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CVSC SkiZette

July, 2026



EVENTS CALENDAR

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18	NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY CVSC Hawaiian Luau Party at Pat & Dan's
AUGUST	
12	CVSC Board meeting at Kathy & Tucker's (bbq)
19	CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
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JULY BIRTHDAYS



Visit our Website at www.cvskiclub.org

Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

President's Message

Well happy Fourth of July

everyone! 🤗🇺🇸 We are still in Italy enjoying the sights of Sicily. Hot and something new everyday. So many adventures so far. Amazing place, food, and people!



Claudia Fernandes
President

We have the Hawaiian luau this month at Pat and Dan's. We hope to see you all there, good food, drink, and friends as always. Please let Pat know if you are attending ASAP.

There is no meeting this month but August we will start up again.

The convention for FWSA Skicon in San Diego was a success. They tried new ways of communicating and games such as a scavenger hunt in Balboa Park, real golf, the auction was

online throughout the conference till Saturday. They had 50 items and raised 32,000 dollars. They had 50 industries participate this year. A record number.

Our editor Dennie Warren won second place in master class for our publication of the Skizette. Congratulations Dennie!! Well deserved.

Hope your summer is off to a wonderful start. Enjoy all the venues going on throughout the Bay Area and others. There are concerts in the park, wine Wednesdays in Livermore, music at the Castro Valley Library, taco Tuesday's everywhere, twilight tunes at Concannon vineyards. The Alameda County Fair and their concerts. Whatever you are doing enjoy, be safe and stay cool!! We are certainly trying to stay

cool in Italy! 🥵

Best to everyone,

Claudia



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!!!

Summer can trigger skin issues like sunburn, heat rash, acne, fungal infections, and pigmentation, but most can be prevented with proper care, hydration, and sun protection. The American College of Dermatology provided the following information.

Key Summer Skin Problems

1. Sunburn and Tanning

Excessive UV exposure can cause redness, pain, peeling, and long-term skin damage, including premature aging and increased cancer risk. Prevention includes using broad-spectrum sunscreen (SPF 30+), wearing hats, sunglasses, and protective clothing, and seeking shade during peak sun hours (10 a.m.–6 p.m.),

2. Heat Rash (Prickly Heat)

Blocked sweat glands lead to small red bumps, itching, and a prickly sensation, often in skin folds, neck, or back. Wear loose, breathable cotton clothing, stay cool, and shower after sweating to prevent it .

3. Acne and Oily Skin

Heat and humidity increase sweat and oil production, clogging pores and causing breakouts. Use non-comedogenic skincare, blot sweat gently, wash face twice daily, and avoid touching your face .

4. Fungal Infections

Warm, moist areas like feet, groin, and underarms are prone to fungal growth, causing itching and irritation. Keep skin dry, wear breathable fabrics, and treat infections promptly with antifungal creams if needed .

5. Dry or Dehydrated Skin

Air conditioning, sun, and chlorine can strip moisture. Apply fragrance-free moisturizers immediately after bathing, use mild cleansers, and stay hydrated to maintain skin balance .

6. Hyperpigmentation and Melasma

Sun exposure can darken skin patches and cause uneven tone. Daily sunscreen, protective clothing, and topical antioxidants like vitamin C can help prevent and reduce pigmentation .

7. Insect Bites and Stings

Mosquitoes, ticks, and bees can cause itchy welts or allergic reactions. Use EPA-approved repellents, cover exposed skin, and treat bites with soap, water, and anti-itch creams .

8. Water-Related Rashes

Swimmer's itch or seabather's eruption occurs from parasites or jellyfish larvae trapped under swimwear. Avoid infested waters, rinse thoroughly after swimming, and dry skin briskly .

9. Sun Allergy

Some people develop hives or blisters due to sun sensitivity or certain medications. Avoid triggers, use sun-protective clothing, and apply broad-spectrum sunscreen

Prevention and Care Tips

- **Hydration:** Drink plenty of water and consume water-rich foods like cucumber, watermelon, and coconut water
- **Sun Protection:** Apply sunscreen every 2–3 hours, wear hats, sunglasses, and UPF clothing .
- Hygiene:** Shower after sweating, change damp clothes, and keep skin clean to prevent infections
- Clothing:** Choose loose, breathable fabrics to reduce heat and friction .
- Skincare Routine:** Use gentle cleansers, moisturizers, and non-comedogenic products; avoid over-exfoliating .
- Diet and Lifestyle:** Maintain a balanced diet rich in antioxidants, manage stress, and ensure adequate sleep to support skin health.

