



Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



SSTC Board members wish everyone

Happy Holidays

and we are looking forward to new fun adventures in 2026!



SSTC Board Members

Front Row L-R: Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Executive Vice President, Debi Barr-Holquist, Past President, Amy Dodd, Newsletter Chair, Janet Nuss, Vice President of Day Trips, Patty Staab, Vice President of Tour Trips, Jan Freeman, President, Deon Bishop, Webmaster

Back Row L-R: Ruth Kopec, SKI Representative, Kim Rockford, Vice President of Membership, Dave Trapp, Treasurer, Rich Bergt, Community Service Chair, Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair, Kristi Sitki, Secretary, Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chair, Kathryn Hanlon, Vice President of Events

Absent: Rose Johnson, Sports Chair

HALF PRICED MEMBERSHIPS THROUGH APRIL

The current Club membership year runs May, 2025 through April, 2026. Half-priced memberships are available now through the end of the year to encourage people to try out the Club. Single membership is just \$20 and family membership is \$25.

New members may join at Happy Hour, or may send a [completed application](#) and a check to:

PO Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am looking forward to enjoying all the December activities that our Club has to offer, and I wish everyone Happy Holidays!

A REMINDER! Half Priced Memberships through April 30! The Board voted to allow ½ priced memberships through the end of the Club year to encourage new members to join. \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. Tell your friends!

THANK YOU..... THANK YOU.....THANK YOU!

- To Rose Johnson, Sports Chair for leading a fun fall walk for 7 attendees at Washington Park on November 3!
- To Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair for arranging dining out at Sangamo Brewing November 6th for 8 attendees!
- To Tim Phillips for making us happy and for arranging pizza at Brewski's on November 20!
- To Janet Nuss and her committee for continuing to offer fun day trips for us to enjoy!
- To all the volunteers who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in December!

- Dining out at Old Luxemburg Thursday, December 4
- Day trip to Belleville Christkindlmarkt – Friday, December 5
- Community Service Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – Saturday, December 6
- Christmas Party at Panther Creek – Saturday, December 13
- Sports event at Malibu Jacks indoor amusement park – Tuesday, December 16
- Happy Hour at Motorheads – Thursday, December 18

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

**No Dining Out
in January!**

Happy Hour

January 15 - 5pm to ??
Legacy Pointe Eatery

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

CHICAGO GANGSTER TOUR TRIP

May 27, 2026

Trip leaders: *Dave Sloat*, dgsloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1691
Cheri Sloat, csloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1698

Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch & Winery Tour/Tastings

June 25, 2026

Trip leaders: *Joyce Metz*, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764

Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen

July 30, 2026

Trip leader: *Jana Kincaid*, jagrolling90@gmail.com, (217) 416-0955

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Patty Staab**
217-836-4406, patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter
217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

February 7 - 15th, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Jana Kincaid**
(217) 416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon
(217) 494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026- September 7, 2026

Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

Day Trips Update!!

Hello, everyone!!

FYI - The May 27, 2026 Chicago Gangster Tour trip officially SOLD OUT at the November 20th Happy Hour! We only had 20 seats available for the trip and we knew it would be popular but didn't expect it to sell out quite so soon. We already have a waitlist for the trip, but if you would like to be added please contact Dave dgsloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1691 or Cheri Sloat csloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1698, the trip leaders for this event.

There are still seats available for the July 30, 2026 trip to Arthur and Sullivan. This trip first includes shopping and a buffet lunch at Yoder's Amish Kitchen and then on to the Little Theater on the Square to see the Tony award-winning musical play, "Come from Away"! The price per person is \$137. **We will need 15 more people to sign up for this trip to be a Go and would like to have that happen by the end of December.** If you have any questions or are interested in this trip, please contact Jana Kincaid jagrolling90@gmail.com (217) 416-0955, the trip leader for this event.

For more details about the trip, see: Arthur/Sullivan Trip Handout – See the flyer on page 10.

