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# Save the Date

### **DINING OUT**

February 2, 2023 | Sangamo Brewery

#### "ICELAND - Jand of Fire and Jee"

March 17-25, 2023

Nancy Chesley - 217-415-0656 nmchesley@comcast.net Pat Chesley - 217-210-1920 patchesley@gmail.com

#### Enchanting Peru Tour October 5-16, 2023

DiAnn Trapp - 217-415-8055 diannaroo@gmail.com Patty Staab - 217-836-4406 patstaab@comcast.net

## Welcome New Members

Sheryl Friedrich | Bobbie & Brian Cummins Jill Cass | Darla & Mike Hamende

# January Birthdays

Name	Date	Name I	Date
Virginia Smith	1	Joe Donelson	19
Tom Sponsler	3	Charles Prince	20
Dianne Bishop	4	Elaine Mayer	20
Sam Maggio	4	Nell Collins	21
Karen Eickenberg	5	Nancy Brougher	22
Bob Biderman	6	Terri Marbold	22
Clare Rehman	7	George Michael	23
Dave Kruger	7	Mary Ellen Creighton	23
Jan Schramm	8	Kent Schluter	24
Karen Siddens	8	David Wentworth	24
John Nosari	10	Bill Werner	25
Paul Staab	13	Phil Ross	25
Barbara Hennessy	13	Ronald Lankey	26
Barbara Bitschenau	er 14	Alan Kamhi	26
Tim Rogers	15	Candace Lankey	26
John Blazis	16	Paula Funk	26
Ray Donnelly	17	Gerald Aldrich	29
David Foust	18	Shawn Fox	29
Pat Glenn	18	Oliver Ross	30

		JANU	JARY	2023		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Dining Out Fire & Ale	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Happy Hour Barrel Head	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We hope you are having a happy new year, and we hope that there will be many opportunities to celebrate what 2023 has in store for our club and its members! We finished off the past year by celebrating together at the SSTC Christmas party. And what a celebration it was with lots of people, many of whom dressed up for the occasion, and with great music and dancing, and a fantastic supply of food! Thanks to Joyce Ludwig for securing the Sangamon Club. Let's do it again next year! We are pleased to announce that Sandy Colborn has accepted the position of Vice President of Day Trips. She is eagerly looking for people to volunteer to be committee members. (Remember that you can get service hours by serving as a committee member.) She would also appreciate it if everyone could give suggestions for trip ideas. Act now so Day Trips can be scheduled soon. Thanks also to Wendy Schluter for continuing on in her position till the vacancy was filled by Sandy. Wendy says she will continue to help with whatever is needed to make the Day Trips a success.

You can look forward to Happy Hour this month on Thursday, January 19th starting at 5:00 pm at Barrel Head. Let's get this new month and New Year off to a great start with great friends together enjoying this great group of long-time friends and of new acquaintances.

Richard Bergt President

# **UPCOMING DAY TRIPS**

# CHICAGO AUTO SHOW | February 15, 2023

Please direct any questions to Sandy Colburn, VP for Day Trips vpdaytrips@springfieldskiclub.org

#### SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

WHEN: October 5-16, 2023

#### TRIP LEADERS:

DiAnn Trapp (<u>diannaroo@gmail.com</u>) or 217-415-8055 Patty Staab (<u>patstaab@comcast.net</u>) 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:**

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

<u>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.</u>

#### 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. <u>ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR</u> <u>COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.</u> 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 <u>plus</u> \$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 & TRAVEL CLUB ICELAND – THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

WHEN: March 17-25, 2023

TRIP LEADERS: Nancy Chesley, <u>nmchesley@comcast.net</u>, (217)415-0656 Pat Chesley, <u>patchesley@gmail.com</u>, (217)210-1920

#### PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,400/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized Single Supplement: \$680 Land Only: \$2,750/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized - price adjusted on the 4<sup>th</sup> payment Minimum number of participants is 26, maximum is 40.



#### TRIP INCLUDES:



- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
  Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Reykjavik, Iceland (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
   Hotels for seven nights Port fees and tourist taxes

#### Reykjavik

- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking tour manager
- Breakfast daily, three dinners
- Gratuities for all group activities
- Entrance fees
- Coach parking fees

#### PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign up event \$1,000.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 7/1/2022 \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 9/1/2022 \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 4th Payment due 11/1/2022 \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- Mail or deliver 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> payments to the Chesleys at 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704

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, hotel prices 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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## Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. Also submit a copy of your COVID19 vaccination card showing dates for vaccines and boosters.

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)

Cancel by May 7, 2022 – Pay the SSTC \$25 processing fee.

**Cancel between May 8 and June 20, 2022** – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between June 21 and August 15, 2022 –** 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after August 15, 2022 – Y**our obligation is the full price of the trip <u>plus</u> \$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.

#### INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

- Follow the Golden Circle in Southern Iceland
- View Reykjavik highlights
- See Snaefellsnes Peninsula
- Hike at night to see the Northern Lights (weather permitting)
- Dip in the Blue Lagoon (Be sure to bring a bathing suit!)
- Bingvellir National Park which is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Tour a geothermal bakery and taste warm rye bread
- View Gullfoss, a dramatic two-tiered waterfall
- Experience Geysir's bubbling mud pools and Strokkur hot spring
- Tour the Olverk Brewery with a pizza buffet provided
- See lava fields and glaciers
- And much, much more!



#### Blue Lagoon

NOTE: Tour activity is medium to high. It includes hiking and walking behind a waterfall or on a glacier. Plan to wear layers and bring as little as possible. Be prepared to carry your own luggage from bus to hotel rooms, because Iceland's hospitality does not include porterage!

#### HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Midgardur by Center Hotels, Laugavegur, Reyjkavik
- Icelandair Hotel Fludir
- Icelandair Hotel Klaustur

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