

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Dining Out

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00

Sweet Basil Cafe

Reservations are required by
noon on Monday, April 3, 2023

Don Broughton,
Dining Out Chairman
Brought617@gmail.com



ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

Saturday
April 15, 2023

Meet at 9:00 am

St. John's Lutheran
Church parking lot
on West Washington

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

About Amazing April: We start this month of activities on April 6th with Dining Out. Our Happy Hour closes off the month on April 27th, which is later than it is usually scheduled. This is because we will have a Sign-Up Party on April 22nd at the Aqua Club. Sign-Up Parties provide opportunities for food, music, and dancing. It is a great way to meet new friends and to converse with long-time friends. The Northern Italy Trip sign-up will be offered, as well as several Day Trips. Look for an eblast this month for up-to-the-minute information. We will be electing new board members soon, and we celebrate those who have been serving our club in recent years. Thanks to all of those who have been serving and now can have a well-deserved rest.

Here is a picture of my family taken on my birthday last month. I only knew two of these people years ago when I first became a SSTC member in 2006. You can see it is a big family. I would give them the shirt off my back, my sweat and tears, and more... and I have! You might ask how did these people become my family? Because all of them got involved with our Springfield Ski and Travel Club—with Dining Out, Happy Hour, Day Trips and Tour Trips, with Adopt a Street Day, and by volunteering and serving on a variety of committees. But even this is not all of the members in my family because my family includes all members of the SSTC. So I thank all of you who have become a part of my family by being a part of the SSTC!

This is my 36th and final president's message in the Snowjourn-er. But I have no final words because this is not a farewell. This is not an endpoint - it is a continuation for me as I continue to enjoy the fun, friendships, and activities that are all part of this club. I'm looking forward to meeting you, working with you, and enjoying the SSTC. So I welcome all of you to enjoy being part of my family! I have enjoyed being a part of yours!

Richard Bergt

President
Springfield Ski & Travel Club



Save the Date

Dining Out	May 4, 2023
HAPPY HOUR - Casa Real	May 18, 2023
CUB/CARDINAL LEGENDS GAME	May 27, 2023
IL Vintage Wine Festival	Sept. 16, 2023

Enchanting Peru Tour October 5-16, 2023

DiAnn Trapp - 217-415-8055
diannaroo@gmail.com

Patty Staab - 217-836-4406
patstaab@comcast.net

13-Day Northern Italy Tour May 2-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010
m.bloechle@comcast.net



Sign-Up Procedures for Trip to Northern Italy



Board members, trip leaders and 10 volunteer service hour certificate holders may sign up early by **hand delivering** the requirements listed below to Trip Leader Mike Bloechle, 4716 Greenbriar Drive, Springfield, **beginning April 13**. Please call Mike ahead at 217-787-1010.

FYI Members having at least 10 volunteer service hours may request a certificate for early sign up by contacting Jan Freeman at jfreeman2456@att.net no later than Saturday, April 8.

Day of Sign-Up April 22, Aqua Club, 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, 5:00 PM

5:00 PM	Doors Open and Numbers issued Each person may sign up one additional person
5:15 PM	Sign-Up Begins
6:00 PM	Food served followed by music until 9 PM

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed and signed SSTC Trip Application form dated April 22. The information provided must be **complete and legible**.
- Copy of passport which includes picture, passport number and date of birth (Passport must be valid for 6 months after the trip return and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel.)
- Copy of white CDC COVID vaccination card listing all vaccinations and boosters
- Check dated April 22 and made out to SSTC for \$2,400

SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY

The Spring Sign-Up Party is scheduled for April 22nd, 2023 at the Aqua Club - 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, IL. Sign-up for the Northern Italy Trip will open at 5:00pm. A cash bar will be available at that time followed by food served at 6:00pm. There will be no need to eat prior to attending as pulled pork sliders, smoked chicken wings, a dessert, and other sides will be served.

DJ Dennis Reed will provide music until 9:00pm. Service hours can be earned by assisting with setup, serving food and clean up.

If you are interested in earning service hours, please contact Joyce Ludwig after March 26th by texting or calling 217-725-9125.

Welcome New Members!

