

# CVSC SkiZette

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### AUGUST

- 14 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's
- 21 CVSC General meeting at Lake Chabot (details forthcoming)

### SEPTEMBER

- 11 CVSC Board meeting at Maggie & Ray's
- 18 General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
- 28-10/7 FWSA Africa Adventure Trip to Tanzania & Zanzibar (f) pg 9

### OCTOBER

- 9-19 CVSC Portugal & the Douro River Cruise (f) pg 10
- 19-11/2 FWSA Dive Trip the Best of the Phillipines (f) pg 8

### UPCOMING

- 12/5 CVSC Christmas Trolley
- 2025:
- 5/4-15 CVSC Costa Rica (f) pg 16
- 10/3-15 CVSC Paris, Normandy & Seine River Cruise (f) pg 19

### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

**BAC Web site: [skibac.org](http://skibac.org)**

**Far West Ski Assoc: [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)**

- 2025:
- 1/25-2/1 FWSA Ski Week Banff, Canada (f) pg 15
- 5/8-15 BAC Bike & Barge Bruges to Amsterdam (f) pg 17
- 6/12-15 FWSA 92nd Convention (f) pg 18

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Visit our Website at [www.cvskiclub.org](http://www.cvskiclub.org)

## Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

### President's Message

Happy summer everyone -- it sure has been a hot one and sometimes foggy, that's the Bay Area!!

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying your adventures or projects, whatever they may be.

The Mexican fiesta was a wonderful event -- thank you to all that did the hard work that went into it. Jim, Zimei, and Dave and Dan and Pat and of course the Margarita makers, Pat's daughter and son in law. Pat did an amazing job with putting it all together, with the caterers (food was great), Margaritas were wonderful, and the decorations were fun!! A good time was had by



Claudia Fernandes  
President

all. Such a great turnout, a gathering of friends. Thanks Jim for the venue -- so nice.

We have a general meeting coming up at Lake Chabot this month BBQ time hope to see you all there! Will keep you posted. We also hope to have another concert in the park later this month -- it was such good fun, food and music. Stay tuned more information will follow!

See you all soon we hope, stay well since Covid is certainly rising but hopefully you all are as safe as can be. Enjoy the rest of Summer finding fun things to do. Take care everyone!

Best always,

Claudia

### CONCERTS AT THE CV LIBRARY:

Broken Compass    Sept 12    Bluegrass

All shows are in the parking lot and are from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Lawn chairs and picnics are encouraged.

[provided 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!!!

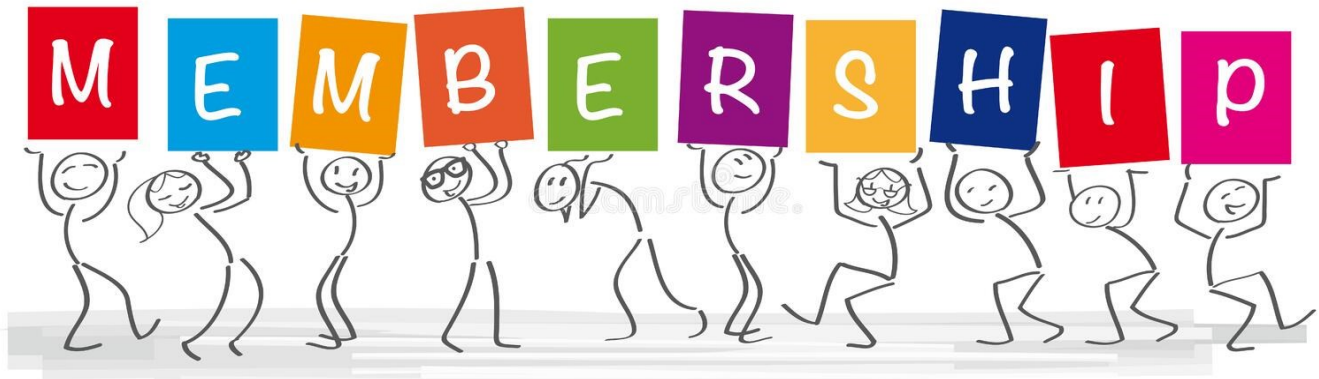
This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

(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!!!!



## **CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Renew your **Castro Valley Ski Club** membership early!  
Dues are now being accepted.