We realize that July 30th seems like a long way away, but we have to plan early in order to reserve tickets and buses, and then we have a limited time to sell out the trips before we potentially lose our spaces, so if you are interested in attending, we recommend you sign up early so we can confirm our reservations.

Day Trip Committee members or trip leaders will be at Happy Hours to accept your applications, the next one being December 18th at 5 pm at Motorheads Bar & Grill. You can also contact the trip leaders at any time and arrange to send them your completed trip applications and checks.

Trip application forms are here: [Trip Application](#)

Also, always feel free to contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP at janet.nuss@comcast.net (217) 638-2840.

Dining Out Old Lux

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
1900 S. 15th Street, Springfield
Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour



December 18, 2025 5:00pm - ???



Tuesday, December 16
3:00 pm

Enjoy an afternoon at Malibu Jacks indoor amusement park. Many fun options are available such as bowling for \$10 an hour per lane, putt putt golf for \$8.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Saturday, December 6th

Shifts: 10:25am - 12:25pm | 12:25pm - 2:25pm
2:25pm - 4:25pm | 4:25pm - 6:25pm

SSTC needs two volunteers for each shift. Each person will be credited two volunteer hours for the shift. I have designated Rick Griminger as your contact person.

rgriminger@comcast.net, text 217-652-4363

HANNIBAL, MISSOURI DAY TRIP

September 25, 2025

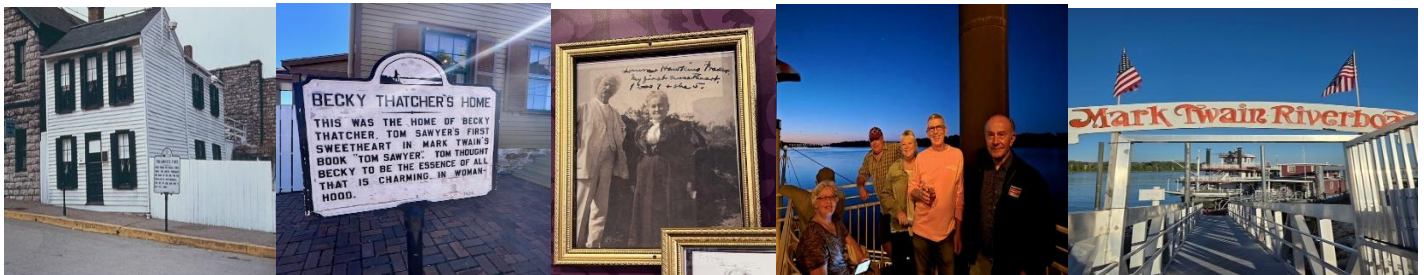
Lynne and I had a wonderfully fun day with a group of 29 adventurous SSTC members. We were blessed with perfect weather to boot! Trivia and word search kept us busy, engaged and some were even surprised with receiving a prize on the bus.

Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher met us at the Welcome Center and offered to walk the town with us.

From there, we broke off to explore areas of interest. Some ventured up the hill to Rockcliffe Mansion.



Everyone experienced lunch and treats at different restaurants and eateries. Trolley rides were available. If in Hannibal, we recommend the giant pork tenderloin at Rumor Has It!



Tickets were included to explore homes and buildings on site telling us a fascinating history of Mark Twain, his life and stories. There were a variety of stores, coffee shops and bookstores open and welcoming, as well as friendly locals to chat with along the way.



ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership.....	Kim Fraim Rockford
VP for Day Trips.....	Janet Nuss
VP for Tour Trips.....	Patty Staab
VP Events.....	Kathryn Hanlon
Happy Hour Chair.....	Tim Phillips
Dining Out Chair.....	Jana Kincaid
Snowjourner Editor.....	Amy Dodd
S.K.I. Representative.....	Ruth Kopec
Community Services Chair.....	Rich Bergt
Sports Chair.....	Rose Johnson
Webmaster.....	Deon Bishop



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Linda Hammer	2	Camille Lohnes	12	John Norris	23
Kit Sponsler	2	Gloria McPherson	12	Debi Barr-Holquist	24
Pamela Tiskos	3	Jenifer J. Malson	12	Mark A. McQuality	24
Gary Philo	4	Rosemary Bellaire	13	Patti Bassett	25
Helen Leanard	5	Sara Oehlert	14	Joseph O'Beirne	25
Roger Schnelten	5	Mark Carnduff	15	Mary Petrilli	25
Larry Michaud	6	Jack Hook	15	Sandra Ransdell	27
Patricia R Kates	6	Tina Biderman	15	Sandy Colborn	27
Tom Hafel	8	Cathy Mellendorf	16	Debbie Locher	27
Mike Hall	8	Gary Telford	17	Jan Kuhl	28
Carol Maggio	9	Kristi Sitki	20	Diane Sanders	29
Jim Disney	10	Colleen Pinto	20	Marie L Wheeler	30
Carol Johnson	10	Rick Millard	21	Joyce Metz	31
Tim Phillips	11	John Mellendorf	21	Susan Fisherkeller	31
Paul Robertson	11	Timothy Shrake	22	Dan Ewald	31
Ron Miller	12	Mary Reed	23		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Dining Out Old Lux 5:30pm	5 Belleville Christkindlmarkt & Buffet Dinner	6 Bell Ringing Schnuck's Montvale 11:00 – 6:00
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13 Christmas Party Panther Creek 6:00pm
14	15	16 Malibu Jack's 3:00pm	17	18 Happy Hour Motorheads 5:00pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip ☐ Tour Trip ☐ Day Trip ☐ Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: ___ Female: ___ DOB: _____ DL#: _____ DL State: _____

Passport# (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? ___ Lessons? ___ Are you a skier? Yes ___ No ___

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

Full Trip Price: \$ _____	App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
1 st Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 nd Deposit: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Final Payment: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Approved Refund: \$ _____	Total Paid: \$ _____	

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

"Cutoff" dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club's general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual's Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as "non-smoking trips."

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant's portion of the club's overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
 2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
 3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A "partial" trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to "resell" partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
 4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting "no lifts" will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted "group rate."
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** Chicago Gangster Tour
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**, leaving Amtrak station promptly at **6:11 am**; arriving in Chicago about 9:30 am; Leaving Chicago Union Station **at 5:20 pm**; and arriving back in Springfield about 8:30 pm.
- TRIP LEADER:** **Dave Sloat (847) 902-1691 dgsloat51@gmail.com**
Cheri Sloat (847) 902-1698 csloat51@gmail.com
- PRICE:** **\$132** (20 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Roundtrip ticket to/from Chicago, Private Chicago Gangster tour/ tour guide tip; Shoreline water taxi ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a trip to Chicago via Amtrak, arriving at Union Station about 9:30 am. Everyone will be provided with an all-day pass on the Shoreline water taxi to navigate Chicago per your desire. Lunch and shopping will be on your own. Everyone will meet on the corner of Ohio and Clark Streets at 1 pm for a 2-hour private bus trip for a tour back in time to Prohibition-era Chicago to see hotspots made famous by Al Capone and his allies. Before returning home, there will be time on your own for an early dinner or to grab a sandwich to take on the train home.
- DISCLAIMER:** Navigating Chicago involves a lot of walking. Accessing the docks to board the water taxis may require walking up/down multiple stairs. There are also multiple blocks from the water taxi drop offs to the Gangster tour bus location.
- FOOD:** On your own