Janet Snow

Lynn Kowalenko

APRIL Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Rebecca Hood	1	Sharon Robertson	12	Mike Laughlin	22
Mary J. Thomas	3	Michael Sizemore	12	Mary Lou Jackson	24
Paula Hermes	3	Kathy Bacon	13	Julie Bertagnolli	24
Mike Hamende	3	Thomas Apke	14	Ann Hosteny	25
Victoria Greenan	4	Cheryl Luttrell	14	Jerry Parsons	26
Joyce Merriman	5	Liz Logsdon	15	Alan Merriman	26
Kathryn Hanlon	7	Harold Hale	15	Trudy Malkey	26
Pennie Stevens	8	Don Stefancic	18	Steve Washko Jr.	27
Laura Coleman	8	Jim Knapp	18	Dave Waltrip	28
Michael Rogers	8	Diane Osman	18	Rick Schramm	28
Michael Malson	9	Deb Stahl	19	Dennis Bomke	30
Sally Petrone	9	Todd Foster	20	Patricia Staab	30
Allyson Witt	9	Peggy Kane	21		

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools Day
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 Passover	6 Dining Out Sweet Basil Cafe	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13 Passover Ends	14	15 Adopt-a-Street Cleanup 9:00 am St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Sign Up Party
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Hour	28	29
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PRESIDENT
Debi Barr-Holquist

As a member of ski club, I have enjoyed meeting so many fun club members. I really believe the club is a great organization and I want to support and promote our programs while actively recruiting new members.

I have been VP Tours for the last 2 years. We have been fortunate to go to Portugal, Aruba, Croatia and Greece. We are planning on going to Iceland, Peru and Northern Italy in the future.

My goal is to see the Springfield Ski and Travel Club continuing to offer international travel, day trips, sporting events, fun Happy Hours and fabulous parties and expand our membership.



SECRETARY
Ruth Kopec

Hello! My name is Ruth Kopec and I am honored to be on the Board as the Club's Secretary.

I have been a member for about 8 years, I live in Sherwood with

my dog Pepper. I greatly enjoy the many travels I have had with the Club and look forward to many more.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP
Sue Monteyne

My name is Sue Monteyne. My husband Mark and I joined the Ski Club in 2014. Our first trip was to Florence and Sicily. Shortly after that trip, Mark was diagnosed with Alzheimers.

As the disease progressed, members of the ski club stepped up and helped Mark and me navigate through airports, crowds, and sites, allowing us to have stress-free and pleasant memories of our travels. This club is full of wonderful, caring people and I'm proud to be a member. I would be honored to serve as vice president of membership. With the help and guidance from Mary Schackmann, hopefully, I'll be able to carry on the awesome job that she has previously done.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
Mary Schackmann

My name is Mary Schackmann. I have been a member since 2019 and have enjoyed trips to Mexico, Croatia, Greece and Aruba. Trips to Iceland and Peru

are in my near future. A sincere thank you to all the trip leaders and committee members! To support this amazing club, I have currently served two years as Vice President of Membership. Thank you for the opportunity to continue supporting our club's activities in the role of Executive Vice President. (Pic taken at the top of the lighthouse on Lake Springfield, club gathering hosted by Larry Michaud)

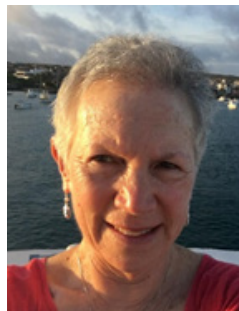


TREASURER
Theresa Watkin

My name is Theresa Watkin and I am running to continue as your Treasurer. My husband Bob and I joined the Ski and Travel Club 6 years ago. We have traveled to several countries with the club.

We have experienced many amazing sites, but more importantly we have met many wonderful people in the club. We have participated in several committees and attended many club activities.

Personally, Bob and I have 3 wonderful children who have blessed us with 6 grandchildren. I am a Springfield native who retired from Springfield District 186 in 2016. I have a degree in mathematics, which insinuates that I can add and subtract. I look forward to continuing to serve the club that has provided us with numerous wonderful experiences. Bob and I look forward to meeting new club members and continuing our Ski Club friendships.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR TOUR TRIPS
Nancy Chesley

I am running for tour trips Vice President because I love to travel with our intrepid members. I have led several ski trips and helped plan Croatia and Iceland

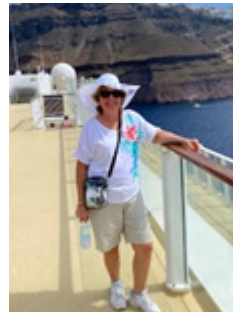
tours. I hope to entice new and current members with interesting travel options and opportunities for planning and leading future excursions.



**VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACTIVITIES
Joyce Ludwig**

After joining the ski club specifically to go on the trip to Portugal in the fall of 2021, I was approached to consider running for the position of Vice President for

Activities in April 2022. I've enjoyed my first term and look forward to serving another year. I love traveling with the ski club and visiting my four children and eleven grandchildren scattered across the U.S. I'm still very active in the Abe's Striders Racewalking Club, the Springfield Road Runners Club and Springfield Pickleball Club. Through the ski club day trips and international trips, I've enjoyed lots of adventures and good times with some very wonderful people. Will never regret joining the Springfield Ski and Travel Club!



