola station, is an informative and interactive display that showcases the inner workings and the making of this one-of-a kind engineering marvel.

For those who set off to explore the mountains, Whistler Blackcomb, in partnership with TELUS, has made it free and easy for them to stay connected and share their experiences with family and friends. The TELUS Wi-Fi Inukshuks are specially marked alpine locations in front of the Roundhouse Lodge, at the top of Symphony Chair and at the top of the Peak Chair on Whistler Mountain, and at the top of 7th Heaven Express and the new Crystal Ridge Express chairlift on Blackcomb. Free Wi-Fi powered by TELUS is also available in the Roundhouse Lodge, Rendezvous Lodge, Glacier Creek, Garibaldi Lift Co., Wizard Grill, Merlin's Bar & Grill and Dusty's Bar & BBQ.

PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola's 5th Anniversary

On December 12, 2013 Whistler Blackcomb's iconic PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola will celebrate its fifth anniversary. Connecting the Whistler and Blackcomb alpiners, the PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola opened in 2008 and redefined both the skiing and sightseeing experiences at Whistler Blackcomb. Not only does the new gondola allow guests to ski/ride both mountains in a single day, it provides sightseers with the opportunity to take in the same breathtaking 360 degree views the skiers/riders get as they travel around Whistler Blackcomb's expansive alpine terrain. Five years later, the PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola remains one of Whistler Blackcomb's most treasured assets and continues to hold claim to three world-records, including the highest lift of its kind at 436m (1,427ft) above the valley floor, longest unsupported span of 3.024km (1.879mi), and it completes the longest continuous lift system in the world.

Whistler Blackcomb Joins The Mountain Collective

New for the 2013.2013 winter season, Whistler Blackcomb has joined the roster of premier ski destinations that together embody The Mountain Collective. The Mountain Collective is a one of a kind ski pass that includes two days of skiing at any of the six iconic Mountain Collective resorts as well as additional perks, including 50 per cent off additional ski days and 25 per cent off lodging at The Collective destinations. In addition to Whistler Blackcomb, The Mountain Collective collaboration includes Mammoth Mountain, Snowbird, Alta, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, and Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows. For more information about The Mountain Collective, visit www.themountaincollective.com.

Commitment to Environment

Whistler Blackcomb's people are mountain-lovers and the resort has emerged as a role model for others in the protection of the very thing that it is closest to—the environment. Since 2001 Whistler Blackcomb has reduced its waste by more than 60 per cent through the use of non-disposable dishes and cutlery, the recycling of over 25 types of materials from paper to plastic to electronics and ski poles, as well as the implementation of organic waste composting in all mountain facilities. The company also reduced its on-mountain energy consumption by 15 per cent by conducting electrical retrofits and by changing more than 11,000 light bulbs to more efficient and longer lasting models.

Whistler Blackcomb staff can contribute a percentage of each pay cheque to help fund local environmental initiatives through the company's EnviroFund and Whistler Blackcomb has partnered on the Fitzsimmons Creek Renewable Energy Project, which returns back to the power grid what Whistler Blackcomb consumes annually—32 gigawat hours of electricity or enough to power up to 4,000 homes for one year.

Canada's West Marketplace

The 26th annual *Canada's West Marketplace* trade show will take place in Whistler, BC, November 23rd to 26th, 2013. The CWM trade show brings together tourism industry suppliers from BC and Alberta with international and domestic tour operators in a proven business exchange of pre-scheduled appointments, open sessions and networking functions over a three-day, four night period. Established in 1989, the *Canada's West Marketplace* trade show is a partnership between Travel Alberta and Tourism British Columbia, as part of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training.

Coast Blackcomb Suites

The **Coast Blackcomb Suites at Whistler's** ownership group O'Neill Hotels & Resorts entered into a strategic partnership with ResortQuest Whistler to manage and market the hotel effective August 1.

The **Coast Blackcomb Suites at Whistler** will continue to be a flagship property under the Coast Hotels brand, and look forward to continuing to offer their valued Coast customers a prime Whistler property. With ResortQuest Whistler's substantive expertise, they will continue to delight guests and deliver the exceptional service one would expect, and the Coast brand is known for.

The Coast Blackcomb Suites is a Whistler jewel. The 186-room lodge style property is located slope side on Blackcomb Mountain offering a true ski-in ski-out experience. Room types include Studio, One Bedroom and Two Bedroom fully furnished suites. Guests enjoy complimentary breakfast, daily housekeeping and facilities which include a 50-foot outdoor heated pool, two hot tubs, fitness room, business centre, meeting rooms, a small convenience store and on-site ski and snowboard rental. More info can be found at www.coastwhistlerblackcomb.com

Tantalus

Please congratulate Char Riess, as the new Revenue and Sales Coordinator at the Tantalus. Char has been working at the Tantalus for 6 years in various roles at the hotel and is now branching in to Revenue Management and assisting in some sales activities too. They have confidence she will become a vital asset to their team as her skills and knowledge in RM are growing every day.