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)

**2026 FWSA SKICON ——— WINNER ———
COMMUNICATION AWARD!!!!!!**





CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our CVSC membership drive is now underway!

The CVSC year runs October 1 to September 30.

Join now and your membership is good for 15 months.

New members can join now for next year and get 3 months free!

NEW members pay \$50 for the first person and \$20 for each additional person in the same household for the first year only.

CURRENT members who renew their membership any time before October 31 get a discounted rate of \$35 for the first person and \$15 for each additional person in the same household.

Do you know someone interested in joining the CVSC?

Please pass the word!

To download the CVSC membership application and the waiver form
go to www.cvskiclub.org. Click on 'Membership', then click on 'Join Now!'

or use the following forms.

Have any questions? Please contact Maggie Jong at mozoro25@gmail.com



cvskiclub.org

Membership Application
October 1, 2026 thru September 30, 2027

Member's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Family Members signing up in Same Household: Relationship: Birth Date:

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Member's Phone No: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Family Member's Phone No: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please provide e-mail address to receive the club's newsletter CVSC SkiZette

OR

Enter: "US Postal Service" to get the CVSC SkiZette by US mail

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Membership Dues: Yearly - October 1st thru September 30th

☐ \$50.00 Primary Member / \$20.00 Each Additional Family Member *in Same Household.*

Discount: *Membership Renewal discount if paid by October 31st with No Lapse in Membership.*

☐ \$35.00 Primary Member / \$15.00 Each Additional Family Member *in Same Household.*

Check # _____ / Date: _____ / Amt Paid: _____

Interested in Volunteering as our Club is only as Strong as its Volunteers?

☐ Chair/Host Social Activity ☐ Committee Volunteer ☐ Phone Committee ☐ Other

New Member; how did you hear about our club? _____

New members joining after July 1st, membership is valid thru Sept. of the following year.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE WAIVER AGREEMENT OR YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

Please send the membership application, the signed waver, and the dues to:

Maggie Jong, V.P. Membership

2597 Wellingham Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 / email: mozoro25@gmail.com

Make your check payable to the **Castro Valley Ski Club**.

RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB Events and Activities, I
HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN MY PARTICIPATION IN CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club members, its officers, participants, promoters, sanctioning organization or any subdivision thereof, owners and lessees of the premises used to conduct said events, and each of them, all for the purposes herein referred to as “release” from all liability to the undersigned, his/her personal representative, assignees, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage on account in injury (including death) or property.

I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, SAVE AND HOLD THE RELEASEES, AND EACH OF THEM, HARMLESS from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities and fees (including attorney’s fees), damage to personal property, personal injury or death that any of them may incur as a result of, or relating to my participation at any event, and whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise, and whether such claims, losses, damages, liabilities and fees (including attorney’s fees) including any personal injury or death are brought against me or any of the releasees.

EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER EXPRESSLY AGREES that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law in the State/ Province in which the event is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT and further agrees no oral representations or inducements apart from the foregoing have been made.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE (ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN)

Parents or guardian must sign for those under 18 year of age.

(Signature) (Date)

(Signature) (Date)

(Signature) (Date)

(Signature) (Date)

CVSC Castro Valley Library Summer concerts.....



**THURSDAY
AUG 13**
6:30PM - 7:30PM

**Castro Valley Library
FREE Summer Concert Series 2026**

The Sun Kings - The Beatles Unplugged

Songs of Lennon and McCartney features Drew Harrison and Scott Southard, the voices of Lennon & McCartney in one of America's favorite and critically acclaimed Beatles tribute groups. A pair of top-notch singer-songwriters in their own right, Drew & Scott share in acoustic performance their passion for the music of The Beatles, and the John & Paul singing and writing partnership.

**Bring a lawn or camp chair.
No registration is required.**

CASTRO VALLEY LIBRARY
2000 Rockridge Ave
94596-1099

This is an outdoor concert. No seating is provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own. Automobile parking will be limited.

The library is an equal opportunity and affirmative action institution. We are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all patrons. Please contact us at 925-947-7900 for more information.

DESDC OC LIBRARY



**THURSDAY
SEP 10**
6:30 - 7:30PM

**Castro Valley Library
FREE Summer Concert Series 2026**

SCARLETT FYRE

Scarlett Fyre has been playing throughout the Bay Area for years, performing classic Grateful Dead songs with refined vocal harmonies, interwoven jams, and the timeless energy and spirit of the Dead. The band brings the ballads, crowdie songs, extended jams, and rock classics to life with a deep respect for tradition while adding their own unique interpretation.