The CVSC membership year runs October 1st to September 30th of the following year.

- Dues paid by October 31: Returning members with no lapse in membership pay \$35 for the first person and \$15 for each additional person in the same household.
- Dues paid after October 31: Returning members pay \$50 for the first person and \$20 for each additional person in the same household.
- All NEW members pay \$50 for the first person and \$20 for each additional person in the same household.

Your Castro Valley Ski Club has much to offer! Besides our monthly meetings, we have club parties and special events throughout the year. Every year we offer around the world non-skiing adventure trips. As a CVSC member, you are eligible for ski trips organized by the Bay Area Council (BAC) and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA).

Our monthly SkiZette newsletter will keep you abreast of all the latest that is being offered by the club. Check out our web page where you can find copies of the SkiZette as well as our newest membership application and waiver form at: **[www.cvskiclub.org](http://www.cvskiclub.org)**.

Make your check payable to the **Castro Valley Ski Club**.  
Send dues, membership application and the signed waiver to:

Maggie Jong / VP Membership  
2597 Wellingham Dr. Livermore, CA 94551



cvskiclub.org

## Membership Application

**October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025**

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 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Discount: Membership Renewal discount if paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 waiver, 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)

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Signature) (Date)

## **PREPARING FOR YOUR DEPARTURE**

**Arriving at the Airport.** Arrive at the airport at least three hours before departure to allow adequate time to check in and go through security. Identification for International Flights. Your passport is required when checking in for your international flights. When checking in online or through the app, you must enter your passport details. At the airport, you will present your passport book to the agent at the airline counter or scan your passport book if you are checking in at a kiosk. You must also present your passport book at the security checkpoint.

### **Packing Tips and Dress Code**

I suggest dressing in layers to accommodate fluctuating temperatures. Bring comfortable walking shoes. Many travelers opt for smart-casual attire for the Welcome and Farewell activities and group dinners. Pack your medications, valuables and electronics in your carry-on bag. Masks may still be required on some international flights. You should bring a supply of disposable surgical masks or FFP2, KN-95 or N-95 masks (cloth masks may not be acceptable) and follow the local guidelines. For your protection, make a detailed list of the contents of your suitcase.

### **Medication**

Pack enough of your prescription medication for the duration of your trip. Security and customs personnel recommend that it should be packed in its original pharmacy containers so that the medication is prescribed for your use. You may wish to bring an extra prescription or your doctor's information, should you need to obtain more medication. You also may wish to bring an adequate supply of over-the-counter medication if you have preferred brands and particular needs.

### **Credit and Debit Cards**

Check the back of your credit and debit cards for emergency contact phone numbers. If there is not a number that can be used internationally, obtain that number and carry it with you. Contact your bank before your departure to find out if your credit and debit cards may be used at your destination and to learn about international fees. Ask if your bank has partner banks in the countries, you will be visiting. You may be able to avoid fees by using a partner bank's ATMs. While U.S. travelers routinely use their credit cards abroad without a PIN, there may be the occasional transaction when it will be required. If you do not already have a personal identification number (PIN) for your credit card, please request one. Please memorize your personal identification numbers (PIN) for both your credit and debit cards.

### **Cash**

The most convenient and least expensive way to get foreign currency is by withdrawing cash from an ATM with a debit card. When using ATMs, please be aware of your surroundings and guard your PIN as you would at home. Many banks have stopped offering currency exchange services because of the availability of ATMs. If you are bringing cash, you may wish to exchange your currency at the airport when you arrive. If you plan on bringing U.S. or Canadian currency, please bring notes in good condition. Dirty and torn notes may not be accepted by exchange counters. In addition, large denominations may also be refused. Coins are not accepted.

### **Other things to consider**

- Packing tubes- help you stay organized.
- Universal power adapter- you need a power adapter almost any place in the world.
- Water bottles- help you to stay hydrated in warmer climates.
- Travel Insurance for international travel-medical is not covered when you go overseas.
- Neck Wallet- Keep your valuables close to you.
- Travel Umbrella- be prepared for all types of weather.
- TSA luggage tags- this way you will not have trouble with security
- Sun Screen- sunscreen is notoriously hard to come by and extremely expensive when it's available.
- First Aid Kit-Be prepared for minor problems.

