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CVSC SkiZette

June, 2025



EVENTS CALENDAR

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JUNE

- 11 CVSC Board meeting at Carrie's
- 12-15 FWSA 92nd Convention at Riviera Resort & Spa, Palm Springs, CA
- 18 CVSC General meeting at Lake Chabot (details forthcoming)

JULY

- 7 CVSC Board meeting at Kathy & Tucker's
- 16 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

AUGUST

- 1-10 FWSA Summer Ski Trip to Valle Nevado, Chile (f) pg 14
- 13 CVSC Board meeting at Maggie & Ray's
- 20 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

UPCOMING

- 10/3-15 CVSC Paris, Normandy & Seine River Cruise (f) pg 8
- 2026:
9/15-26 CVSC Lyon & Provence River Cruise with pre trip to Nice (f) pg 11

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

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**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**



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Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

President's Message

Happy summer everyone!! Weather's warmer, nice evenings. Hope all of you are enjoying your warm days.

We had a wonderful trip to Costa Rica. Beautiful country, hot and muggy evenings, otherwise beautiful and warm, and sun and rain! The Ecco lodge in the national park was an exceptional experience - animals, birds and reptiles

throughout the trip. Lots of beans and rice 😊
Thank you again to Tucker and Kathy for setting up a wonderful trip. Fun times with friends and new adventures!



Claudia Fernandes
President

We have a meeting coming up this month at Lake Chabot, we will BBQ. As long as the nice weather holds out, we will try different venues this summer. We hope to see you there!!

The FWSA convention is coming up in June 12-15. We have 11 members attending and Tucker will be the auctioneer again this year always a fun time and interesting speakers. We will report on this at our next meeting.

Enjoy your June weather and try new adventures. We will keep you posted on upcoming events.

Best always,

Claudia



Music @ CV Library....

June 12 (Thursday) — Emily Day & the Cosmo Alleycats
American music, swing, soul, jazz, Motown, R&B, funk, blues

July 10 (Thursday) — Jimbo Scott
Folk, Americana, blue grass

August 14 (Thursday) — The Bobby Young Project
Blues

(submitted by Wayne Ainsworth)

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: dennieluuu1@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!!!!

(Dennie—your editor — dennieluuu1@gmail.com)

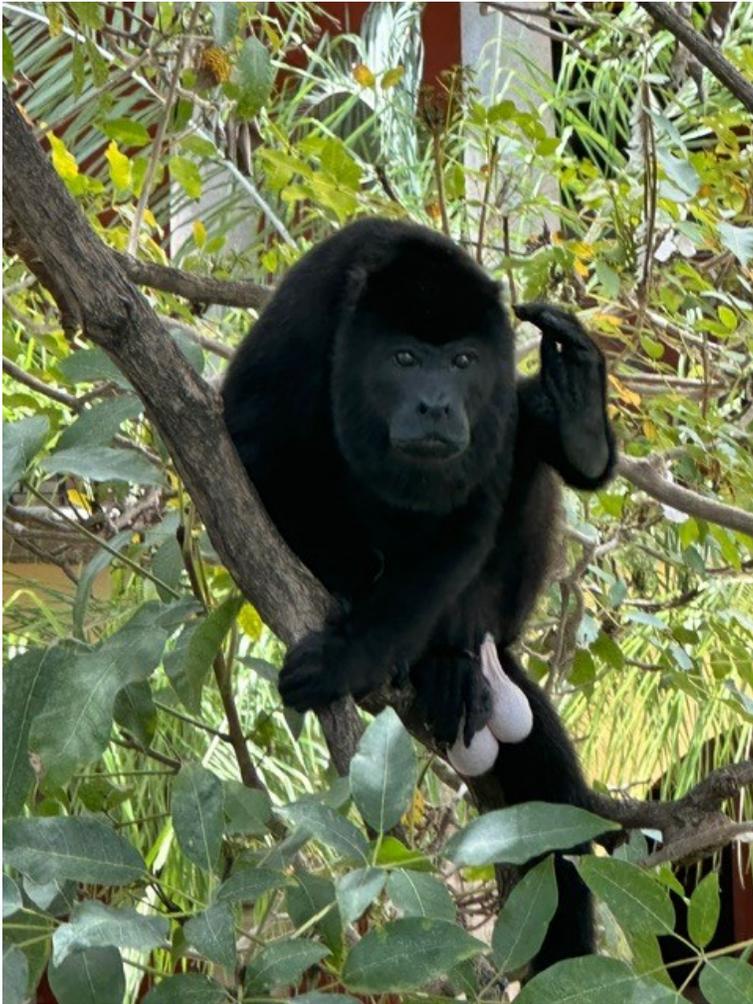
GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE

