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# CVSC SkiZette

November, 2024



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 13 CVSC Board meeting at Pat's
- 20 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6:00pm

### DECEMBER

- 5 CVSC Christmas Trolley (f) pg 7
- CVSC Christmas Board meeting dinner at Claudia's

### JANUARY, 2025

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### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

**BAC Web site: skibac.org**

**Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org**

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



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# Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

## President's Message

Happy Fall everyone! Well the weather's been changing and hopefully it will be a wonderful winter for skiing ! We had a great trip to Portugal, overall nice weather some rain but fun times !! The dinner in the winery was amazing, the gardens at some stops were beautiful, the port wine wonderful! A really fantastic trip. Thank you Tucker and Kathy.



Claudia Fernandes  
President

We have our meeting this month at Don Jose's November 20. Hope to see you there. Plan on joining us for the Christmas Trolley December 5. Let Pat know asap. We will be meeting first at Ann Wilburn's house for appetizers and wine. Thank you Ann. Take care everyone, be safe and have a very Happy



Thanksgiving  
Enjoy the Holidays

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!!!!

# **CVSC CHRISTMAS TROLLEY EVENT!**

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Hosted by the CVSC at Anne Wilburn's home



Cost: \$38 for Members \$60 for Non-Members

The fun at Anne's starts at **5 o'clock**

Heavy appetizers and wine provided

at

2389 Merlot Lane, Livermore, CA

The Trolley will pick everyone up at Anne's home at **7 o'clock**  
to take us around to see all the Christmas lights.

**Make checks payable to CVSC and send to Pat Green at**

4655 Cope Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Any questions? Call Pat at 925-846-7250

Please RSVP by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**!!!!!! OUR TRIP TO PORTUGAL.... !!!!!**



Tile painting.....



And.... MORE tile painting!!



Cruising the river.....



Winery dining.....

More pictures from Portugal.... [continued!!!]



Wine tasting.....



Portugal bottle of wine.....



Dennie & her 2 bottles of wine.....



Dennie & Rich having a really good time in Portugal!!!!!!

There's more..... ??????



Cathedral in Portugal



Landmark time tower.....



Entertainment for us worldly travelers...!

# Driving on Snow and Ice: Safety Tips

by Mac Demere, Contributor

The best tip for winter driving: Sometimes it's best to stay home, or at least remain where you are until snow plows and sanding crews have done their work.

1. **Get a grip.** To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.) Ultrahigh-performance "summer" tires have little or no grip in snow. Even "all-season" tires don't necessarily have great snow traction: Some do, some don't.
2. **Make sure you can see.** Replace windshield wiper blades. Clean the inside of your windows thoroughly. Apply a water-shedding material (such as Rain-X) to the outside of all windows, including the mirrors. Make sure your windshield washer system works and is full of an anti-icing fluid. Drain older fluid by running the washers until new fluid appears: Switching fluid colors makes this easy.
3. **Run the air-conditioner.** In order to remove condensation and frost from the interior of windows, engage your air-conditioner and select the fresh air option: It's fine to set the temperature on "hot." Many cars automatically do this when you choose the defrost setting.
4. **Check your lights.** Use your headlights so that others will see you and, we hope, not pull out in front of you. Make sure your headlights and taillights are clear of snow. If you have an older car with sand-pitted headlights, get a new set of lenses. To prevent future pitting, cover the new lens with a clear tape like that used to protect the leading edge of helicopter rotor blades and racecar wings. It's available from auto-racing supply sites.
5. **Give yourself a brake.** Learn how to get maximum efficiency from your brakes before an emergency. It's easy to properly use antilock brakes: Stomp, stay and steer. Stomp on the pedal as if you were trying to snap it off. Stay hard on the pedal. Steer around the obstacle. (A warning: A little bit of steering goes a very long way in an emergency. See Tip 8.) If you drive on icy roads or roads that are covered with snow, modify your ABS technique: After you "Stomp" and the ABS begins cycling — you will feel pulses in the pedal or hear the system working — ease up slightly on the pedal until the pulsing happens only once a second.

For vehicles without ABS, you'll have to rely on the old-fashioned system: You. For non-ABS on a mixed-surface road, push the brake pedal hard until the wheels stop rolling, then immediately release the brake enough to allow the wheels to begin turning again. Repeat this sequence rapidly. This is *not* the same as "pumping the brake." Your goal is to have the tires producing maximum grip regardless of whether the surface is snow, ice or damp pavement.

6. **Watch carefully for "black ice."** If the road looks slick, it probably is. This is especially true with one of winter's worst hazards: "black ice." Also called "glare ice," this is nearly transparent ice that often looks like a harmless puddle or is overlooked entirely. Test the traction with a smooth brake application or slight turn of the wheel.
7. **Remember the tough spots.** Race drivers must memorize the nuances of every track, so they can alter their path for changing track conditions. You must remember where icy roads tend to occur. Bridges and intersections are common places. Also: wherever water runs across the road.
8. **Too much steering is bad.** If a slick section in a turn causes your front tires to lose grip, the common — but incorrect — reaction is to continue turning the steering wheel. That's like writing checks on an overdrawn account: It won't improve the situation and may make things worse. If the icy conditions end and the front tires regain grip, your car will dart whichever way the wheels are pointed. That may be into oncoming traffic or a telephone pole. Something very similar happens if you steer too much while braking with ABS.
9. **Avoid rear-tire slides.** First, choose a car with electronic stability control. Fortunately, ESC will be mandatory on all 2012 models. Next, make sure your rear tires have at least as much tread as your front tires. Finally, if you buy winter tires, get four.
10. **Technology offers no miracles.** All-wheel drive and electronic stability control can get you into trouble by offering a false sense of security. AWD can only help a vehicle accelerate or keep moving: It can't help you go around a snow-covered turn, much less stop at an icy intersection. ESC can prevent a spinout, but it can't clear ice from the roads or give your tires more traction. Don't let this lull you into overestimating the available traction.