## **BON VOYAGE**

Have a safe and Enjoyable Journey- Sandy Beecher



# FWSA 2024 AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR



September 28—October 7, 2024

### Lodging Package:

Double Occupancy      \$5865 per person  
Single Supplement      \$6585 per person (limited availability)

Note: Group Air pricing will be available.

### Package Includes:

- 1 night stay in the 4.5 Star Arusha Serena Hotel in Arusha
- 2 nights stay in the 4 Star Ngorongoro Serena Lodge in Ngorongoro
- 2 nights stay in 4 Star Serengeti Serena Lodge in Serengeti
- Game drives & private safari experiences—all meals included during the safaris
- All park fees, government taxes and service charges
- Experienced English speaking driver-guides
- Authentic Bush dinner
- Welcome & Farewell events
- Airport transfers for group air arrangements
- 1 night accommodation in the 5 Star Hotel Zanzibar Stone Town
- 2 night accommodation in the 4.5 Star Neptune Pwani Beach Resort
- Stone town tour plus Spice tour with lunch at The Beach House



Ngorongoro Crater

Join FWSA  
for an unforgettable  
African experience

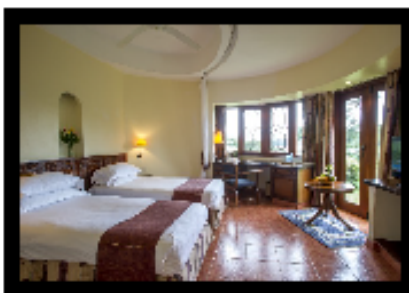


Safari Cruiser with Cheetah

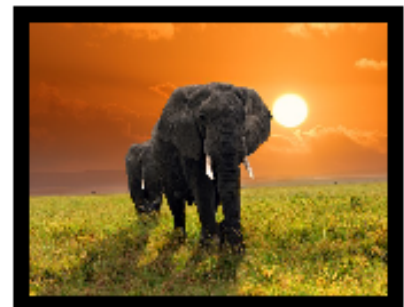


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Trip Co-Leader: Gloria Raminha



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

CST #2036983-40





# FWSA 2024 DIVE TRIP BEST OF THE PHILIPPINES



5 Nights Anilao & 9 Nights Puerto Galera

October 19 – November 2, 2024

Buceo Anilao Beach & Dive Resort - October 19 -24, 2024

Marco Vincent Resort – October 24 to November 2, 2024

BASIC Dive Package: \$4586 pp (double occupancy)

Non-Dive Package: \$2831 pp (double occupancy)

Deluxe Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are limited availability.

### **The Anilao Beach & Dive Resort Land Package Includes:**

16 Boat Dives

All Meals Daily

5 Nights' Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

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

Transfer from Manila Airport & to the Port of Batangas

### **The Marco Vincent Dive Resort Land Package Includes:**

All Meals Daily

1 Hour Massage

Complimentary Wi-Fi

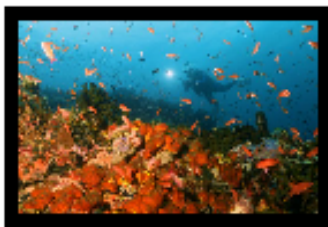
9 Nights' Deluxe Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

Two-Day Trips to Verdie Island and Anilao

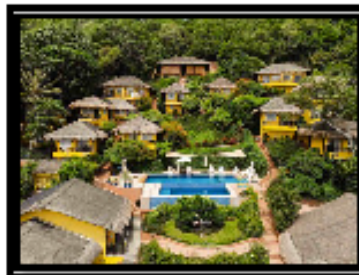
8 Days of Diving - 24 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

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

Transfer from Batangas & to Manila Airport



*Enjoy the beautiful wildlife!*



*Enjoy a Charming Resort*



*Enjoy the scenic coast!*

Contact:

**Randy Lew**

FWSA Dive Trip Leader

829 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Place

Battle Ground, WA 98604

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E-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.net

**Debbie Stewart**

FWSA VP of Int'l Travel

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Visalia, CA 93277

Cell: 559/737-0882

E-mail: FWSAIntTrvl@prodigy.net

*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 # 2036983-40

## 2024 Castro Valley Ski Club

# Portugal & the Douro River Cruise

October 9-19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.**

CVSC CST # 2081040

# Portugal and the Douro River Cruise



Experience the cosmopolitan charm of Lisbon, Portugal



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

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

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

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

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

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

**EmeraldPLUS:** A Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard

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

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** A guided walk through the vineyards