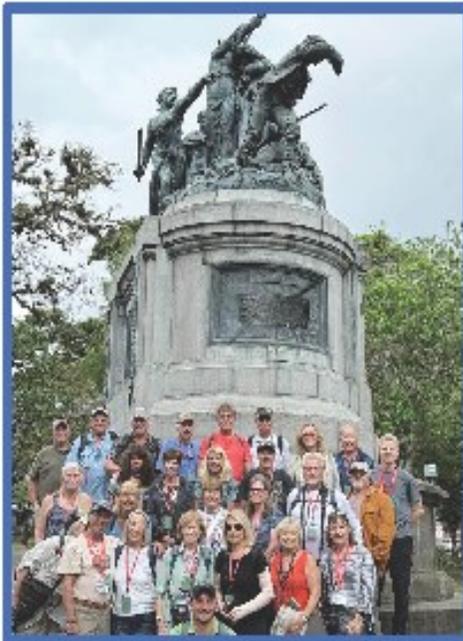
Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/ jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

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

Trip to Costa Rica.....







The Costa Rica trip turned out great, from the lodging, to the excursions and the many included meals. Everyone was kept very busy, boat rides, zip lines, hikes, brewery's, coffee plantations, volcanos, hot springs and ending with a trip on a catamaran in Tamarindo. Lots of birds, also monkeys, sloths and the elusive Quetzal.



2025... .. Oct. 3-15th Seine River Normandy Cruise

I have just been informed that we can still add you if you care to join us on this River Cruise. We have 39 members on this trip. Many are doing the pre-trip to Brittany & Mont St. Michel and the post trip to Paris. See included flyer.

2026... Sept. 15-26th Lyon & Provence River Cruise with Nice

We start off with 3 days in Nice before we board a 7-day River Boat to Lyon, France. Remember this trip is all inclusive & includes all tips & air. See flyer for more info



Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs have lots of ski trips on the horizon. Please look into these as well. They are posted on the front page with flyers. We just don't have as many skiers as we used to as the years go by.

Happy Skiing & Travels.....



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CVSC CST # 20810

TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

There are several species of deer ticks across the United States that become infected with the spiral bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which can cause Lyme disease. Anyone walking through woodlands and brushy areas may be bitten by a tick and never know it. The tiny ticks, some the size of poppy seeds, may stay on your body for hours to days. The tick engorges itself with blood. If infected, the spiral bacteria are transmitted to the bloodstream of the person or animal during the bite. Not all ticks are infected with the spiral bacterium, *B. burgdorferi*. If the tick is saved, tests can be run to detect Lyme disease.

Symptoms of Lyme disease:

Lyme disease is called the “great imitator” because it can look like other diseases. Many people with Lyme disease have been misdiagnosed with more familiar conditions such as Fibromyalgia or chronic fatigue. Partial lists of symptoms are as follows:

- Flu-like illness
- Rash (less than 60%)
- Bell’s palsy (facial paralysis)
- Extreme fatigue
- Sick feeling (malaise)

Stiff, aching neck, head ache, joint pain

- If bitten by a tick:
- Remove the tick immediately by grasping the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Use tweezers or facial tissue to remove the tick, and never bare fingers
- Use a straight, steady pull. Do not twist or squash the tick.
- Save the tick for identification.
- Contact your local vector control office for identification.

