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CVSC SkiZette

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue



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FEBRUARY

- 8 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's
- 15 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant
- 12-17 BAC Mini Ski Week to Sun Peaks, BC, Canada
- 25-3/2 FWSA Mini Ski Week to Taos
- 25-3/4 FWSA Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland

MARCH

- 15 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant

APRIL

- 12 CVSC Board meeting at Pat's
- 19 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant

UPCOMING

- 5/21-6/1 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 5
- 12/2-13 CVSC Christmas Markets Along the Rhine (f) pg 6
- 2024:
10/9-19 Portugal & the Douro River Cruise (f) pg 7

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

- 2024:
1/27-2/3 FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat, CO



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

George Kish	3
Howard Brunnings	4
Bonnie Thompson	23
Steven James	27



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SkiZette Policy

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 5th of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter .

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, Editor

email: dennieluu1@gmail.com



*Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -
PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership
email: mozoro25@gmail.com*

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/ jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!!

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day everyone and happy Snow days ... the weather has definitely been cooperating we hope the rest of the season is the same and that we have many snow days ahead!!!



Claudia Fernandes
President

I hope this finds everyone well and that the new year has started out wonderfully for you.

We had a great turnout at our last general meeting at Don Jose's, we have some new members and I hope you are able to attend our February meeting and meet them. We shared ski stories, and our plans for upcoming ski trips. At our next meeting we will hear about the trip to Jackson Hole, and other great places...

There is some room in a few of our upcoming

travels and some waiting lists but Tucker and Kathy will provide us with the updates and details..

The FWSA convention is coming up in June 15-18 in Boise, Idaho. Let me know if you would like to be a delegate.

Hope you all are enjoying your winter, just stay safe, and have a great time..

There will be some spring events coming soon and Pat will let us know when they are confirmed.

Take care, enjoy your February.

Claudia



BALI 2023: *May 21-June 1, 2023.* Trip is full with 34 members. We leave on May 21st for our adventure to Bali. We are excited to have some new members joining us. Welcome, Howard & Carrie Brunnings, Dave & Shelley Bickel, Lori Austin & Sherri Ford.

Christmas Market Cruise: *Dec 2 – Dec 13, 2023*

Trip is full with 33 signed up. Last I checked there was one open cabin. Unfortunately, George Kish & Agnes Johnson will not be able to travel anymore. We will miss them. If any of you are interested email me ASAP.

FWSA Ski Week Steamboat: *January 27 – February 3, 2024*

For those who really like to plan ahead, please SAVE-THE-DATES for the **2024 BAC FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat Springs from January 27- February 3, 2024!** The BAC will have sign-up information available in late February with a choice of three condo properties. Tucker & I will be going on this trip. Please let me know if your interested. We already have 7 members on the list.

Portugal River Cruise: *October 9-19, 2024*

We will be going with Mayflower Cruises and Tours with 2 days in Lisbon beforehand. Our boat will be the Emerald Radiance; the boat holds 112 people. Portugal is **VERY** popular right now. Includes Air out of LAX or SFO. Prices will vary depending on your choice of cabin, between \$5490 to \$6199. Deposit will be \$400 per person and it's **NON-REFUNDABLE**. We already have 28 signed up with deposits in and cabins assigned. Check out the flyer for additional info in this newsletter. Don't wait, the free air offer ends soon.

Happy Travels..... Tucker & Kathy

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Driving Tips for Driving in the Rain

Rainy driving tips - Slow down! People are so used to driving certain speeds on certain roads that sometimes they forget the need to slow down when inclement weather presents itself.

Before you go -. When you begin a journey in rain, your shoes will be wet and liable to slip off the pedals. Scuff the soles on the rubber matting or carpeting of the car before you start the engine.

How are your tires? - Check your tires on a regular basis. Bald tires significantly reduce your traction on wet roadways, and offer little resistance to hydroplaning.

Turn on your wipers - Replace your wipers regularly, at least once a year. Wiper blades in bad condition don't clear water from the windshield very well and distort your view. Don't follow large trucks or busses closely. Splash and spray from these vehicles can obscure your vision, creating a potentially disastrous driving situation. Keep your distance, and your windshield wipers on, when other traffic is in front of you.

Turn on your lights - Whenever visibility is poor or it rains, headlights are a good way to let other drivers know where you are.. Remember, you are not the only one affected by poor visibility. California requires headlights to be turned on when it is raining or when visibility is reduced to less than 500 feet.

Heavy rain - Heavy rain can overload the wiper blades, allowing an almost continuous sheet of water to flow over the screen. When visibility is so limited that the edges of the road or other vehicles cannot be seen at a safe distance, it is time to pull over and wait for the rain to ease up.

Foggy windows - Rain or high humidity can quickly cause windows to mist up inside the car. In a car equipped with air conditioning, turn up the heat and direct the airflow to your defrosters with the AC switch engaged.