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** Kayak experience in Pinhão

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

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

**EmeraldPLUS:** Entertainment by a Tuna music band in Salamanca

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

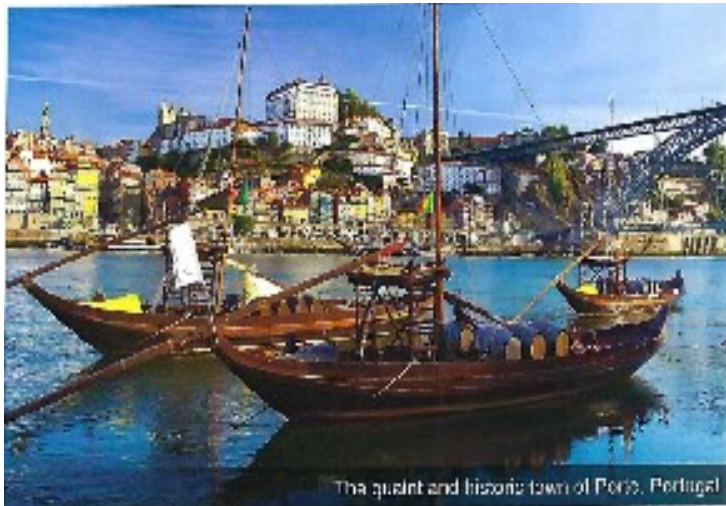
**DAY 8 Pocinho / Régua, Portugal:** Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning tour to the Cõa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum's concrete structure houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction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

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

The included tour and DiscoverMORE operate at the same time.

**EmeraldPLUS:** Port wine cocktail lesson onboard

**EmeraldPLUS:** Dinner at a vineyard estate



The quiet and historic town of Porto, Portugal

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

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Walk down the stairs of the Sanctuary

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Mateus Manor House (additional expense)

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

**EmeraldPLUS:** Mosaic tile painting lesson onboard

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

**EmeraldACTIVE:** A guided walking tour of Porto (instead of included tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Guided bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean (additional expense)

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

## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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



## Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs Presents: Mini Ski Week to Park City, Utah



February 16-21st, 2025  
Park City, Canyons & Deer Valley  
Resorts

### Lodging & Amenities Package Includes:

- ? 5 nights at the **Hyatt Place/Park City** – double occupancy (single supplement available)



- ? Welcome reception and Group Dinner included
  - ? Free daily hot breakfast buffet from 6:30-9:00 a.m., bar w/food in hotel lobby
  - ? Free hotel shuttle & free local ski bus stop in front of hotel
  - ? Free wifi & parking, fitness center, near Nordic Ski Center; near downtown area
  - ? **\$1,080 per person** – based on double occupancy in 2 Queen bedded hotel with sofa & sitting area
  - ? **Registration opens on June 14th.** To insure your spot send your **\$300 deposit check** to: **Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs** in with your completed Trip Preference Form & Waiver. You must be a member of a BAC Club or a Direct BAC member to reserve a spot.
- Airfare or Lift Tickets not included \* Park City Resorts: on the Epic pass; Deer Valley on the Ikon pass.**