If it is a western black-legged tick please consider sending the tick to a laboratory that is authorized to test the tick for Lyme disease. Igenex Laboratory in the South Bay is an authorized laboratory.

For additional information:
California Lyme Disease Association (www.lymedisease.org)
Lyme Info- (www.lymeinfo.net)

(article submitted by Sandy Beecher)

Castro Valley Ski Club

Presents

Paris, Normandy, and the Seine River Cruise



October 3-15th, 2025

\$3895 to \$4695 depending on cabin choice – plus air \$1400

Delight in the dazzling sights of Paris, explore the charming villages along the Seine, and encounter the sacredness of Normandy

Here is all the info on The Seine: Normandy to Paris River Cruise with Grand Circle Cruise Line in 2025. Below are the details for this cruise along with instructions to make reservations.

The upper deck has a small balcony with a sliding glass door. The lower deck has a large picture window and is slightly larger than the balcony cabins.

Learn more about this cruise online at: www.gct.com/SEN25 you can see deck plans here as well

Here's how you can sign up

- 1) Call Grand Circle Travel: 1-800-221-2610
- 2) **Mention Group Code: G5-25848**
- 3) Mention you'd like to make a reservation for the The Seine: Normandy to Paris in 2025 with the Castro Valley Ski Club
- 4) Deposit is \$500 per person, but more if including travel protection with the deposit.

I have negotiated a special incentive if you sign up by Jan 30, 2024 you will get an additional \$100 off PRICING, also you can get a Good Buy Discount (GBD): Pay in full from a checking account 15 months prior to departure to save up to 10% on your tour and airfare balance. Learn more about our Good Buy Discount online at: www.gct.com/GBD. This adds up!



Pricing:

- Alto D Cabin: \$3895 per person
- Alto C Cabin: \$4295 per person
- Soprano B Cabin with balcony: \$4495 per person
- Soprano A Cabin with balcony: \$4695 per person

Optional Pre-Trip extension to Brittany & Mont St. Michel: \$995 per person

Optional Post-Trip extension to Paris: \$895 per person

Single cabins are limited. If available, the single supplement is \$795

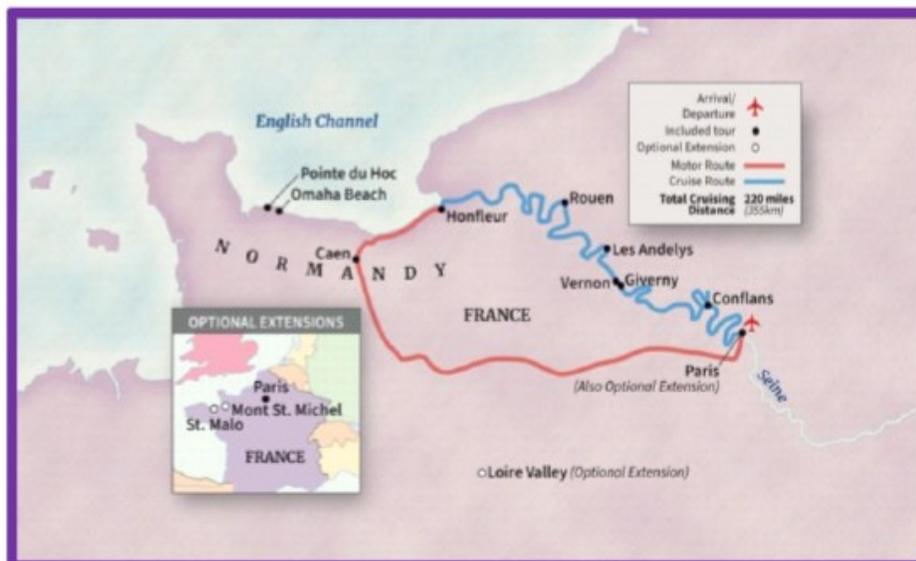
Grand Circle Reservations is open 7 days/week.