Nita Lake Lodge

Whistler 'Farm to Table' Foodie Vacation will be a unique way to celebrate the Thanksgiving Weekend.

This 'farm to table' culinary vacation hosted at Nita Lake Lodge in Whistler Creekside will feature local chefs and produce from Whistler and Pemberton. The vacation package includes informative food demonstrations supported with wine, beer and spirit tastings, visits to local producers and artisans plus special meals and activities such as kayaking, picnics and spa trips.

The package includes a special gourmet three-course Thanksgiving Dinner presented by Michael Guy, Executive Chef at Nita Lake Lodge.



For more information visit <http://tournesolretreats.tumblr.com/>

Fairmont Chateau Whistler

FAIRMONT'S CAPED CRUSADERS - This fall The Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Club will welcome a colony of furry winged creatures to the treed sections of our course. As part of our sustainability program, we will be installing two "bat hotels",...*see attached for detailed information.*

NEW CHARCUTERIE PROGRAM - The Fairmont Chateau Whistler is launching a brand new charcuterie program. Sous Chef Jason Mitchell be debuting his suckling pig prosciutto at the Fairmont Culinary Apprenticeship Dinner held in Vancouver on Tuesday, November 12...*see attached for detailed information.*

AN EVENING OF FINE FOOD & WINE WITH CANADIAN WINE PIONEER HARRY MCWATTERS: Former founder of Sumac Ridge and See Ya Later Ranch, Harry McWatters is one the greatest pioneers of the wine industry in Canada....*see attached for detailed information.*

The Westin Resort & Spa's Grill & Vine

The big news at the Westin is the refurbishment of their Restaurant which is taking place from September 26 - November 9 and is scheduled to be completed by Cornucopia. Grill & Vine has been developed by Starwood Hotels & Resorts in collaboration with the resort. Based on a modernized reinterpretation of the classic grill, the casual yet upscale restaurant will be a welcoming place where guests can enjoy a menu of traditional favourites with a local twist, alongside a wide selection of wines by the glass.



Ziptrek Ecotours

Georgia Straight Award - Ziptrek is happy to have been recognized once again in the Georgia Straight's Best of Vancouver Readers Choice Awards as being tied for first in the Best Adventure Tour Company category.

The Eagle Tour has soared to new heights! - Ziptrek's newest and longest zipline has arrived! The 5 zipline Eagle Tour offers spectacular views as you zip right over the Fitzsimmons Valley from Whistler to Blackcomb with a heart-stopping descent along the way. The newest 2400' zipline launches from Olympic Station on Whistler at an elevation of 1,000 metres and guests can reach speeds of up to 90+kms/hr. An incredible new way to experience Whistler and Blackcomb mountains!

[Click here](#) for more information.

Britannia Museum

Congratulations on being the recipients again this year of an Award of Excellence from Trip Advisor!

http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g678581-d1094435-Reviews-Britannia_Mine_Museum-Britannia_Beach_British_Columbia.html

Exclusive offer! Anyone who works in Travel Trade and would like to visit the Museum, please contact Deanna Bell for tickets at Deanna@bcmm.ca

Check out their newly launched website and Blog. Lot's of interesting topics here and be sure to sign up to receive updates about the events they have planned. <http://www.britanniaminemuseum.ca/Blog>



Star Limousine

With winter fast approaching, make sure your passengers get to Whistler safely and comfortably. At Star Limousine Service we upgrade our fleet on a regular basis with our newest addition being an Executive 26 passenger Turtletop Minibus with adjustable leather seats, large windows, and elegant laminate flooring. We've also added two brand new Mercedes Sprinter Vans with lots of headroom room, large windows and loads of cargo space for all your luggage and ski equipment. All of our vehicles are equipped with proper snow tires and chains to travel the mountain roads in adverse conditions. Our extensive fleet consists of Luxury Sedans, SUV's, Vans, Stretch Limousines, Super Stretch Limousines, Limousine Buses and of course Executive Minibuses.



At Star Limousine Service, we pride ourselves in ensuring the highest level travelling with us. We encourage you to visit our website to view our fleet www.starlimousine.com



Luxury Transport

Luxury Transport Inc. is gearing up for another record breaking winter season! It's time once again to suit up our fleet with top of the line winter tires in preparation for Whistler winter transfers and tours.

