

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Dining Out

CANCUN

THURSDAY, FEB 5, 2026 420 Crossing Dr, Sherman
Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's February! Happy Valentine's Day!

Membership Renewals Are Going Out

The first week of February you will be receiving a membership renewal form in the mail for the Club year beginning in May.

- Sign and mail back the form with your check for \$40 for singles and \$50 for family membership.
- Lifetime members must sign and mail back the form to continue membership.
- Everyone, please check a box to volunteer to support our activities!

A REMINDER! Half Priced Memberships for the duration of this Club year 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 Tim Phillips for making 65 of us happy at Legacy Point on January 15!
- To the volunteers who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in February!

- Dining Out at Cancun, Sherman – Thursday, February 5
- Happy Hour at Engrained – Thursday, February 19
- Stay Warm!

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

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

Update on 2026 SSTC Day Trips

Hi, everyone! To keep you posted, know that the Day Trip Committee and trip leaders are hard at work planning more day trips in 2026 that members will enjoy. Our plan is to have two new summertime day trips to present to the SSTC Board for approval and have ready to advertise to you prior to the April membership meeting and sign-up party. So, please check the March newsletter and eblasts for more information. Please contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP, janet.nuss@comcast.net, (217)-638-2840 if you have questions or if you are interested in being a trip leader for an upcoming event.

May 27, 2026 Gangster Tour trip to Chicago is SOLD OUT. For questions about the waitlist for this trip, you may contact Dave dgsloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1691 or Cheri Sloat csloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1698, the trip leaders for this event.

June 25, 2026 day trip to Augusta, MO on Thursday, June 25, 2026 is SOLD OUT. For questions about the waitlist for this trip, you may contact Wendy Schluter wendy.schluter@yahoo.com (217) 415-4764 or Joyce Metz joycemetz5@comcast.net (217) 816-4123, the trip leaders for this event.

JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour

February 19, 2026 5:00pm - ???



SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

March 5
Cooper's Hawk

Happy Hour

March 19 - 5pm to ??
Spfld Motor Boat Club

Annual Meeting & Spring Sign-Up Party

April 10

Happy Hour

April 16
Office West

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

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

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027

Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@oulook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership.....	Mary Schackmann
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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Justin & Connie Norville | Deb Finney

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Jan Freeman	1	Holly Beach	11	Michael Blair	20
Pam Smith	1	Patricia K. Pace-Halpin	11	Kitsie Moore	20
Melissa Dannenberger	1	Sandy Goodner	12	Donna Burke	20
Garrett Johnson	2	Julie Hubbard	12	Julie McQuality	21
Richard R. Williams	3	Kent Trexler	12	John Hawkins	22
Michael Kane	3	Dinah Willard	13	Norma Brantley	22
Dave Colborn	4	Amber Egan	13	Andrea Trexler	22
Shawn Kopec	5	Gary Stockton	13	Patti Baird	22
Kelly Costello	7	Lynn Bierma	13	RoyceAnne Scoville	22
Michelle Rowe	8	Brenda Stimac	14	Steve Wright	25
Shirley Lilly	9	Michael Sherman	15	Karen O'Beirne	25
Michael Joyce	10	David Scoville	17	Kristi Katcher	25
Jan Joyce	10	Mary Valasek	17	Rick Rogers	26
Mary Mucciante	11	Deb Philo	18	Diane Urbanckas	27
Barbara Tanzyus	11	Pam Walters	20	Jana Kincaid	28

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Dining Out Cancun Sherman 5:30pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				No Board Meeting Lincoln's Birthday		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day			Happy Hour Engrained 5:00pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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

App. No. _____ Wait List: _____

Full Trip Price: \$ _____ Partial Trip Price: \$ _____ Notes: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

2nd 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 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

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)

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 and Travel Club
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

When: April 30, 2027 – May 11, 2027
(minimum of 30 travelers)

Trip Leaders:

Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Ruth Kopec. kopec3@outlook.com



Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Zurich, Geneva to Chicago
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Zurich; 3 nights Lucerne; 3 nights Montreux; 2 nights Geneva (4-star hotels)
- Meals: daily breakfast
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Walking tour of Bern (UNESCO Old Town) and the medieval village of Gruyeres/ Scenic drive across the border into France to Chamonix/Explore Zermatt village/guided tour of Geneva
 - Tickets included for the following: Guided Rhine Falls/Lindt Home of Chocolate Museum and tasting/ Glacier Express train/ Mount Rigi Cogwheel train and boat trip/ Aare Gorge & Giessbach Falls/ Maison du Gruyere cheese factory/ visit Chateau de Chillon/ Wine tasting at the Lavaux terraced vineyards (UNESCO site)/ the Gornergrat Railway to the Matterhorn/ Cable car ride to view Mont Blanc
- Porterage in and out of each hotel
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time 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,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) April 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 nd payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 rd payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 th payment due October 11, 2026	\$1,595.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by April 25,2026. A full refund will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25,2026 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

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

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 (November 12, 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 Council 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: _____