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6am-5pm PT

Saturday-Sunday 6am-3pm PT

Tucker & Kathy

Castro Valley Ski Club Travel



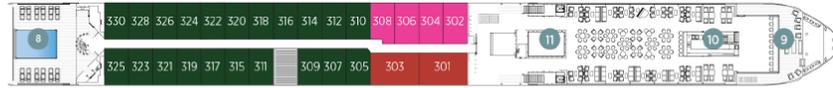
MS Emerald Liberté

Built: 2017 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 14 **Suites:** 54 **Length:** 361 ft. **Crew:** 43

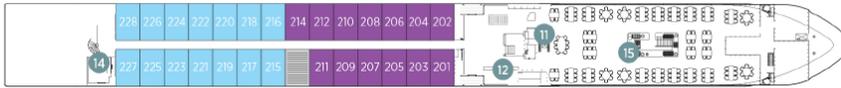
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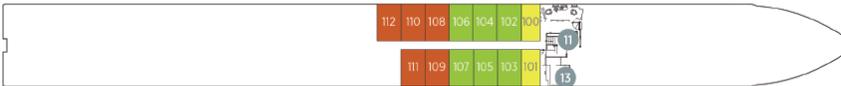
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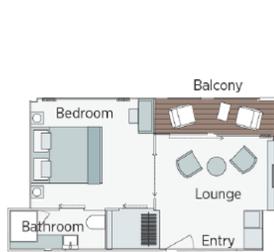


RIVIERA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar and Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

315ft²

CAT SA



Grand Balcony Suite

207ft²

CAT S



Panorama Balcony Suite

170ft²

CAT A CAT B CAT C



Emerald Stateroom

170ft²

CAT D CAT E

Sensations of Lyon and Provence

CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	SEPT 15, 2026	
			PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,465	+ \$4,099
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,709	+ \$4,285
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,249	+ \$4,689
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,609	+ \$4,959
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,669	+ \$5,005
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$8,115	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$8,719	N/A

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

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

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.

Save \$300 per person when booked by 3/31/2025

Save an ADDITIONAL \$150 PER PERSON with your 2024 Douro River Cruise Loyalty Reward (Must book by 3/31/2025)

Please make deposit by March 20th, 2025



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ECONOMY
AIRFARE**

WHEN BOOKED AND
PAID IN FULL BY
9/14/2025



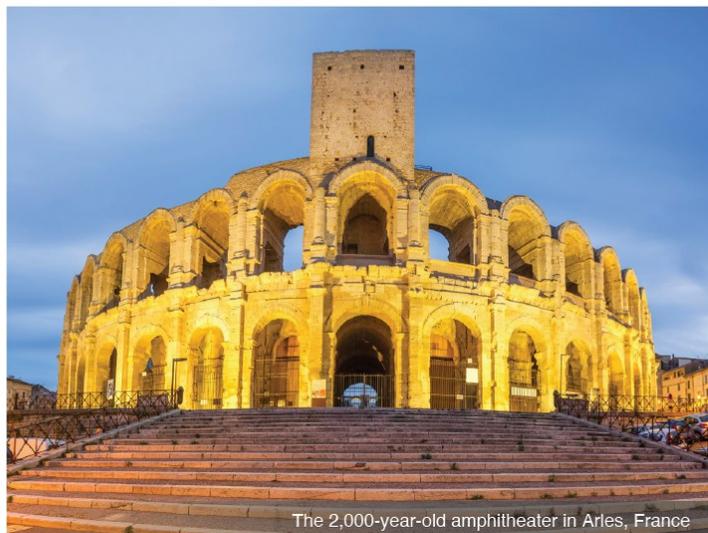
Sensations of Lyon and Provence River Cruise

Including a three-night hotel stay in Nice on the French Riviera

Departure Date: September 15, 2026



Sensations of Lyon and Provence River Cruise



DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Nice, France.

DAY 2 Nice, France: Welcome to Nice! Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to the hotel. A three-night stay awaits in this fascinating city on the French Riviera and the sun-kissed capital of the Côte d'Azur.