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CVSC trip to Italy.....



Cooking class/ dinner in Marsala Italy pasta group Kathy, Kim, Suzanne, Shelley and our chef and tour guide Francesco



Dessert making Dick, Ken and Tom



The Michelin star chef Paulo that is teaching cvcs



Picnic lunch and white wine on Mothya Island at archeology museum Dave, Suzanne and Lynell

CVSC trip to Italy..... continued!!!!



Picnic lunch Mothya Island, Italy
Tucker, Pam, Lynell



Our group in Monreale, Italy



Our welcome dinner in Lecce, Italy



Our Group at Castelbuono, Italy

CVSC trip to Italy DONE!!!!!!



One Group at a home visit lunch. Lecce, Italy—Kim, Laurie, Dennis, Sherri



Dinner at a rooftop restaurant in Lecce. Dick and Kim

Castro Valley Ski Club

Sensations of Lyon & Provence River Cruise with 3 nights in Nice

SEPTEMBER 15TH – 26TH, 2026 – SOLD OUT

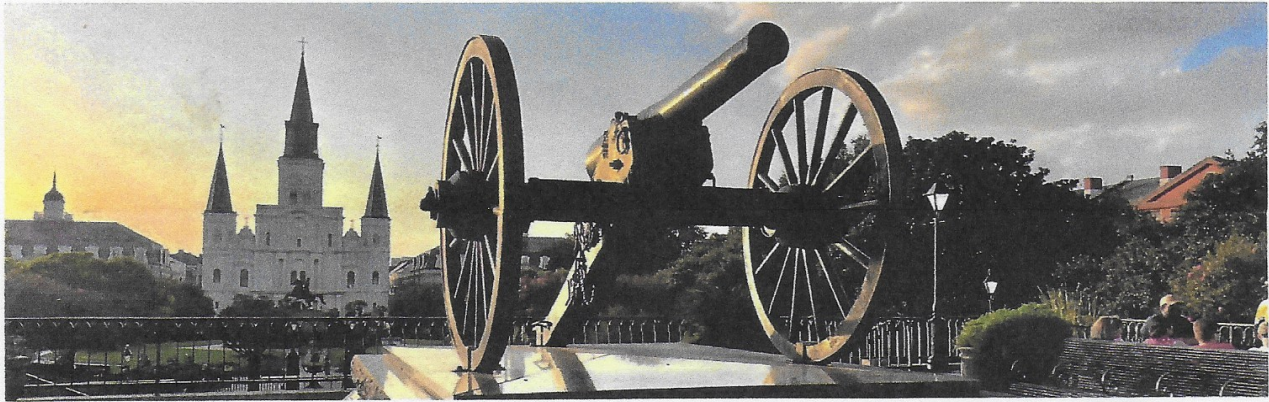
\$5465-\$6669 including air (depending on choice of cabin and special discounts)



Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Europe with Mayflower Cruises and Tours'. As you navigate the serene waters of the Rhône, explore legendary cities like Lyon, known for its vibrant culinary scene, and Avignon, with its storied Palais des Papes. Each stop invites you to experience the unique flavors and sights of the region, from sampling celebrated Côtes du Rhône wines to wandering through ancient Roman ruins. Our luxurious cruises provide not only comfort and elegance but also educational enrichment, thanks to our expertly guided tours and on-board cultural experiences

Highlights

- 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
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore



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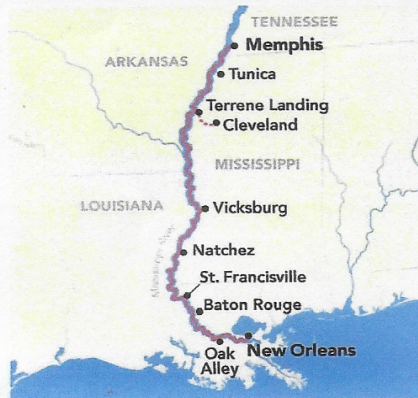
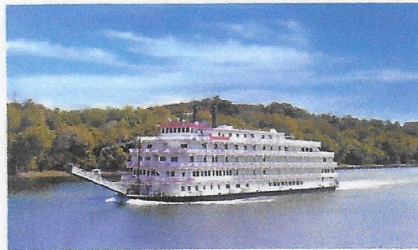
Sailing May 19, 2027



American Splendor



New Orleans to Memphis



Traveling the Lower Mississippi with American Cruise Lines is an experience like no other. Enjoy customized excursions from classic antebellum homes to renowned plantations in Oak Alley and Natchez. Travel to Vicksburg and delve deep into the history of the Civil War. Our carefully selected onboard experts bring the history and culture of this region to life with award-winning enrichment programs.

