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CVSC SkiZette

March, 2019



EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue



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MARCH*

- 9-16 FWSA Int'l Ski Week in Japan
- 20 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
- 24-29 FWSA Mini Ski Week at Winter Park, CO

APRIL

- 10 CVSC board meeting at Maggie's
- 17 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

MAY

- 5-15 CVSC Rhine Cruise & Amsterdam (f) pg 4
- 8 CVSC board meeting at TBD
- 15 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

*There will be no board meeting in March

UPCOMING

- 9/5-19 CVSC Presents wonders of Israel & Jordan, Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Masada & Tel Aviv (f) pg 9
- 2020:
7/17-29 CVSC Russia River Cruise (f) pg 5

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

- 6/13-16 FWSA 87th Annual Convention in Indian Wells, CA
- 9/28-10/12 FWSA 10th Annual Scuba Dive Trip—Philippines (f) pg3

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ron White	1
Kenn Wulff	9
Richard Ableser	11
Annemiek Storm	18
Paula Kinahon	20
Paul McCaul	24
Agnes Johnson	27



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SkiZette Policy

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 1st of the month

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

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, Editor

email: dennieluuul@gmail.com



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

GREENHOUSE MARKETPLACE

Do you have a garden that you would like to share what you've grown?

Do you bake a lot & would like to share what you've created?

Do you like to make jams, jellies, or any canned goods that you'd like to share?

If any of the above apply to you, let me know & your info will appear in this article!!

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Do you have any type of ski/snowboard apparel or equipment that you no longer need/use, and would like to get rid of?

Do you have a ski cabin/lodge that you would like to rent out?

If any of the above apply to you, let me know & your info will appear in this article!!

President's Message

Happy snow days everyone. We are inundated with new snow how great, also the snowpack currently 185 percent, however, it is coming with some challenges I have heard some of your wonderful stories.

We had a good meeting last month and a great trip to Beaver Creek. Thank you again to Tucker and Kathy. We also had a wonderful Valentine's Day potluck and decorations.

The stories shared at the last meeting were eventful so stay safe everyone. It can be treacherous.

Congrats also to Tucker and Kathy for winning medals at steamboat during ski week. yeah!!!!

Hope to see you at our March meeting with more stories to tell....

Enjoy the fun, snow and friends this season. Looks like resorts may be open till May....

Take care, be safe!!

Claudia



Claudia Fernandes
President

FWSA 10th Annual Scuba Dive Trip – The Philippines

September 28 – October 12, 2019



5 nights – Azure Dive Resort in Dumaguete

9 nights – Marco Vincent Resort in Puerto Galera

Azure Dive Resort – September 28-October 3, 2019

Diver Land Package = \$1139.00 Superior Hotel Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$684.00 Superior Hotel Room – Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Hotel Room Add = \$381.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(air transportation not included in above pricing)

Marco Vincent Dive Resort – October 3 - 12, 2019

Diver Land Package = \$2621.00 Superior Hotel Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$2192.00 Superior Hotel Room – Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Hotel Room Add = \$386.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(air transportation not included in above pricing)

****Passport must be Valid thru April 12, 2020****

Price Includes:

**** Transfer to and from airport to resort**

**** Complimentary Wi-Fi**

**** Resort Amenities**

**** PADI Certified Dive Resorts**

**** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily**

**** Resort fees, government taxes & gratuities (dive tips not included)**

- Azure Dive Resort – 4 days of 4 dives per day – Oslob Whale Shark Diving
- Marco Vincent Dive Resort – 8 days of diving – 24 boat dives



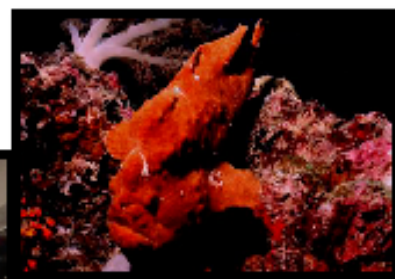
*Experience Local Culture
& Entertainment*



*Create New Memories
with Friends,
Old and New!*



*Kayak, snorkel, spa
services and more...*



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



Contact:

Randy Lew

FWSA Dive Trip Leader

829 SE 11th Place

Battle Ground, WA 98604

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E-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.org

*You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn.
affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!*

CST # 2036983-40

Castro Valley Ski Club

Radiant Rhine Cruise & Amsterdam

May 5th-15th, 2019 - Amsterdam to Mainz

Price \$3875

Includes 2 pre nights in Amsterdam, you would depart USA on May 5, arrive May 6 at 2PM, we board our cruise boat on May 8 after 4PM. Fly back to USA on May 15.