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by January 2, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after January 2, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after January 2, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch and Winery Tour/Tastings
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 25, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Joyce Metz, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764
- PRICE:** \$143 (35 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy this afternoon lunch cruise on the Missouri River aboard the luxurious Miss Augusta yacht. Miss Augusta offers opportunities to soak in the sunshine or enjoy the climate controlled air-conditioned salons as you cruise and enjoy the beautiful scenery from the Missouri River, listening to the captain's narration of the history of the area while you take in the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Alcohol is available to purchase, but the cost is on your own. We will then enjoy a tour and wine tastings at the Mount Pleasant Estates, the oldest winery in Augusta, before returning home.
- FOOD:** Lunch on the Miss Augusta provided (alcoholic beverages available on your own)



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by November 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after November 20, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

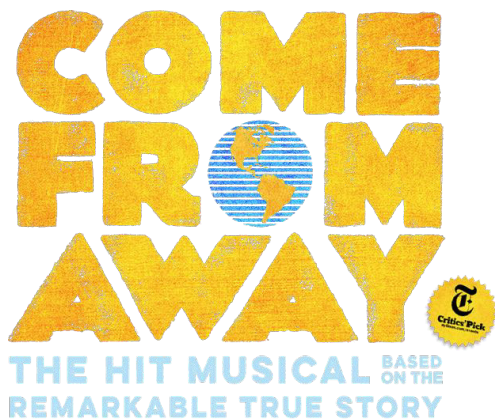
*Cancel after November 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 30, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Jana Kincaid, jagrolling90@gmail.com, (217)416-0955
- PRICE:** \$137 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Arthur, IL for a shopping stop at Beachy's Bulk Food and a scrumptious buffet lunch (with pie) at the famous Amish Yoder's Kitchen. We will then proceed to the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan for a performance of "Come from Away", a musical, based on the true events in the Newfoundland town of Gander during the week following the September 11 attacks, when 38 planes, carrying approximately 7,000 passengers, were ordered to land unexpectedly at Gander International Airport. The characters in the musical are based on actual Gander residents and the stranded travelers they housed and fed.
- FOOD:** Buffet Lunch with pie and soft drinks included at Yoder's Restaurant in Arthur, IL



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by December 18, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after December 18, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after December 18, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN THE SPRINGTIME

WHEN: April 24 – May 8, 2026 (38 maximum travelers)

TRIP LEADERS: Patricia Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

PRICE:

Cabin Level:	Contata E	Sonata C	Serenade A
Price per person	\$5,975.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,700.00
Single Supplement (3 available):	\$995.00		
Cruise & Land Portion (no air):	\$4,740.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,460.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Accommodations for 3 nights in a 4-Star or better Bruges hotel and 10 nights in an outside cabin on a Grand Circle Cruise Line riverboat
- 11 tours with personal headsets
- Sightseeing in Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Keukenhof and Enkhuizen
- Bruges boat ride and Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2 signature experiences: Home-hosted coffee and cake, tulip farm visit
- Local program directors
- Private bus for land travel
- All transfers



- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters, tour directors and boat crew
- House beer, house red or white wine and soft drinks at all times on Grand Circle's riverboat

Grand Circle offers an optional post-trip in Amsterdam. Talk to trip leaders for more information.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st payment due at sign-up

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

2nd payment due 5/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

3rd payment due 9/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

4th payment due 11/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,475 per person, double; \$1,720 single
Sonata Level - \$1,530 per person, double; \$1,745 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,905 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES:

- Cancel by March 31, 2025– Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 1 and June 30, 2025 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between July 1 and October 31, 2025 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after November 1, 2025 – Your price is the full price of the trip, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel (November 11, 2026).**

TRIP INSURANCE: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 7-15, 2026

**TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid (217)416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon (217) 494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net**

Minimum number to cruise is 30; maximum is 40.

PRICE:

- * Air, Hotel & Cruise, and Basic Gratuities: \$2,400 per person, double occupancy, balcony room
- * Single supplement: \$810 (4 singles available), balcony room
- * Hotel and Cruise only: \$1800 per person double occupancy, balcony room
- * **Special note: Prices are subject to change after airfare has been purchased.**

NOTE: All shore excursions are at your expense.