PORTS OF CALL

- ★ New Orleans, LA
- ★ Oak Alley, LA
- ★ St. Francisville, LA
- ★ Natchez, LA
- ★ Vicksburg, MS
- ★ Cleveland, MS
- ★ Memphis, TN

9-DAYS/8-NIGHTS

Prices Starting At:

\$4625 Per Person -window

\$5335 Per Person - balcony

Based on Double Occupancy
Certain Restrictions Apply



Certain restrictions apply.
Ship, schedules, rates and
itinerary subject to change.

Call 888-458-6027 to book. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your cabin, \$250 is non-refundable if you cancel. Refer to the date of the cruise when calling, which May 18, 2027, and mention the Castro Valley Ski Club. Air is additional \$495. You will be asked if you want air when you book.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name - Tucker or Kathy Hoffmann
Phone Number - 510-329-4242
Email.- tkhoffmann@comcast.net

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We have 5 cabins booked so far on the Mississippi River Cruise

This trip also includes one pre night in New Orleans on May 18th before we board the boat on May 19th. You can add more pre nights for an additional charge. Cruise fare includes: All meals while onboard the ship (including drinks with meals) and a nightly cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres. Guest speakers and nightly entertainment is offered throughout the cruise. All Featured Shore Excursions are included. Taxes, gratuities, and port charges and fees are included in the cruise fare.

The Splendor Paddlewheeler

- Built in 2016
- 180 Guest Capacity
- Classic Paddlewheel Aesthetic
- Glass-Enclosed Restaurant
- Open Seating Dining
- Three Distinct Guest Lounges
- Cozy Study Enclave
- Fitness Center
- Elevator Access to All Passenger Decks

American Splendor allows guests to experience the nostalgia of classic paddlewheeler travel, while enjoying perfect comfort and the most modern amenities. The world's newest paddlewheeler, *American Splendor* features serene color palettes, luxurious textiles and linens, comfortable furniture throughout, and sophisticated artwork and flourishes. From the staterooms and suites to the lounges and dining rooms, the décor pays homage to the legendary Mississippi River.

Please call this phone number - 888-458-6027 to book. Refer to the date of the cruise when calling, which is May 18, 2027 and mention the Castro Valley Ski Club. Please note, they are not holding any staterooms for our group, they will be subject to whatever cabins are available at the time of booking.

Personally think deck 2 with the balcony is the best deal with lounges at both ends of the hallway and the restaurant below us. Price is \$5,335.

All cancellations will incur a non-refundable \$250 per person Cancellation Administrative Charge. Following is the group refund schedule for any monies received:

100%* - Up to 91 Days prior to day of sail

50%* - Between 90-45 days prior to day of sail

0%* - Between 45-0 days prior to day of sail

*All refunds will incur a non-refundable \$250 per person Cancellation Administrative Charge.

A Cancel For Any Reason Protection Plan is available upon request.

Tucker & Kathy Hoffmann
Castro Valley Ski Club Travel
tkhoffmann@icloud.com

<https://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises/mississippi-river-cruises/lower-mississippi-river-cruise>

Castro Valley Ski Club presents
EXCITING POLAND
Aug 28th -Sept 7th, 2027

\$3700 including air
(single supplement is \$700)

Includes

- Flights SFO or LAX
- 9 nights First Class accommodations
 - 2 nights Warsaw
 - 2 nights Gdansk
 - 2 nights Wroclaw
 - 3 nights Krakow
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase
- 13 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Tips for porters, wait staff & local guides on included services
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring



Special Features

- Travel along Warsaw's famed Royal Route, with its historic monuments and residences
- Visit Malbork Castle, one of the largest Gothic castles in the world
- Discover the medieval town of Gdansk, with its gabled buildings and city gates
- In Torun, view the house where world famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born
- View the Panorama of the Battle of Radawice in Wroclaw, a monumental cycloramic painting
- Tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous network of concentration camps from World War II
- Visit the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle in Krakow
- In Krakow, tour the Jewish Quarter with its ancient synagogues and main square of the former ghetto