# **FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION**

## **FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE—MAJESTIC PRINCESS**

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

### Per Person Rates:

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



# BAC 2025

## FWSA Ski Week

To BANFF, CANADA January 25–February 1, 2025



<p><b>PACKAGE INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7-Nights Lodging</li> <li>• Welcome Reception</li> <li>• Giant Slalom Races @ Lake Louise</li> <li>• Picnic Lunch @ Lake Louise Base Village</li> <li>• BAC Council Dinner</li> <li>• Farewell Banquet, Awards and Dance</li> </ul>	<p><b>LODGING OPTIONS</b></p> <p><b>BANFF PARK LODGE</b> <a href="http://WWW.BANFFPARKLODGE.COM">WWW.BANFFPARKLODGE.COM</a></p>  <p>Closest to town (2 block walk), spa, multiple restaurants, ski bus pick-up at hotel – Daily buffet breakfast included -2 Queen Beds - \$1,450 per person/double occupancy</p>
<p><b>AVAILABLE:</b></p> <p>SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Air - SFO to Calgary</li> <li>• Ground Transportation Calgary to Banff / Banff to Calgary</li> <li>• Group Lift Tickets</li> </ul>	<p><b>CARIBOU LODGE</b> <a href="http://WWW.BANFFCARIBOULODGE.COM">WWW.BANFFCARIBOULODGE.COM</a></p>  <p>10-15 minute walk to town, spa, steakhouse restaurant, ski bus pick-up at hotel (3<sup>rd</sup> to be picked-up/dropped-off), complimentary Banff ROAM bus pass – Daily buffet breakfast included -2 Queen Beds - \$1,300 per person/double occupancy -1 King Bed - \$1,300 per person/double occupancy</p>
<p>Karen Albrecht BAC Trip Leader 712 Matsonia Drive Foster City, CA 94404 650-515-9532 <a href="mailto:jplaythird@yahoo.com">jplaythird@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Moose Lodge</b> <a href="http://WWW.MOOSHOTELSANDSUITES.COM">WWW.MOOSHOTELSANDSUITES.COM</a></p>  <p>5-10 minute walk to town, spa, rooftop hot tubs, Italian restaurant, ski bus pick-up near hotel (5<sup>th</sup> to be picked-up/dropped-off), complimentary Banff ROAM bus pass, newly remodeled – Daily buffet breakfast included -2 Queen Beds - \$1,650 per person/double occupancy -1 KING SUITE - \$1,950 PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY</p>

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## FWSA 2025 Int'l Ski Trip to Tignes / Val d'Isere, France

**BASIC Ski Week – Tignes, France March 1 – March 8, 2025**

Group departs US Feb. 27, arrives in Geneva, Feb 28 & spend 1 night at a Geneva airport hotel.  
Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> departs by bus to Tignes/Val d'Isere and return to US from Geneva, France on Mar. 8, 2025

**Opt. Ext. Trip: Marseille, Nice & more...March 8–14, 2025**

Group departs US on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and return from Nice on Mar.14, 2025



TIGNEZ-SET TOURS

All Prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.10 USD & subject to change.

4-Star Lodging at The Village Montana in Tignes – a **SKI IN – SKI OUT** hotel!

Prices start at: \$2799/p. based on double occupancy (air transp. sold separately)

Single Supplements are available.



For the skiing enthusiast and the snow sports lovers looking for one of the largest ski areas in Europe, look no further...Tignes / Val d'Isere, France has everything you need in the heart of the Alps! The ski areas of Tignes and neighboring Val d'Isere make up what is known as L'Espace Killy, one of the largest most varied and snow sure ski areas in the world. You will be able to enjoy 188 miles of slopes spread between 9083 acres with an altitude of 11,338 ft.

Senior rates for 65-74 years and 75 years and older **SKI FREE!**

Your convenient and unforgettable stay in the mountains at the 4-Star, Ski in-Ski out, Village Montana!

**Basic Lodging Package includes:**

- Meet and greet at Geneva Airport with English Speaking Assistant.
- Transfer between Geneva Airport and Geneva Hotel via Hotel Shuttle.
- One-night stay at the 4-Star Crown Plaza, Geneva Airport Hotel with buffet breakfast.
- Transfer between Geneva Airport Hotel via a private coach to Tignes with English-speaking assistant.
- 7 night's accommodation at the 4\* Ski in-Ski out Village Montana Hotel.
- Welcome/Orientation on March 1<sup>st</sup> with reps from Tignes Tourist Office and Ski School
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & 5 Dinners at the Village Montana Hotel in Tignes.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
  - o WIFI
  - o Heated Ski Room – with direct access to the slopes
  - o Indoor heated swimming pool, Steam Bath & Sauna
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided.
- Optional day tour - details to be provided.



## So. France/French Riviera Adven. Trip: Marseille, Nice & more...

March 8 to 14, 2025

Prices: \$1997.00pp (dbl. occ.) or \$2460.00pp Single Supp.