In addition to their Whistler transportation services, they have a Whistler Day Tour that includes breathtaking Sea to Sky scenery and stops on route to Whistler for mountain adventure, lunch, shopping and a relaxing ride home. All customized to suit the group's individual needs...so if you're greatest interest is riding the hill that day they can also customize the day to simply include transfer to the ticket window and direct home after a fantastic day of riding! SUV's, Sprinter Vans and Mini-buses for any group size.

They are also very excited to welcome some new additions to the Luxury Transport fleet for this upcoming season – a new 11-pax Sprinter Van, new 7-pax SUV, and our very first Sedan for those groups of 1 to 3. www.luxbus.com



Upcoming Events

Turkey Sale and Whistler Mountain Ski & Board Swap – October 11 - 14

The sale kicks off at noon on Friday at the Blackcomb Daylodge and continues throughout the weekend. Be sure to check out the Whistler Mountain Ski and Snowboard Swap offering quality pre-owned equipment, plus a wide selection of clothing and accessories from local Whistler retailers all under the "big tent" at the base of Blackcomb Mountain. Together, the Turkey Sale and Whistler Mountain Ski and Snowboard Swap are an unbelievable one-stop shopping opportunity for getting fully outfitted for the winter.

Whistler Farmers' Market – October 6, 12 & 13

Whistler Farmers Market feature local produce from the Pemberton Valley and beyond. Wander through the open air markets and enjoy tasty artisan foods, local artists, musicians and face painting. Enjoy outdoor fun with activities for families and children. Sunday Markets are held from 11 AM to 4 PM, Wednesday Markets from 3 PM to 7 PM. More information at <http://www.whistlerfarmersmarket.org/pages/schedule>

The Nita Lake Luna Festival – October 18 – 20

The Nita Lake Luna Festival is a three-day full moon celebration at the beautiful and serene Nita Lake Lodge boutique hotel in Whistler, BC. They are proud to be collaborating with the White Dog Gallery, Jivamukti Whistler Yoga Studio, Dance Yoga Bliss, Innovative Fitness and sponsor, The Oracle.

They promote traditional and emerging yoga styles, creative art classes, expressive dance sessions, local artisans and musicians, and will provide you with access to emerging consciousness therapies and innovations in yoga and wellness including a keynote address by noted naturopath Dr. Tasreen Alibhai.

This magical event first of it's kind in Whistler and they look forward to joining with you in this celebration.

<http://nitalakelunafestival.com/about.html>

Whistler Readers and Writers Festival – October 18 – 20

This fall take a trip to the mountains to attend the Whistler Readers and Writers Festival, an annual event celebrating the written word. Meet renowned Canadian authors, listen to lively speakers panels and attend workshops and reading events to improve your literary skills. Stay a while and let the majestic mountain landscape inspire you to new creative heights. http://www.whistler.com/whistler_readers_writers_festival/

Cornucopia – November 7 – 17

"Cornucopia" - an abundant, overflowing supply is the fall festival that celebrates the best of food and wine from Whistler, British Columbia and beyond. The festival offers something for everybody with winemaker dinners, themed food and drink events, interactive seminars, and electric after parties. Ever-popular Cornucopia is expanding to 11 days in 2013, putting Whistler on the map as the ultimate destination for those who love food, wine and good times. More information at <http://whistlercornucopia.com/>

Bizarre Bazaar — November 30 – December 1

Whistler's original artisan market has built a reputation of presenting unique, quality, hand-made art and crafts for Whistler residents and visitors looking for one-of-a-kind treasures. Featuring over 100 artisans from the Sea to Sky Corridor, Lower Mainland and beyond, the annual holiday craft fair will feature a wide array of ceramics, clothing, fine art, wood, glass, metal, jewelry, leather, candles and aromatherapy products as well as Christmas decorations. Bizarre Bazaar is a vibrant community event that includes live music, a silent auction, dance and food. Located in the Whistler Conference Center on Saturday November 30 from 11 AM – 7 PM & Sunday December 1 from 11 AM – 5 PM.

Whistler Film Festival – December 4 – 8

From December 4th to 8th, 2013, the Whistler Film Festival will celebrate its 13th edition as one of Canada's leading festivals, attracting over 10,000 attendees including 550+ industry insiders. Featuring innovative and original films from around the world and opportunities to connect with the people who made them, this year's five day Festival will be filled with more premieres, star-studded guests, lively celebrations and unique industry initiatives. www.whistlerfilmfestival.com

Whistler Presents: New Year's Eve Celebration – December 31

Say goodbye to the old and welcome the new at this alcohol-free evening of family entertainment and celebration in Whistler Village.

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