

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



SSTC Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party at Panther Creek Country Club was a huge success after a reschedule due to inclement weather. Our elegant venue was graciously sponsored by Curtis and Ann Meinhardt. We enjoyed an evening full of good food, goodwill, and holiday cheer. Many thanks to Jon Roth of Music Source for providing us with great dance music and wonderful photo booth. We received many, many comments about what a great party it was. Everyone had a wonderful evening.

Happy New Year!



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am looking forward to the many activities and trips we are planning for 2026, and I hope you will participate!

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!

We say good-bye and thanks for your service this year to Board Member Kim Rockford, Vice President of Membership who resigned at the end of the year.

We welcome Mary Schackmann back to the Board who has been appointed to the position of Vice President of Membership effective January 1, 2026, for the duration of the Club year ending April 30!

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

- To Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair for arranging dining out at Old Lux December 4th, 2025, for 29 attendees!
- To Rose Johnson, Sports Chair, for arranging a fun Sports event at Malibu Jacks indoor amusement park December 16 for 8 attendees
- To Tim Phillips for making us happy at Motorheads on December 18 and for scoring one of the most attended Happy Hours with 78 attendees at Brewski's in November!
- To Steve Wright and Kathy Bacon for leading a fun day trip to Belleville on December 5th for 35 attendees!
- To Kathryn Hanlon, Vice President of Events for quickly re-arranging the Christmas Party due to inclement weather and hosting a fun fun Christmas party on December 27th at Panther Creek
- To Janet Nuss, Vice President of Day Trips and her committee for continuing to offer fun day trips for us to enjoy.
- To Rick Griminger, who led the bell ringing activity for the Salvation Army which raised \$1204!
- To Patty Staab and her committee for planning a trip of a lifetime to Switzerland in 2027!
- To all the volunteers who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in January!

- Happy Hour at Legacy Point – Thursday, January 15
- Stay Warm!

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

February 5
TBD

Happy Hour

February 19 - 5pm to ??
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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: **Patty Staab**
217-836-4406, patriciastaab2118@gmail.com

Day Trips Update!!

Unfortunately, the Day Trip Committee has cancelled the Thurs. July 30, 2026, day trip to Arthur and Sullivan because we weren't able to sign up the minimum number of participants we needed for the trip to be a go. We will be mailing back applications and voided checks to those of you who registered for the trip. Please contact either Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP, janet.nuss@comcast.net, (217) 638-2840 if you have questions.

May 27, 2026, Gangster Tour trip to Chicago is SOLD OUT. For questions about the waitlist for this trip, please 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



LEGACY
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January 15, 2026
5:00pm - ???

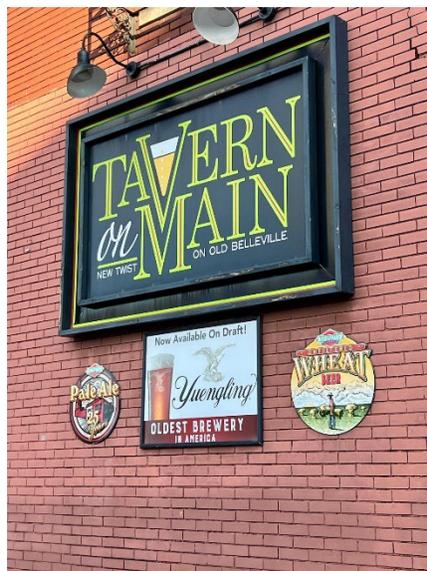


Thank you to all the volunteers who rang bells for the Salvation Army this December during our service. A total of \$1,200.00 was given.

Christkindlmart: A Winter Tradition in Germany, Celebrated by the Ski Club in Belleville, Illinois December 5, 2025



The Christmas Street markets are a great place to enjoy the yuletide atmosphere and be surrounded by gingerbread, hot chocolate, decorations, lights, treats, coffee, crafts and other seasonal staples. It was a brisk day with the streets dusted with shimmering white snow; however, 35 excited travelers enjoyed the festive square feeling a lot like Christmas. Lots of small town stores and coffee shops were open and welcoming filled with unique items.



After a few hours of shopping, exploration and fun, we all gathered at a rustic family-owned Italian restaurant, The Tavern on Main. Nobody was disappointed with the delicious homemade food and exceptional hospitality! A full spread of salads, pastas, pizza and bread sticks filled the air with their rich fragrance.



On our way home, there was a surprise stop at one of Steve and I's favorite places, Bobby's Frozen Custard in Maryville, Illinois. Homemade frozen custard with endless topping choices and fresh roasted nuts for sundaes or concretes. Thank you to everyone who shared this beautiful chilly day with us!



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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Tom Sponsler	3	Janet Nuss	13	George Michael	23
Jim Baggs	3	Barbara Bitschenauer	14	Pamela Brooks	23
Dianne Bishop	4	Tim Rogers	15	Jane Hickman	23
Sam Maggio	4	John Blazis	16	Kent Schluter	24
Karen Eickenberg	5	Regina Kaiser	17	David Wentworth	24
Barbara Burke	6	Ray Donnelly	17	Bill Werner	25
Bob Biderman	6	Pat Glenn	18	Alan Kamhi	26
John Nosari	10	Charles Prince	20	Gerald Aldrich	29
Cindy Holler	10	Elaine Mayer	20	Shawn Fox	29
Bill Curry	12	Terri Marbold	22	Ann L Midden	31
Paul Staab	13	Mary Ellen Creighton	23		

JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Happy Hour Legacy Pointe 5:00pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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.

<u>For trip leader use only</u>		App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
Full Trip Price: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____	
1 st Deposit: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____	
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 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)
(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 and Travel Club
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

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

Trip Leaders:

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: _____