Included:

- 2 nights in Amsterdam before the Cruise at the Movenpick
- Round Trip air from SFO on Lufthansa
- 7-night cruise aboard the 5-star MS Crucevita (cat. C included in price)
- 22 meals: 9 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Free wine, beer, or soda daily with lunch and dinner
- Captain's Welcome cocktail and Farewell dinner
- Total of 8 included sightseeing excursions (with audivox's)
- All on board activities and live music each evening
- Services like early riser breakfast, 24/7 coffee, afternoon cake and snacks
- Professional English-speaking Cruise manager and local guides throughout

Category C (included) main deck aft - panorama window -4 cabins available

Category B (+\$199 per person) main deck mid - panorama window - 6 cabins available

Category A (+\$449 per person) promenade deck, French balcony - 10 cabins available

Cruise Itinerary:

- 7-night cruise from Amsterdam to Mainz
- Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- Rotterdam (Netherlands)
- Cologne (Germany)
- Koblenz/Ruedesheim (Germany)
- Mannheim (Germany)
- Speyer/Worms (Germany)
- Strasbourg (France)
- Mainz (Germany)



What's not included:

Gratuities

Optional Tours

Travel Insurance (\$179/pp)

M/S Crucevita Cruise Ship

The M/S Crucevita was designed in an old world grand yacht style. Superb public areas, accented in oak and leather, include a panorama restaurant, cozy bar and lounge, a fire-place, a gym, sauna, library, and sun deck. The cabins area spacious 14 sq m (150 sq ft) and are fitted with beds that are stowed away during the day to create extra space to relax. All cabins include air-conditioning/heating that can be regulated individually, a multi-channel satellite TV with remote control, a mini safety deposit box, a telephone and a hair dryer. Cabins on Main deck have panorama windows while cabins on the upper Promenade deck will have new French balconies.