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)





## 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.**

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**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION MINI SKI TRIP**  
**March 23—28, 2025**

*Big White, Canada*

**\$745**

**TRIP PACKAGE**

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available.  
Price does NOT include air, transfer, or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> and you will get a discount on your trip price.  
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2024*

*Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs  
should you need to cancel.*

The Inn at Big White features an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, games room, fitness center, 24-hour Front Desk, complimentary WIFI, heated underground parking, and ski locker storage. Rooms include mini-refrigerator, microwave, and induction cooker. Units have 1 Queen bed and 1 Queen Murphy bed.

**Included:**

Five Night's Lodging  
Welcome Breakfast  
Farewell Dinner

**Optional for Purchase:**

3-day Adult Lift Ticket-- \$311  
3-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$301  
4-day Adult Lift Ticket-- \$398  
4-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$333

**Discounted Equipment Rental**

**Optional Activities:**

- Tube Park
- Ice Skating
- Ice Climbing
- Sleigh Ride Dinners
- Snowshoe Tours
- Dog Sled Tours
- Free Mountain Tours
- Snowmobile Tours
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
- Day Spas

Contact: Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – [FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net)

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaminiBW.sat.tours>

FWSA CST #2036983-40



# BAC 2025

## FWSA Ski Week

To BANFF, CANADA January 25—February 1, 2025



### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7-Nights Lodging
- Welcome Reception
- Giant Slalom Races @ Lake Louise
- Picnic Lunch @ Lake Louise Base Village
- BAC Council Dinner
- Farewell Banquet, Awards and Dance

### AVAILABLE:

SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS

- Group Air - SFO to Calgary
- Ground Transportation  
Calgary to Banff / Banff to Calgary
- Group Lift Tickets

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BAC Trip Leader  
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Foster City, CA 94404  
650-515-9532  
[iplaythird@yahoo.com](mailto:iplaythird@yahoo.com)

BAC CST# 2050870 FWSA CST# 2036983-40

### LODGING OPTIONS

#### BANFF PARK LODGE

[WWW.BANFFPARKLODGE.COM](http://WWW.BANFFPARKLODGE.COM)



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

#### CARIBOU LODGE

[WWW.BANFFCARIBOULODGE.COM](http://WWW.BANFFCARIBOULODGE.COM)



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

#### Moose Lodge

[WWW.MOOSEHOTELANDSUITES.COM](http://WWW.MOOSEHOTELANDSUITES.COM)



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

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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**

## ***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)*



TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE

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: \$2799p.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 186 miles of slopes spread between 9093 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:
  - WIFI
  - Heated Ski Room – with direct access to the slopes
  - 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 Beaufort, Marseille Panier Area, Grotte de Cosquer <https://www.grotte-cosquer.com/en/visit-the-cosquer-cave/> , day tour of Camargue (Saint Mariede 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



BAC CST# 2050870  
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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.*

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# 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

Debbi Kor  
Co-Convention Chair  
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or 503-314-7078

Jane Wyckoff  
Co-Convention Chair  
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Barbara Razo  
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or 714-401-7341

Sheila Van Guilder  
Host Council Convention  
Coordinator  
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or 714-656-6032

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**

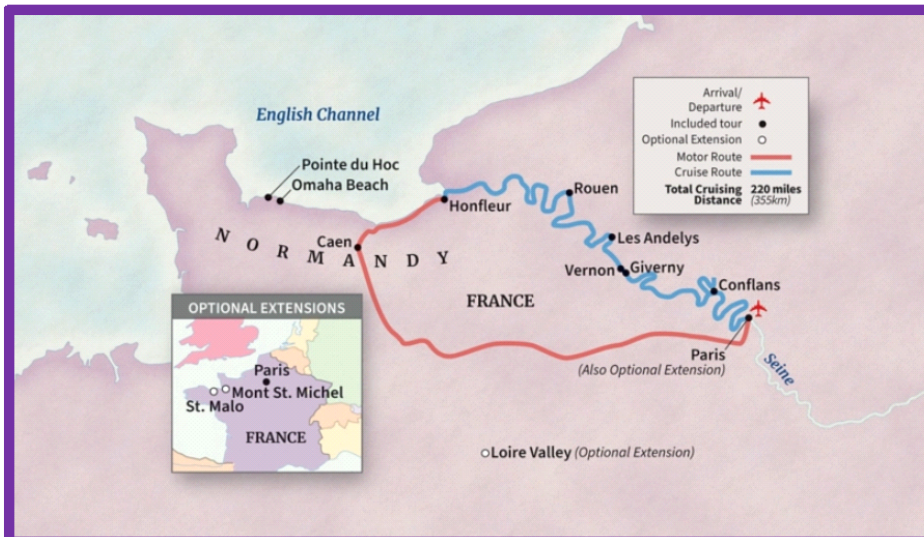
Grand Circle Reservations is open 7 days/week.

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

8 days from **\$2,695**  
River Cruise only

9 days from **\$4,145**  
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 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: \$845 per person

**Munich, Germany**  
3 nights post-trip: \$895 per person



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 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)  
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### SKIZETTE FOR NOVEMBER, 2024



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

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