**Trip includes:**

- 3 nights at the 4 Star Hotel Grand Hotel Beauvau in Marseille
- 3 nights at the 4 Star Beau Rivage Hotel on the Esplanade in Nice
- English speaking tour escort/manager starting in Marseille
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions include city walking tours, Chateau de Beupre, Marseille Panier Area, Grotte de Cosquer <https://www.grotte-cosquer.com/en/visit-the-cosquer-cave/>, day tour of Camargue (Saint Maniède La Mar) & Aries, visit a perfume factory in Grasse, tour of the Village of St. Paul de Vence & the Foundation Maeght <https://fondation-maeght.com/>, full day tour to Antibes Old Town and St. Honorat Island & wine tasting, boat to Quai Laubeuf, Cannes.
- Farewell dinner.
  - > Stand Alone So. France/French Riviera ONLY (Excludes Tignes/Val d'Isere ski week)
  - > Land package price is same as Dbl. Occ. or Single Supplement ext. trip. Contact Gloria for transportation.



Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please reference "FWSA 2025 Tignes/Val d'Isere Int'l Trip" on each check.

Send 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](mailto:Garski2011@gmail.com) or cell: 661/800-8229

State of California Seller of Travel # 2036983-40

Castro Valley Ski Club presents  
**Colorful Costa Rica**  
May 4-15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**\$2399** SOLD OUT  
Trip is limited to 28

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 11 nights accommodations
- 3 nights San Jose (upon arrival, coming from Tortuguero and one night before we depart)
- 2 nights Tortuguero
- 2 nights Arenal
- 2 nights Monteverde
- 2 nights Guanacaste
- Tips
- CVSC special EcoTermales Hot Springs & dinner in Arenal
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates
- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

**Special Features**

- Take a boat tour along the Tortuguero canals, through the heart of the Costa Rican jungle
- Visit the artisan town of Sarchi and see artists in their workshops
- In Arenal, view the now dormant conical-shaped Arenal Volcano
- Tour a coffee plantation and enjoy a typical Costa Rican lunch
- Discover the dense vegetation in the stunning Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Travel to the tropical province of Guanacaste on the sun-splashed Pacific Coast
- Tour downtown San Jose, enjoying its many historical & architectural jewels

**Not Included:**

- Round trip flights, we should have air prices sometime in July.
- Optional tours

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@comcast.net](mailto:tkhoffmann@comcast.net)

CVSC CST # 2081040





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# BIKE & BARGE BRUGES TO AMSTERDAM MAY 8-15, 2025



### ITINERARY

1. Embarkation in Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders"
2. From Bruges to Ghent through the beautiful Flemish Countryside
3. Cycling along the Scheldt: from Ghent to St. Amands
4. Pedaling to the city of diamonds: Antwerp!
5. From Belgium to Holland by bike & boat - Antwerp to Dordrecht
6. Cycling through the mills of Kinderdijk to Vianen
7. Among mansions, castles and villages toward Amsterdam
8. End of tour in Amsterdam

### INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

8 days/7 nights 7 x breakfast 6 x 3-course dinner  
 Packed lunches Coffee/Tea/Water on board Welcome drink  
 Daily cabin cleaning Climate-controlled cabin Wi-Fi  
 Fully guided cycling tours Jacuzzi on Sundeck GPS  
 Some short walking tours Use of a helmet Use of Manual bike  
 Use of a waterproof pannier bag Fees for ferries  
 Entrance Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp  
 Tasting Belgium products Canal trip through Ghent

**JOIN 34 BAC cyclists** for a week-long bike & barge tour in Holland and Belgium: the land of bicycles! The terrain is **completely flat, and the bike paths, almost all of which are paved**, are always well marked. Some stages include a choice between a short and a longer ride, and if one day you don't feel like cycling, you have the option of staying on board the boat. The only variable to keep an eye on is the weather: a little wind or rain could make your ride more adventurous.

**PRIVATE CHARTER VIA GIROLIBERO CYCLING HOLIDAYS**

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare 1-dinner (Antwerp or Bruges)
- Bottled/Alcoholic Drinks
- Trip Insurance
- Entrance fees not mentioned above
- Transfers to/from the dock

E-bike \$300 (very limited availability)

**\$2,425\*** per person – double occupancy

Deposit: \$500 – to secure your spot  
 \$1,000 Due AUG 1, 2024 Balance Due FEB 1, 2025

Checks payable to: **Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs**  
 Mail to: **Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Dr., Foster City CA 94404**

*\*Trip cost is based on 2024 currency conversion rates. Any major change in currency conversion rates that impact trip cost will be passed on to participants.*

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



# 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

June 12 - 15, 2025

at

## Margaritaville Resort

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262



Hosted by the *Orange Council of Ski Clubs*

### Margaritaville Resort

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

#### Reservations:

Call **760-327-8311**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

**Room Rates** per night plus tax, single or double occupancy —  
**\$169** per night

**Room Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025**

### Hotel Features

- Fins Up Fitness Center
- St. Somewhere Spa
- Joe Merchants Coffee and sundries
- JWB Grill
- 5 O'Clock Somewhere Pool Bar
- Tropics Lounge
- Lone Palm Pool

### Transportation

- Air transportation via Palm Springs International Airport (4 minutes away)
- Transportation to the airport is available by rental car, Uber, or Lyft.