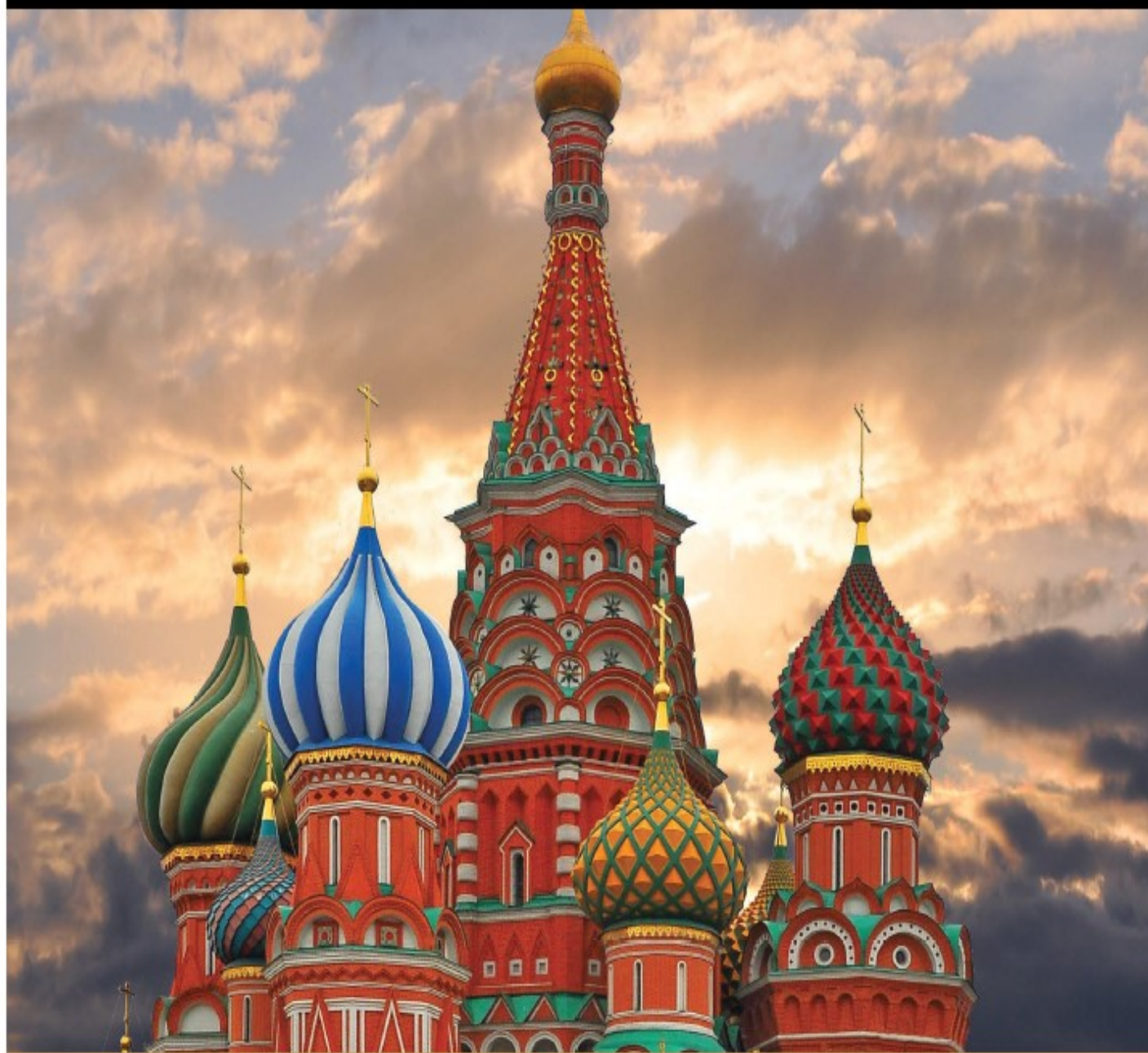
Deposit \$300 – non-refundable

Tucker Hoffmann – CVSC Travel Director – tkhoffmann@comcast.net

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Castro Valley Ski Club presents...



The Imperial Charms of Russia River Cruise

Moscow • Uglich • Yaroslavl • Goritsy • Kizhi • Mandrogi • St. Petersburg

Tour Dates: July 17 -29, 2020



History thrives in the buildings on the Kremlin Grounds in Moscow, Russia



Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, Uglich

The Imperial Charms of Russia River Cruise

13 Days • 32 Meals Enjoy a journey through parts of Russia's "Golden Ring" – a circle of ancient towns and cities. Discover why they are some of Russia's most picturesque places and famous for preserving the memory of the most significant events in Russian History. This will be an experience of a lifetime as you travel along the Svir and Volga Rivers.



CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Twelve – Aboard the *MS Russia*

EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ **32 Meals** (11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners)
- ❖ **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- ❖ **Fully escorted** by an English-speaking Tour / Cruise Director
- ❖ **Eleven-night cruise** aboard the *MS Russia*
- ❖ **First-class service** from an English-speaking crew
- ❖ **All gratuities** onboard and onshore
- ❖ **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- ❖ **Personal listening device** for excursions
- ❖ **Visits to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- ❖ **All meals included** onboard with Russian influences
- ❖ **Bottled water** restocked daily in your cabin
- ❖ **Selection of complimentary drinks** to accompany meals
- ❖ **Complimentary tea and coffee** onboard
- ❖ **Variety of onboard entertainment**
- ❖ **All port charges** included

DAY 1 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Moscow, Russia.

DAY 2 – Moscow

Welcome to Moscow, Russia's capital city on the banks of the Moskva River. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the *MS Russia* where a warm welcome from your crew awaits. Tonight enjoy your first dinner onboard with your fellow travelers, as the ship overnights in Moscow. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 – Moscow

The city's architecture is a reflection of its 860 year old history with many reminders of its imperial and Soviet past. Enjoy a tour showcasing Moscow's main highlights, including Red Square with the brightly colored domes of St. Basil Cathedral, the Lenin Mausoleum, the State Historical Museum and GUM De-



Shop for handcrafted "matryoshka" dolls in Mandrogi



Treasures abound in the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg

partment Store. Pass the Bolshoi Theatre, University buildings and other sites. In the afternoon, visit the Cosmonaut Museum to learn about Russia's history in the 'space race'. The ship remains docked in Moscow overnight. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Visit to the Cosmonaut Museum

DAY 4 – Moscow

Today may be the highlight of the trip with a visit to the Kremlin Grounds. During a stroll around the grounds, see the majestic Cathedral Square which still retains its original form, followed by a tour of the State Armory, which houses priceless weaponry, jewels and royal artifacts. Early evening the ship departs and the Captain hosts a welcome aboard reception. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Visit to the State Armory

DAY 5 – Uglich

Enjoy a leisurely morning sailing along the river and join in the onboard activities. This afternoon, the ship arrives Uglich, one of the most beloved towns in Old Russia and part of the Golden Ring around Moscow. Throughout its 1000 year history, the town has been used by various Monarchs including Ivan the Terrible as a base for attacks on the Tatars and Poles. On the walking tour, visit the renowned green-domed Cathedral of Transfiguration and the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, which was built on the site where Dmitry, the youngest son of Ivan the Terrible, was murdered. The ship departs for Yaroslavl this evening. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 – Yaroslavl

Founded in the 11th century by Yaroslav the Wise, this ancient city retains many monuments of its noteworthy and colorful past. The day begins with a walking tour taking you through the historic center, a UNESCO

World Heritage Site, located at the confluence of the Volga and Kotorosl Rivers. Visit the Church of St. Ilya the Prophet, an incredible structure filled with frescoes and classic Russian architecture, then wander the grounds of the Saviour - Transfiguration Monastery, one of the oldest along the Volga. The ship sails for Goritsy this afternoon. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 – Goritsy

