Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter



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CVSC SkiZette

March, 2023



EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue



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MARCH

CVSC Board meeting at Anne's
 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

MAY

17 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant 5/21-6/1 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 5

UPCOMING

7/22 CVSC Mexican fiesta at Pat & Dan's (price & details coming) SAVE THE DATE!!!!! 12/2-13 CVSC Christmas Markets Along the Rhine (f) pg 6

2024

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BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

6-15-18 FWSA 90th Annual Convention in Boise, ID

2024:

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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	Ron White	1
	Doug Eakin	3
	Judy Rognlien	5
	Richard Ableser	11
	Paula Kinahon	20
	Agnes Johnson	27



Visit our Website at www.cvskiclub.org

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SkiZette Policy

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: dennieluuu1@gmail.com



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

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

[ALL ITEMS ARE FREE]

Olin DSNT with Solomon 850 bindings. (about 6' long) Atomic beta ride bindings. (about 6' long) Men's Raichle boots, Centrix 3.8 (Size 10-10 ½ black) Women's Salomon SX71 one clip (Size 8-8 ½ white) One women's adult black ski helmet.

If interested please contact Maggie Jong — mozoro25@gmail.com

Thanks!

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 Snow Days everyone, hope you are staying safe and enjoying the cold if you can... our weather sure is unpredictable but looks to be an amazing



Claudia Fernandes President

winter this year.

Lots of rain, wind and snow!!!

Several of you have been on some great ski trips, Vail, Sun Peaks, Beaver Creek and many more. We hope to hear more about them at our upcoming meeting this month at Don Jose's... Wednesday, March 15...

We had a nice turnout at our last meeting and some good stories were shared...this month we will hear more about our upcoming trips ..from Tucker and Kathy and we will hear more about our upcoming events from Pat..so we hope to see you there!!!

Also please let me know if you are interested in being a delegate at the FWSA convention June 15-18, in Boise, Idaho. I've heard from some of you already and look forward to hearing from those of you who are interested. It is always a fun time of friends, auction and meeting the ski industry.

Be safe in the snow and the rain...but enjoy your adventures!! Have a Happy St. Patrick's

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don't forget the green.

Take care and stay warm,

Claudia



BALI 2023: May 21-June 1, 2023. Final info will be going out in early May. 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 Brunnnings, Dave & Shelley Bickel, Lori Austin & Sherri Ford.

Christmas Market Cruise: Dec 2 – Dec 13, 2023

Trip is full with 33 signed up. Email us if you want to get on the waiting list.

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! See BAC flyer.

Portugal River Cruise: October 9-19, 2024

Only 3 cabins left on the Vista deck, \$5490. This trip is all pretty much inclusive. 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

Tucker - CVSC Travel Director & Kathy 2657 Rivers Bend Circle, Livermore CA 94550

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"The Voice of the Western Skier"



90th Annual

Far West Ski Association Convention

June 15 - 18, 2023 at the Boise Centre 850 S. Front Street, Boise ID

www.boisecentre.com

Adventure Awaits in Boise!



FWSA Convention 2023

Hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council & Bogus Basin Ski Club

The Grove Hotel

245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702.

www.grovehotelboise.com

Reservations: Call 888-961-5000 or 208-489-2222 Option 1,

or https://reservations.travelclick. com/76224?groupID=3596938

Group Name: Far West Ski Association.

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy \$162

Hotel Features

- The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
- Trillium Restaurant & The Bar
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more

Transportation

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- The Grove Hotel offers free airport shuttle service.
 Call 208-333-8000 when you arrive. Ask for the Front Desk for ground transportation.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- & Snowsport Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Thursday
 - Rafting on Payette River
- ^o Bike Ride through Boise
- ^o Pub Crawl
- Friday
 - ° 16th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
- ° A Day on the Mountain, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

www.fwsa.org

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 peritinerary
- 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 2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550 925-371-1910 or 510-329-4242 <u>tkhoffmann@comcast.net</u>

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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:

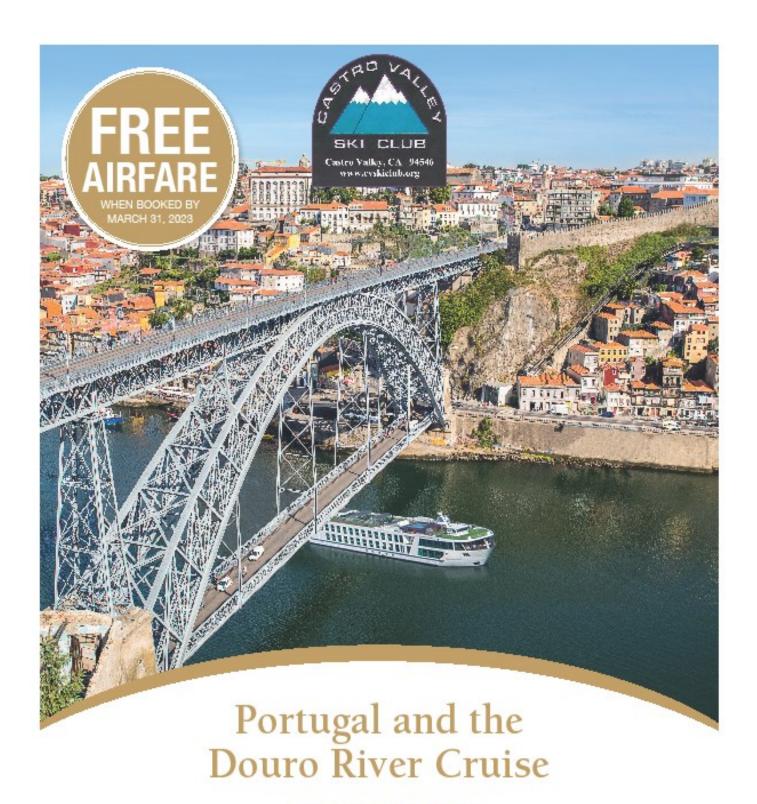
- RT air from LAX or SFO
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- 7 night Duoro River Cruise on the Emerald Radiance
- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, 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:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director 2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550 510-329-4242 tkhoffmann@icloud.com

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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Tour Dates: October 9th - 19th, 2024



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise





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.

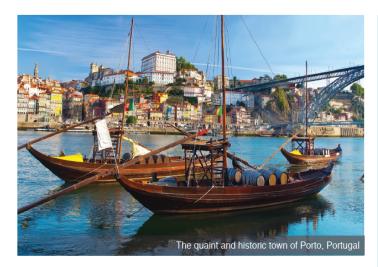
DAY 7 Salamanca, Spain: Today's excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the 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 offship 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



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 quides
- 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

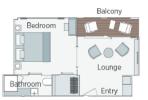
Built: 2017 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 10 Suites: 46 Length: 292 ft. Crew: 37



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- Navigation Bridge
- Sky Barbeque
- Walking Track
- Serenity Pool
- The Terrace
- Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 6 Elevator
- Reception
- Wellness Area
- Fitness Area
- Reflections Restaurant









Emerald Riverview Suite

Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

Panorama Balcony Suite 160ft2 - 180ft2

Emerald Stateroom 153ft2 - 170ft2

300ft² CAT RA

285ft² CAT SA

CATC CATR CATA

CAT D CAT E

	Departure Date	Oct 9		
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise			PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
CAT STATEROOM/SUITE DECK			TWIN	ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,945	+\$3,465
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,169	+\$3,619
С	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,489	+\$3,845
В	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

FREE AIRFARE from San Franciso (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.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises
- For cruise pricing up to \$5000 - \$499 per person (optional)

- For cruise pricing up to 35000 - 3449 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 pet tours and optional excursion costs: on cancellation charges will be assessed for all

- 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

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.













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Singles league racing:

Siracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm

Open league racing: olrc.org

Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html

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 & tahoeskitrips.com

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

SKIZETTE FOR MARCH, 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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