Insurance will be available

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

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550
510-329-4242 tkhoffmann@icloud.com
CVSC CST # 2081040



FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP Cayman Brac Beach Resort



September 26 - October 3, 2026

Grand Cayman 2nd Week October 3-10, 2026 Extension Available

BASIC Dive Package:	\$2,669 pp (double occupancy)
Non-Dive Package:	\$2,244 pp (double occupancy)

Oceanfront Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

Cayman Brac Beach Resort Land Package Includes:

7 Nights Beach View Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

Three Meals Daily & 21 Drink Package (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

Complimentary Wi-Fi

PADI 5-star dive operation

6 Days of Diving - 17 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

Complimentary Nitrox and use of a dive computer

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

Round trip ground transfer from Cayman Brac Airport



*Incredible world-class
diving in the Cayman
Islands!*



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

Contact: Randy Lew
FWSA Dive Trip Leader
829 SE 11th Place
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Cell: 530/304-0802
E-mail: fwsa13randy@telis.net

Gloria Raminha
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
12707 Windy Ridge Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Cell: 661/800-8229
E-mail: garski2011@gmail.com

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

State of California Registered Seller of Travel # 2038883-40



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
River Cruise Tour only

\$2,995

9 days from
with international airfare
from San Francisco

\$4,445



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

Included Tour Regensburg

Day 8 • Nuremberg

Included Tour Nuremberg

Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.

Disembark ship

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Vienna, Austria

3 nights pre-trip from \$895

Munich, Germany

3 nights post-trip from \$945

PLEASE MENTION THIS
CODE WHEN BOOKING

G6-29997

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

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Return DEC 8, 2026

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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BAC 2027 FWSA Ski Week

January 23-30, 2027

Package Includes:

- 7-Nights Lodging
- Welcome Reception
- Giant Slalom Races
- BAC Council Dinner
- Farewell Banquet, Awards and Dance

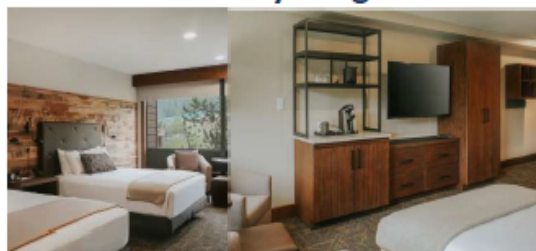
Available:

See registration form for details.

- Group Air from SFO - \$385
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- Ground Transportation - \$169
- Lift Tickets

Lodging Options

Huntley Lodge



Recently renovated slopeside hotel with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking.

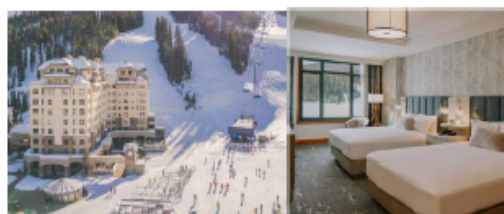
2-Queen Beds - \$1,815 per person/double occupancy
-- \$1,360 Single Supplement

Registration Link:

<http://FWSA27BigSky.sat.tours/3689>

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712 Matsonia Drive
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Summit Hotel



4-Star hotel with slopeside access with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking

2-Queen Beds - \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
1 Queen Studio w/Kitchenette – \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
--\$1,995 Single Supplement

FWSA 2027 Int'l Ski Trip to Val Gardena, Italy

BASIC Ski Week: Val Gardena - February 27 to March 6, 2027

Group departs US Feb 25, arrive in Munich, Germany, Feb 26 & spend 1 night at a Munich airport hotel.

On Feb 27th we will depart by bus to Val Gardena and return to US from Munich Airport on Mar. 6, 2027.



Group air details are in the registration documents. The current airline baggage policy states that the first checked bag is FREE - Round Trip.

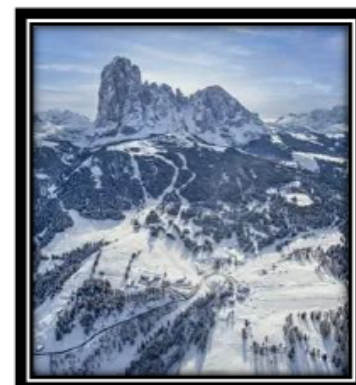
- 4-Star Lodging at the Hotel & Residence Antares in Selva di Val Gardena, Italy.
- Double Occupancy and Single Supplement rooms will be available for both options.
- All prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.18 USD & subject to change.
- Prices will be based on double occupancy.
- Limited number of Single Supplements are available.
- Negotiated special group air transportation sold separately.