The arrival to Goritsy brings you to a typical Russian village set in the most scenic countryside. Depart by coach to the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery. Founded in 1397 by Cyril, one of the most honored saints in the Russian Orthodox Church, the monastery houses the Assumption Cathedral and many ancient icons which were loved by Ivan the Terrible. The ship departs for Kizhi Island early this afternoon. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 – Kizhi

Cruise Lake Onega, Europe's second largest lake, before arriving at the small island of Kizhi. Depart on a walking tour through the Open Air Museum of Architecture (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), housing a collection of restored 18th-century Russian wooden buildings. The highlight of the museum is the three-tiered, 22-domed Transfiguration Cathedral. Built in 1714, this amazing structure is constructed entirely without nails! Set sail for Mandrogi this evening. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 – Mandrogi

Visit the picturesque village of Mandrogi located on the River Svir. The charming landscape is dotted with colorful "izbas" – wooden houses with finely carved roofs and window frames. During your free time, visit the Vodka Museum or shop for local handicrafts such as pottery and the famous "matryoshka" dolls. An afternoon departure and leisurely cruise

along the river ends the day. This evening, the Captain hosts a farewell reception.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10 – St. Petersburg

Sailing on the Neva River, arrive in St. Petersburg this morning, and after breakfast, depart on a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site city. Travel along the Nevsky Prospect, the main boulevard of St. Petersburg, and pass the Gostiny Dvor (city's largest department store), the National Library, monument to Catherine the Great, the sights of the Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood, the Kazan and Saint Isaac's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure and the ship remains docked in St. Petersburg for the duration of the cruise. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 11 – St. Petersburg

Your day will start with a visit to the Hermitage Museum. Rival to the Louvre in Paris, the Hermitage Museum is one of the largest and oldest museums in the world. Formerly the Winter Palace and home of the Tsars, the museum's collection is comprised of nearly three million exhibits including the largest collection of paintings in the world and early collections dating back to Catherine II. The afternoon is at leisure in this beautiful city. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 12 – St. Petersburg

The final day is yours to continue exploring the main sights and attractions of the city or just relax onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 13 – St. Petersburg / USA

After breakfast, it is time to say farewell to your fellow travelers and crew and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport and your flight home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

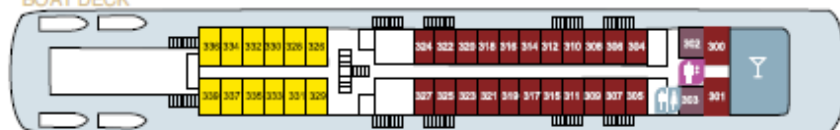
Eleven nights accommodations aboard the

MS Russia

Built: Renovated in 2008 Staterooms: 112 Suites: 2 Length: 410 ft. Crew: 110



BOAT DECK



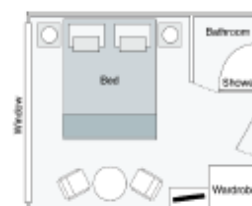
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



Comfort Suite 133.5ft²



Deluxe Suite 157ft²

Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- Restaurant
- Lounge with bar
- Conference Hall
- Reading Room
- Wellness Center
- Elevator
- Souvenir Kiosks
- Voltage: 220V

2020 DEPARTURE DATE: July 17

CATEGORY	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN
Comfort Suite	Main	\$5,464
Deluxe Suite	Upper	\$5,638
Deluxe Suite	Boat	\$5,818

Includes roundtrip airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles and all gratuities

For reservations send in your non-refundable \$400 deposit along with a passport photo to:

**Tucker Hoffmann
Castro Valley Ski Club
2657 Rivers Bend Circle
Livermore, CA 94550**

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

1 2 3 4 5
EASY ENERGETIC



A Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises is recommended. Please see Kathleen or Tucker Hoffman for more information

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)
 • 91 days or more Deposit Amount
 • 90 days to day of departure 100% of the total tour
 • No refund on unused portions of the tour



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WONDERS OF ISRAEL & JORDAN

JERUSALEM, GALILEE, NAZARETH, DEAD SEA, MASADA & TEL AVIV



\$4875.00 per person
SEPT. 5-19TH, 2019

INCLUDED IN THE CVSC PACKAGE :

- Round-trip airfare from SFO Lufthansa Air or LAX on Air France
- Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Intra ground transportation and transfers
- Accommodations at First Class hotels
- 10 full buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners (more meals being added)
- **Most Tips**
- **and more.....**

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel Insurance \$179 per person



2018/2019 Avid Skiers in Control

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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

Best weather website for snow: Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com

Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & bayareaskibus.com

Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/

SKIZETTE FOR MARCH, 2019



The next meeting will be at

Don Jose's Restaurant
3430 Village Dr.
Castro Valley, CA

(meeting starts @ 7:00 pm)

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



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