DAY 3 Monte Carlo / Nice: Depart by coach for the principality of Monaco to visit Monte Carlo on the French Riviera. Home to the Grand Prix, location of numerous movies and playground of the rich and famous – you're sure to recognize its beautiful setting and famed casino. After an insightful tour and free time to explore, return to Nice for the remainder of the day at leisure.
Meal: B

DAY 4 Nice: The final day in Nice is left free of planned activities. A hospitality representative is at your service to help you plan your day in this vibrant city. **Meal: B**
DiscoverMORE: Saint Paul de Vence (additional expense)

DAY 5 Nice – Arles: After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to the French Riviera and journey by motorcoach to Arles where the captain and crew welcome you aboard the *Emerald Liberté* – home for the next seven nights. Settle into your new surroundings and enjoy dinner onboard as the vessel remains docked in Arles overnight. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Arles: The UNESCO World Heritage Site and Provençal town of Arles combines all of the region's charms. While strolling through the streets, medieval in character, with the local guide, you'll discover why the colorful houses were an inspiration to Vincent Van Gogh and other famous artists. Visit the 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheater which is still in use

today. This evening, a Provençal experience awaits as dinner is hosted by Top Chef finalist, Fabien Morreale. **Meals: B, L, D**
DiscoverMORE: Visit to L'Occitane Factory (additional expense)
DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (additional expense)
EmeraldPLUS: Provençal dining experience onboard

DAY 7 Avignon: Avignon is one of the few French cities to have preserved its ramparts, historic center and churches. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is well known for the imposing Palace of the Popes. During your guided walk, see the famous ancient stone bridge, 'Pont d'Avignon', crossing the Rhône. Marvel at the ornate beauty of the Palace of the Popes and stroll through the historic center. **Meals: B, L, D**
EmeraldACTIVE: Canoeing excursion
DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Pont du Gard (additional expense)
DiscoverMORE: Visit to Chateaufort du Pape with wine tasting (additional expense)
EmeraldPLUS: Classical concert in Avignon

DAY 8 Viviers: Arrive in Viviers, a town which still has Middle-Age flair. Join an included walking tour exploring the architectural heritage of this quaint town. **Meals: B, L, D**
DiscoverMORE: Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (additional expense)

DAY 9 Tournon: As the vessel sails along the gently winding Rhône River, the landscape of Tournon comes into view. Nestled in the valley near the steep slopes of le Massif Central, France's 3rd largest mountain range, it's picture-perfect. During the included tour, a local guide leads you on a walk through Tournon, which is dominated by the 16th-century castle overlooking the village, ancient watchtowers and Roman ruins. The area has a long tradition in wine making, including the renowned wine growing center of Tain l'Hermitage across the river. **Meals: B, L, D**
EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike through vineyards (instead of included walking tour)



Stunning views of Lyon, France

DAY 10 Lyon: France's third largest city, Lyon is steeped in history and a former Roman capital. The city is positioned at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers. Take part in the guided tour of Lyon, which includes a drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Basilique Notre-Dame de Fourvière, Lyon's hilltop church, with stunning views over the town. A walking tour of the city center showcases its architectural wonders.

Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour (instead of included city tour)

DiscoverMORE: Tour to Pérouges (additional expense)

DAY 11 Chalon-Sur-Saône /Beaune / Lyon: Chalon-Sur-Saône is best known as the birthplace of photography and the center of Burgundy's wine region. Travel by coach to the quaint village of Beaune to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the finest examples of French 15th-century architecture. Marvel at the multi-colored roofs of this former hospital, now a museum, which has become one of the symbols of Burgundy. The ship sails back to Lyon this evening. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Cheese and olive tasting onboard

DAY 12 Lyon / USA: After breakfast, it's time to bid 'au revoir' to France and depart to the Lyon airport for your flight home. Flights to depart Lyon after 12:00pm. **Meal: B**

Itinerary and vessel subject to change.