Val Gardena stands as a distinguished ski destination within the Dolomites, featuring 112 miles of slopes, world-class lifts, and convenient access to the renowned Sellaronda circuit. Located in South Tyrol, Northern Italy, Val Gardena is part of the Dolomiti region, providing skiers with extensive interconnected slope networks across 12 ski areas. The resort offers a comprehensive range of runs suitable for all levels of skiers and snowboarders.

Dolomite Mountain Resorts are on the IKON Pass!!!

Basic Lodging Package (Selva, Val Gardena) includes:

- Transfer between Munich Airport and Munich Airport Hotel via Hotel Shuttle.
- One-night stay at a Munich Airport Hotel.
- Transfer between Munich Airport Hotel via a private coach to Selva/Val Gardena.
- 7 night's lodging at the 4* Hotel & Residence Antares in Selva di Val Gardena.
- Welcome/Orientation on February 27 with reps, including Val Gardena Tourism Board
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & 5 Dinners at the Hotel & Residence Antares.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
 - WIFI
 - Heated Ski Locker
 - Heated swimming pool & Spa
- Après Ski & Farewell events
- Optional day tour - details to be provided.
- Return transfer from Val Gardena to Munich Airport



Val Gardena

Optional Extension Adventure Tour: Puglia & Rome, Italy

March 6 – 13, 2027



Colosseum, Rome

Trip includes:

- 7 nights lodging – 3 nights in Puglia & 4 nights in Rome
- One way bus transfer from Hotel Antares in Selva to Milano Linate Airport.
- One way flight from Milano Linate Airport to Bari Airport.
- High speed train in private coach from Bari to Rome.
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour.
- Breakfast daily.
- Guided day excursions in Bari, Alberobello, Trulli, Rome, Vatican and more.



Trulli Houses

➤ **Stand Alone Puglia & Rome ONLY (Excludes Val Gardena ski week). Contact Gloria Raminha**

Information provided on the flyer is subject to change!

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Reference "FWSA 2027 Val Gardena Int'l Trip" on each check.

Basic trip (Val Gardena) pricing starts at: \$2999.00

Extension trip (Puglia & Rome) pricing starts at: \$2989.00

For more information and payment details contact:

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Far West Ski Association

2027 Alyeska/Iditarod Trip

February 28—March 7, 2027

Early Bird Package Price \$1,459

Price goes up July 1, 2026

Air & Lift Tickets NOT included

Optional Activities NOT included

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Alyeska Resort is located 40 miles south-east of Anchorage. The Hotel Alyeska is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Optional activities available.

The Clarion Hotel Anchorage is located in downtown Anchorage within walking distance to the opening activities of the Iditarod. Optional activities available.

For information & to sign up: Nancy Ellis, Trip Leader
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Included:

ALYESKA RESORT :
Alyeska Hotel Lodging
Welcome Party
Ground Transfers

ANCHORAGE:
Clarion Hotel Lodging
Ground Transfers
Trolley Tour
Farewell Party

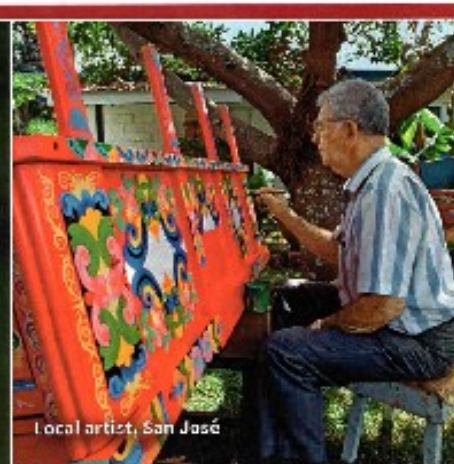
Optional Activities:
Wildlife Tour
Dog Sledding
Glacier Walk
Glacier Cruise
Heli-ski/Cat Skiing
Sleigh Rides
Anchorage Museum
Flightseeing Tours
Northern Lights
And More.....



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Costa Rica: San José, La Fortuna, Pacific Coast



7 days starting from **\$2,699**

without airfare

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: MAY 14, 2027

Return Date: MAY 21, 2027

Activity Level:

①②③④⑤ Moderately Strenuous

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DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Depart U.S.
2-4	La Fortuna
5-6	Pacific Coast
7	San José
8	Return to U.S.

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Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com
Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com
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Best weather website for snow: Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com

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