**VICE PRESIDENT FOR
DAY TRIPS
Sandy Colborn**

Hi. I am Sandy Colborn. I was born & raised in Springfield, retired from AT&T in 2011 after 32 years of service. My husband, Dave, & I have 4 children be-

tween us and 9 grands.

My friend, Kim, encouraged me to join the Ski Club in 2018 so we could sign up for a cruise to the Panama Canal. We have since been to London/Edinburgh and Greece; as well as several day trips.

I'm looking forward to planning day trips (with the help of a committee) to enjoy our Ski Club friendships.



**VICE PRESIDENT FOR SKI TRIPS
Rich Jachino**

Hi, I joined the Ski and Travel Club several years ago and have met a lot of nice people to go on trips with. I worked in Information Technology for several years and then Grant Administration. After retirement I started doing charity work for St John's Breadline, Habitat for Humanity. I am also a Knights of Columbus member and work the Thursday night raffles. We donate money to local Charities in Springfield along with the Catholic schools. I own seasonal companies for Power-washing and Dryer Vent cleaning. In my free time I enjoy

golfing, fishing, biking, tennis, hiking, and of course Snow Skiing. I want to start Pickleball as well. I had knee replacement surgery in February 2023 so I hope to be able to get back on the slopes again and be joined by other interested Ski and Travel Club members.

VOTE IN PERSON ON APRIL 22, 2023

Aqua, 1 Club Lane, Springfield from 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Springfield Ski & Travel Club Election Ballot 2023

Please mark YES if you accept the person nominated for the position, and NO if you do not accept that person. All ballots are confidential. Your name is not required on the ballot.

CANDIDATES	YES	NO
President – Debi Barr-Holquist		
Executive Vice President – Mary Schackmann		
Secretary – Ruth Kopec		
Treasurer – Theresa Watkin		
Vice President for Membership – Sue Monteyne		
Vice President for Tour Trips – Nancy Chesley		
Vice President for Activities – Joyce Ludwig		
Vice President for Day Trips – Sandy Colborn		
Vice President for Ski Trips – Rich Jachino		

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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 ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

WHEN: October 5-16, 2023

TRIP LEADERS:

DiAnn Trapp (diannaroo@gmail.com) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab (patstaab@comcast.net) or 217-836-4406

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,850/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized

Single Supplement: \$450 (four singles available)

Land Only: \$2,760

Maximum number of participants is 28.

Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.



TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Lima (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers in Peru for those flying with the group
- Two in-country flights for **ALL** travelers (including Land-Only travelers): Lima to Cuzco and Arequipa to Lima
- Government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change



- Twenty-eight passenger bus transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide
- Three full-day tours and five half/partial day tours
- Breakfast daily, five included lunches and three included dinners
- Welcome and farewell dinners – both in Lima but at different venues
- Gratuity for guide and bus driver while in Peru (not for optional tours)

Machu Picchu • Gratuity for hotel porter

- Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due 9/24/2022 – \$1,000 due at sign up
- 2nd Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 3rd Payment due 12/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 4th Payment due 1/6/2023 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single

The final payment (including land only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS:

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

Cancel by October 1, 2022 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between October 2 and November 2, 2022 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 3 and December 3, 2022 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 3, 2022 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition (train and walking tour)
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture of the “White City” of Arequipa
- Optional Half-Day Tours with prices:
 - Day 5, Morning – Visit Ancient Cuzco Ruins - \$59/person
 - Day 5, Afternoon – Tour Cuzco “Behind the Scenes” - \$59/person
 - Day 7, Afternoon – See the Sillustani Tombs - \$49/person



Lake Titicaca

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4* - (2 nights at beginning of trip)
- Cuzco – Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel – 4* - (3 nights)
- Puno – Casa Andina Standard Puno – 4* - (2 nights)
- Colca – Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca – 4.5* - (2 nights)
- Arequipa – Casa Andina Select Arequipa Plaza – 4.5* - (1 night)
- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4* - (1 night at end of trip)

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 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

WHEN: MAY 2-14, 2024

TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR m.bloechle@comcast.net

PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$5400*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$4300*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1700* (five singles available)**
*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



VENICE

PAYMENTS:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
 - **2nd Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
 - **3rd Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
 - **4th Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 for single**
- The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.**

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Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

- Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after July 24, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Airfare Cancellation – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

Activities:

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge's Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet's house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



LAKE COMO

HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

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

Membership and Directory Information:

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home 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 news letter is available online at www.springfieldskiclub.org. If you wish a copy to be mailed monthly, mark Yes _____. **There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing.**

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$20 Monthly newsletter
☐ \$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 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, Tennis)
☐ 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, 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: _____