HOTEL AND CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 4 – Best Western Plus Hotel Massena or similar, Nice, France

Days 5 through 11 – Aboard the *Emerald Liberté*



Exceptional Inclusions

- **23 Meals:** 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Three-night hotel stay in Nice, France**
- **Touring in Monaco and Monte Carlo**
- **Seven-night cruise** through southern France
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- All meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore

FWSA 2025 Summer Ski Trip to Valle Nevado, Chile

August 1 – 10, 2025 (7 nights in Valle Nevado & 2 nights in Santiago)

The group departs the US on July 31st and arrives in Santiago on August 1st.

August 1st - Half-day Santiago City Tour before departing for Valle Nevado.
All Prices are based on US dollars



Land Package Includes:

7 Nights at The Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado

2 Nights at the 5-star Hotel InterContinental in Santiago

Prices start at \$3399 per person, based on double occupancy [air transportation sold separately.]

Single Supplements are available.

Valle Nevado resort is located just 90 minutes east of Santiago, Chile on 1,999 acres of terrain, with 34 trails. It is known for its spectacular views of the Andes Mountains, dry snow, and wide-open terrain. It traditionally has a deeper and better snow quality than any of the resorts in Chile due to its high altitude (elevation 10,000'), southern orientation, and extensive snowmaking system. We will be staying at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol which is just 20 meters away from the slopes.

Lodging Package at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado includes:



Hotel Puerto Del Sol

- Meet and greet at Santiago Airport with English Speaking Assistant.
- Half-day Santiago City Tour with English-speaking guide.
- Transfer between Santiago to Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado via a private Coach with English-speaking assistant.
- 7 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol.
- Welcome/Orientation Party on August 1st with reps from Valle Nevado Tourism Board.
- Daily Lift Tickets – (For those with an IKON pass, a discount will be applied based on your type of IKON Pass and any eligible PASS programs).
- One interconnecting ticket to La Parva or El Colorado resort (Subject to availability).
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner.
- Après Ski events – details to be provided.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
 - WiFi
 - Ski storage
 - Spa
 - Outdoor heated swimming pool
 - Access to Fitness Center

Lodging Package at the 5-star Hotel InterContinental in Santiago includes:

- Daily breakfast at the hotel.
- Full-day tour to the Central Coast, Valparaiso, and Vina del Mar, then we will travel to Casablanca Valley where we will be welcomed at Casas Del Bosque Vineyard for a tour and tasting followed by lunch.



Valparaiso

Send Deposit and Registration Documents to:

Gloria Raminha
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
12707 Windy Ridge Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93312

For more information contact: Gloria Raminha at garski2011@gmail.com or cell: 661/800-8229.
More FWSA Travel information is available at www.fwsa.org under the travel tab.

State of California Seller of Travel # 2036983-40



FWSA 2025 DIVE TRIP Ramon's Village Resort

September 27 - October 4, 2025



BASIC Dive Package: \$1,969 pp (double occupancy)

Non-Dive Package: \$1,444 pp (double occupancy)

Deluxe Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

Ramon's Village Resort Land Package Includes:

Three Meals Daily

Complimentary Wi-Fi

7 Nights' Accommodations (Double Occupancy)

PADI 5-star IDC dive operation

6 Days of Diving - 13 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

1 night dive is included

Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities (housekeeping & dive gratuities are not included)

Round trip ground transfer from Ambergis Airport



Incredible diving in the
Mesoamerican Barrier Reef...
the second largest reef system
in the world!

Enjoy a fantastic resort on the beach
- perfect for the diver and non-diver
to enjoy!

Contact: Randy Lew
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You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE—MAJESTIC PRINCESS

Sept. 9-19, 2025 QUEBEC CITY TO BOSTON—FALL FOLIAGE

Per Person Rates:

\$797/person	INSIDE ROOM (2) <i>They pick your room</i>
\$816/person	INSIDE ROOM (2) <i>You pick your room</i>
\$1,897/person	BALCONY ROOM (2) <i>They pick your room</i>
\$1,956/person	BALCONY ROOM (2) <i>You pick your room Forward/Aft</i>
\$2,132/person	BALCONY ROOM (2) <i>You pick your room Mid Ship</i>
\$2,497/person	MINI SUITE (2) <i>They pick your room</i>
\$2,742/person	MINI SUITE (2) <i>You pick your room</i>