Handling a skid - Losing control of your car on wet pavement is a frightening experience. You can prevent skids by driving slowly and carefully, especially on curves. Brake before entering the curves. Steer and brake with a light touch. If you find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.

Driving through Water- Stop the car and check the water level before proceeding. Generally, if the water is deeper than the bottom of your doors or the bottom third of your wheels, it is inadvisable to attempt driving through it.

Check your brakes - If you successfully pass through a deep water hazard, test your brakes. They may be saturated, and only driving very slowly and braking lightly at the same time will generate enough heat to dry them out. Be sure they are pulling evenly on all wheels before building up speed again.

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)

2023 Castro Valley Ski Club presents

Breathtaking Bali

May 21-June 1, 2023



\$2999

Your tour of Bali includes:

- Round-trip international airfare from LAX or SFO
- Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations at first-class hotels and beach resort
- 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 2 dinners (looking to add more)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours with admission fees as per itinerary
- Professional, English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- Refillable water bottle provided at the start of the tour
- Tips & More

Travel Insurance:

- Basic plan \$179 per person
- Upgraded plan to Cancel for Any Reason, \$329 per person, due with or prior to final payment. Insurance premium is non-refundable

Single occupancy supplement is \$499

Send \$300 per person non-refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director
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Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

A Pre-Holiday River Cruise from Switzerland to Amsterdam

\$4545 - \$4445 (depending on cabin choice)

December 2-13, 2023

...with optional extensions to Brussels & Bruges, Belgium & Basel, Switzerland



IT'S INCLUDED:

- **International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements**
- **Accommodations** for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access now in all common areas and cabins
- **ALL meals:** 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 10 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks at all times
- **7 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 7 Christmas markets**, and **4 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Home-Hosted *Kaffeeklatsch* • German Christmas Traditions conversation • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Operation Market Garden* conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **All port charges**

2024 Castro Valley Ski Club

Portugal & the Douro River Cruise

October 9-19th, 2024



\$5490 to \$6199 (depending on cabin choice)

Experience the unique sites and culture of Portugal with a taste of Spain on this combination land and river cruise Main trip. We start our journey by flying into Lisbon and we stay there for two nights in a four-star hotel. We then travel to Fatima and sightsee in Coimbra and then board the *MS Emerald Radiance* for our seven-night river cruise along the Douro River. We also venture to Rodrigo, Vega Terron, and Salamanca Spain. We end the trip in the home of Port wine, Porto, and fly back to the US.

Your tour includes:

- RT air from LAX or SFO
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- 7 night Duoro River Cruise on the Emerald Radiance
- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Salamanca, Pocinho, Lamego and Porto
- All onboard meals feature local and international specialties
- All onboard lunches and dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary WiFi onboard

Send \$400 per person non-refundable deposit to:

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Note: due to the popularity of this trip please send us an email to let us know if you're sending a deposit. We already have quite a few already signed up.

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WHEN BOOKED BY
MARCH 31, 2023



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

Tour Dates: October 9th – 19th, 2024



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise



Experience the cosmopolitan charm of Lisbon, Portugal



Feel the rhythm of the city in the Plaza Mayor, Salamanca, Spain

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

DAY 2 Lisbon, Portugal: Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore Lisbon. This evening, join your Mayflower staff and fellow travelers for an included dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Lisbon: After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. During a panoramic coach tour, see 'Monument to the Discoveries,' and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Jerónimos Monastery and discover the unique architecture and history. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, dine and experience this cosmopolitan city on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 4 Fátima – Coimbra – Porto: Depart Lisbon by coach and journey to the ship in Porto. Enroute, visit Fátima, home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. The city's fame originates from the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in the nearby fields. Continue to Coimbra and its famous university before arriving in Porto to embark the *MS Emerald Radiance*, home for the next seven nights. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Porto – Pinhão: Today is a day of sailing through the twists and turns of the Douro Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area is sparsely populated by quaint villages, sun-drenched vineyards and small farms. Later today, arrive in the village of Pinhão, perfectly situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hillsides that produce some of the world's best Port wine. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: A Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard

DAY 6 Pinhão – Vega de Terrón: Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful 18th-century estate of Quinta do Tedo Vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro Valley. Learn about wine production, its importance to the culture and economy, and enjoy a tasting of the local vintage. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terrón, gateway to Spain. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE*: A guided walk through the vineyards

EmeraldACTIVE*: Kayak experience in Pinhão

*The included tour and both ACTIVE tours all operate simultaneously. Only one can be selected.

DAY 7 Salamanca, Spain: Today's excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. Visit the market and taste the local products including cheese, olives and bread. You'll have free time for lunch and to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. **Meals: B, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Entertainment by a Tuna music band in Salamanca

DiscoverMORE: Tour of Castelo Rodrigo (instead of city tour to Spain – additional expense)

DAY 8 Pocinho / Régua, Portugal: Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning tour to the Côa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum's concrete structure houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction of a nearby dam project. Return to the ship for lunch and relax on deck as the ship sails through idyllic surroundings on the way to Régua. This evening, enjoy an off-ship dinner at a traditional vineyard estate. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Archaeological 4x4 Tour at Côa Museum (additional expense)

The included tour and DiscoverMORE operate at the same time.