An amenity package that includes unlimited beverages, 3 nights of specialty dining, \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will cost an extra \$270 per person.

An alternate package that includes 10 photos, \$100 shipboard credit, and \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will not cost extra.

Passengers sharing a cabin must choose the same package.

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation between Springfield and St. Louis airport.
- * Round-trip flight between St. Louis and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- * San Juan hotel for one night in San Juan **THAT INCLUDES BREAKFAST**
- * Transfers from the airport to the hotel, hotel to cruise port and cruise port to airport
- * All meals included on the ship with the exception of specialty dining

PORTS OF CALL:

**Tortola, BVI
St. John's, Antigua
Bridgetown, Barbados
St. Lucia
Philipsburg, St. Maarten
St. Thomas
San Juan**



SIGN-UP: Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Summer Picnic

June 19th, 1st payment: \$1200 double, \$1610 single; without air, deduct \$300.
August 21, 2nd payment: \$1200 double, \$1600 single; without air, deduct \$300.
Second payments can be mailed to: Jana Kincaid

Attn: SSTC
1014 Ravina Dr
Chatham, IL 62629

Cancellation: Cancel before July 1, 2025—Pay only \$25 SSTC processing fee
Cancel July 1-July 31—30% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Cancel August 1-31—50% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Starting September 1—you are obligated for full payment. NO REFUNDS

NOTE: This trip is for independent travelers who can navigate airports, walk the length of the cruise ship, and stay with the group when together. Requests for special accommodations, such as plane seats and accessible rooms, are the responsibilities of travelers and subject to availability.

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the return date.



Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends that you purchase trip insurance. At a minimum, it should cover accident, sickness, or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to buy 'Cancel for Any Reason' insurance if possible. Be sure to compare policies, as some do not cover the full price of the trip. Purchase as soon as possible for maximum coverage.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)
(Possibility of date variance by 1 day due to flight schedule)

Trip Leaders: Ed and Anne Midden (217) 836-9816 Anne.midden@gmail.com

Price: *Combined air and land*

Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

Land only: \$5,950.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Johannesburg; Cape Town to Chicago
 - Flights Johannesburg – Victoria Falls and Victoria Falls to Port Elizabeth
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Johannesburg; 2 nights Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; 3 nights Kariega Game Reserve; 2 nights Knysna; 4 nights Cape Town
- Meals: Welcome dinner, 6 dinners, 2 lunches, daily breakfast
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Local tour guides
- Trip includes:
 - Guided Soweto tour with Apartheid Museum/ Guided Cape Point tour and entrance/ Table Mountain Cable car pass/ transport along the Garden Route/ Sundowners Lagoon cruise in Knysna/ Entrance to Knysna Elephant sanctuary/Safari at Kariega PGR/ Sundowners Zambezi River Cruise/ Guided tour of Victoria Falls/Constantia Winelands for wine tasting
- Gratuities for drivers, safari guides and tour guides
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,
- participate in 6+ hours of activities each day,
- This trip takes you to remote places with no medical facilities nearby,
- Balance and agility are required for boarding 4x4 safari vehicles, not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers in need of a CPAP machine may only bring one that runs on rechargeable batteries.
- You must be able to handle your own luggage.

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land

1 st payment due September 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
2 nd payment due November 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
3 rd payment due January 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
4 th payment due March 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees

Cancel by September 19, 2025-A full refund will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 **and a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

****** A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader.

Passports: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date (March 8, 2027) for international travel.**

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club **strongly** recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase "Cancel for Any Reason" insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski and Travel Club, P.O. **Box 1146**, Springfield, IL 62705)

Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): _____ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly newsletter, is available at www.springfieldskiclub.org

Questions may be directed to sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- ☐ Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
☐ Are you a skier?
☐ Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of Each Individual member (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Kouncil of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____