\$250.00 EXTRA PORT FEES & TAXES PER PERSON

CRUISE INCLUDES:

- 10 Nights, All Meals & Floor Shows
- Group Cocktail Party
- 6 Restaurants on the ship plus the Main Dining Room

*****\$600.00 more/person (\$60/day) includes the following:**

***All Drinks**

***WIFI**

***Tips Paid**

ADD QUEBEC CITY HILTON HOTEL (Walking distance to Old Quebec City)

Mon. Sept. 8th prior to boarding ship on Sept. 9th = \$143/person double room

Trip information: Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel,

fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

(530) 414-8261

FWSA CST #2036983-40



Bay Area Snow Sports Council presents ...

Cruise aboard our privately owned 162-passenger M/S River Adagio

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Germany: Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | Austria: Linz, Melk, Vienna

8 days from **\$2,995**
River Cruise Tour only

9 days from **\$4,445**
with international airfare
from San Francisco



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 7 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- **20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks
- **5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 5 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Main-Danube Canal conversation • German language lesson • Regensburg choral concert • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Christmas Traditions* conversation • Wachau Valley conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **All port charges**
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure NOVEMBER 30, 2026

Return DECEMBER 8, 2026

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2 • Vienna, Austria

Embark ship

Day 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley

Included Tour Melk Abbey

Day 4 • Linz

Optional Tour Salzburg

Day 5 • Passau, Germany

Included Tour Passau

Day 6-7 • Regensburg

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Day 8 • Nuremberg

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Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach

- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Vienna, Austria.

DAY 2 • Vienna, Austria • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. Mingle with your fellow travelers during dinner onboard this evening. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Vienna, Austria*, you will join your main group today.

D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley discussion

After setting sail this morning, enjoy hot chocolate and relax onboard as your ship

cruises along the Wachau Valley. Your Program Director will provide enlightening commentary about this UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion. Later, disembark in Melk for an excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 4 • Linz • Optional Salzburg tour

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. It offers a wealth of discoveries—from its Hauptplatz, one of the loveliest squares in Europe, to the 17th-century Abbey of St. Florian, where Linz's native son, Anton Bruckner, was the

organist and composed many of his famed masterpieces of church music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Savor hearty Austrian fare over lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 5 • Passau, Germany • German language lesson • German Christmas Traditions discussion

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** German language lesson, where you can learn some German phrases—such as, *Schöne Feiertage* (Happy Holidays)—commonly used during the Christmas season. In mid-morning, disembark to



Vienna, Austria

explore Passau on an included walking tour, which includes visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz. After time to admire the remarkable artistry displayed at the festive Christmas handcrafts market, gather onboard for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 6 • Regensburg • Choral concert

Today, you'll arrive and dock around mid-morning in Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Then, enjoy a walking tour of this hidden treasure. Since the city suffered no damage during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved. Your tour features the Old Town Hall, the famous Stone Bridge, Germany's oldest, and the Regensburg *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market) in

Neupfarrplatz. After dinner onboard, join us for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event as we walk to a local church to hear a choral concert featuring festive holiday music.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 7 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion • Stollen baking demonstration • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard today. Your cruise toward Nuremberg begins shortly after lunch. During the afternoon, you'll enjoy two **Exclusive Discovery Series**: a discussion outlining how the Main-Danube Canal's innovative system of locks has made Europe's rivers navigable, and a *Stollen* baking demonstration, where you'll learn how to prepare this traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts, and topped with powdered sugar.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 8 • Nuremberg

Your ship docks at Nuremberg quite early this morning. After breakfast, you disembark for a tour of Nuremberg, one of the most important cities of the Franconia region. Later, visit Nuremberg's famous *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), where you have free time to browse on your own. This is Germany's most famous traditional Christmas market, and it is open throughout the holiday season.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or join the *Munich, Germany* post-trip extension.

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Regensburg, Germany

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Departure NOV 30, 2026
Return DEC 8, 2026

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