EmeraldPLUS: Port wine cocktail lesson onboard

EmeraldPLUS: Dinner at a vineyard estate



The quaint and historic town of Porto, Portugal

DAY 9 Régua – Lamego: From Régua, journey to the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies - one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. Visit the Sanctuary perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white 'azulejos' tiles. During a guided walk through the village, learn about the importance of wine production to the local area. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Walk down the stairs of the Sanctuary

DiscoverMORE: Visit to Mateus Manor House (additional expense)

This tour operates at the same time as the included visit of Lamego.

EmeraldPLUS: Mosaic tile painting lesson onboard

DAY 10 Porto: Having traversed the Douro River, the ship returns to Porto – a city with an eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. An included tour highlights the sights from its scenic beauty to the historic landmarks of the Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided walking tour of Porto

(Instead of included tour)

DiscoverMORE*: Guided bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean

(additional expense)

DiscoverMORE*: Visit to Quinta do Aveleda with Vinho Verde tasting

(additional expense)

EmeraldPLUS: Evening cruise through Porto's enchanting waters

* the DiscoverMORE's operate at the same time; only one can be selected.

DAY 11 Porto / USA: This morning, disembark the *MS Emerald Radiance* and bid a fond farewell to Portugal, filled with memories of this remarkable cruise along the 'River of Gold.' **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Exceptional Inclusions

- 22 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Visit two countries**
- Two-night **hotel stay and touring** in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- **Seven-night cruise** on the *Emerald Radiance*
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- All **gratuities** included
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- Many meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- Complimentary **WiFi** onboard
- Variety of **onboard evening entertainment**

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

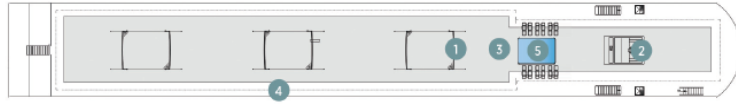
Days 2 and 3 – Avani Hotel or similar, Lisbon, Portugal

Days 4 through 10 – Aboard the *MS Emerald Radiance*

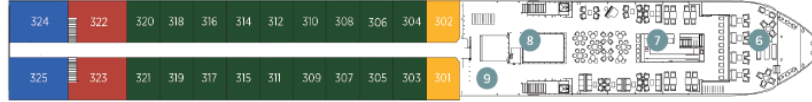
MS Emerald Radiance

Built: 2017 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 10 Suites: 46 Length: 292 ft. Crew: 37

SUN DECK



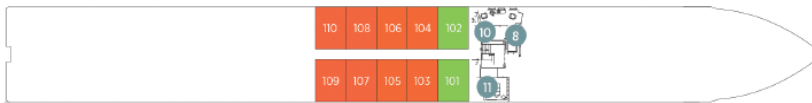
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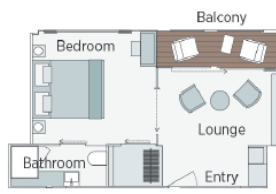
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Walking Track
- 5 Serenity Pool
- 6 The Terrace
- 7 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 8 Elevator
- 9 Reception
- 10 Wellness Area
- 11 Fitness Area
- 12 Reflections Restaurant



Emerald Riverview Suite

300ft²

CAT RA



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

285ft²

CAT SA



Panorama Balcony Suite

160ft² – 180ft²

CAT B CAT C CAT R CAT A CAT P



Emerald Stateroom

153ft² – 170ft²

CAT D CAT E

2024 Departure Date
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	Oct 9	
			PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,945	+\$3,465
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,169	+\$3,619
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,489	+\$3,845
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,595	+\$3,919
R	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,919	+\$4,145
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,099	+\$4,409
P	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,459	+\$4,525
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$6,949	N/A
RA	Riverview Suite	Horizon	\$7,059	N/A

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

- For cruise pricing up to \$5000 - \$499 per person (optional)
- For cruise pricing \$5001 and up - \$569 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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EASY ENERGETIC



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

FREE AIRFARE from San Francisco (SFO) or Los Angeles (LAX) (\$1800) when reservations are made by March 31st, 2023!

Beginning April 1st, please call for the updated air promo details!
Pricing includes international transfers in Portugal when airfare is done through Mayflower and travel dates remain the same. Travel Protection Plan is recommended. Please see Kathleen or Tucker Hoffman for pricing and information.

Please send in your non-refundable \$400 deposit along with your reservation form and passport photo to: Tucker Hoffman, Castro Valley Ski Club, 2657 Rivers Bend Circle, Livermore CA 94550

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

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Open league racing: olrc.org
Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html
Best weather website for snow: Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com

Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com
Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com
Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623
Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & tahoeskkitrips.com
Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/

SKIZETTE FOR FEBRUARY, 2023



General Meeting at Don Jose's
Mexican Restaurant

SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES
First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:



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