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Guest Speakers
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - 28th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 18th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Pool Party
  - Club Happy Hour

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit: TBA.

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

## Castro Valley Ski Club

Presents

### Paris, Normandy, and the Seine River Cruise



**October 3-15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](http://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**

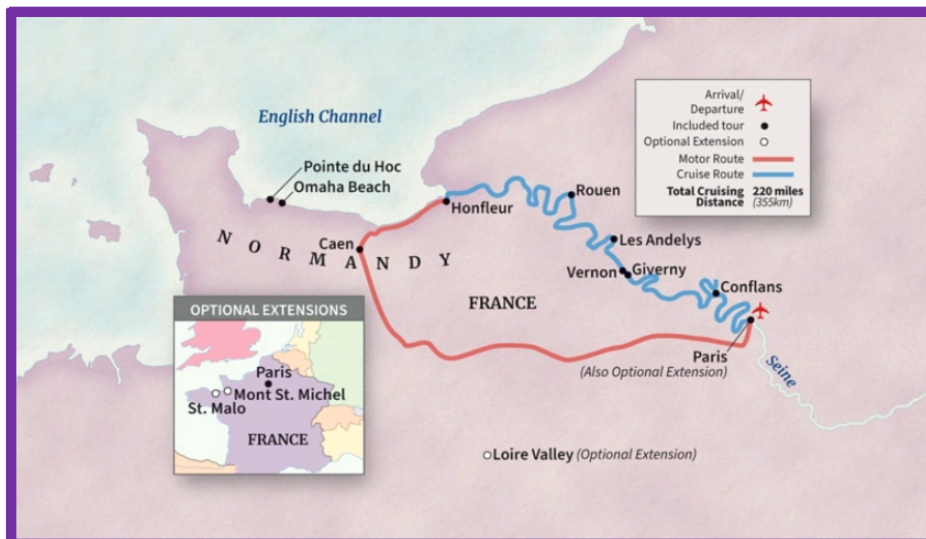
Grand Circle Reservations is open 7 days/week.

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

Saturday-Sunday 6am-3pm PT

Tucker & Kathy

Castro Valley Ski Club Travel



# Bay Area Snow Sports Council presents ...

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

## Christmas Markets Along the Danube

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

9 days from **\$4,045**  
with international airfare  
from San Francisco

8 days from **\$2,595**  
River Cruise only

Airfare  
Departure  
Optional, see later  
Cruise Board  
Total Cruise  
Distance 273 miles  
Days 9

### 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 now in all common areas and cabins

**21 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks

**5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 6 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Wachau Valley discussion • German language lesson • *German Christmas Traditions* discussion • Regensburg choral concert • Glassblowing demonstration • Main-Danube Canal discussion

**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 the perspective that will enrich your experience

**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  
Gail Burns 650-255-7883 or Grand Circle 1-800-221-2610

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**  
Return **DECEMBER 8, 2025**

**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

**Vienna, Austria**  
3 nights pre-trip: \$745 per person

**Munich, Germany**  
3 nights post-trip: \$795 per person



PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING **G5-29997**

[www.gct.com/xms](http://www.gct.com/xms)



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### WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

Singles league racing: [slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm](http://slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm)  
 Open league racing: [olrc.org](http://olrc.org)  
 Weather: [nws.mbay.net/home.html](http://nws.mbay.net/home.html)  
 Best weather website for snow: [Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com](http://Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com)

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

Take a bus to the slopes: [nacski.com](http://nacski.com) & [tahoeskitrrips.com](http://tahoeskitrrips.com)  
 Sierra webcam: [sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/](http://sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/)

### SKIZETTE FOR AUGUST, 2024



All monthly general meetings are held at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant, 3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA

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