

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## DINING OUT

### Boccardi's ITALIAN IMPORTS

3132 COCKRELL LN | SPRINGFIELD, IL

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
**Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00**

Reservations are required by noon on Monday, May 1, 2023  
 Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman | [Brought617@gmail.com](mailto:Brought617@gmail.com)



Judy Nesbitt said she had enough food to last her a week

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

So happy to see so many members attend the April Sign-Up party. Joyce Ludwig and her committee really outdid themselves with very festive decorations and some incredible BBQ. Delicious and fun!

The sign-up for trips was unbelievable. The trip to Northern Italy, led by Mike Bloechle, has filled and is going May 2-14, 2024.

The Day trip to Missouri Botanical Garden on June 23, 2023, led by Joyce Metz, is now full.

The Day trip to Fast Eddie's and Fairmont Racetrack, led by Greg Cox and Carol Sue Johnson, is a "go" for July 29, 2023.

The Day trip to the Vintage Wine Festival, led by Amy Dodd, on September 16, 2023 still has some openings to make it a go. Please contact Amy if you are interested in going.

The most recent trip to Iceland, was an incredible once-in-a-lifetime trip. An adventurous group of 41 travelers were led by Nancy and Pat Chesley. This 9-day trip had everything you could ever wish to see in Iceland! We were lucky enough to see Glaciers, Teutonic Plates, Volcanoes, Geysers, Waterfalls, Lava Flow, Blue Lagoon and the biggest display of Northern Lights one could ever imagine! This trip just blew you away! (It literally blew us away with a snow/windstorm with gusts over 75 mph.) Please read the trip leader's trip article in this newsletter for detailed review of this fabulous trip.

A big thanks to Rich Bergt for his amazing 3 years of service as President of Springfield Ski and Travel Club. He served us well by keeping the club going through the pandemic and served an extra year to ensure our club kept going. Many, many thanks to you Rich!

Thanks to Jan Freeman stepping up to Vice President position to lead the committee to successfully secure the Board members for this upcoming year. Thanks Jan.

So happy to see the new slate of Board Members: Mary Schackmann, VP; Sue Monteyne, VP Membership; Joyce Ludwig, VP Events; Theresa Watkin; VP Treasurer; Ruth Kopec, VP Secretary; Rich Jachino, VP SKI Trips, Nancy Chesley, VP Tours and myself as President.

I look forward to serving as your president for the next fantastic Ski and Travel Club year!

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

*President  
Springfield Ski & Travel Club*

SAVE THE DATE

**Dining Out** Bernie & Betty's Pizza

June 1, 2023

**Larry Michaud's Picnic**

June 15, 2023

**Chihuly in the Garden MO Botanical Garden**

June 23, 2023

**Fast Eddie's/Fairmount Racetrack Day Trip**

July 29, 2023

**IL Vintage Wine Festival Day Trip**

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

## Welcome New Members!

Diann Gragg	Lois J. Stone	Mary Jo Anderson
Lynn and Henry Kowalenko	Meise and Michael Fahsl	Chris VanEtten
Jeff & Patty Elston	Andrea M. Danner	Thomas & Kit Sponsler
William M. Stallone	Janet Nuss	Linda S. Sczurko
Sara Oehlert	Barbara Ann Burke	Sheryl Reynolds
Linda Osborne	Dave and Diane Sanders	Nicholas Sanders

## MAY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Debbie Frenz	1	Dan Shoraga	12	Ed Thomas (1993)	26
Bill Tinsley	2	Carol Griffith	14	Kurt Schmuck	27
Mike Green	2	Alex Ferguson	14	Eric Runkel	27
Tami Monahan	4	Kathy Richardson	14	Alfred Urbanckas	27
Tony Passini	5	Marilyn Johnson	15	Marlene Demuzio	28
Glenn Weatherford	5	Linda Caupert	16	Kathleen Sorensen	29
Charles Fahrenbacher	6	Linda Lafferty	17	Sheila Mack	29
Dale Elvers	6	Luke Gleason	17	Connie Speck	30
Kathleen Treanor	7	Cindy Grapes	18	Tim Stout	30
John Powers	8	Kathi Katcher	21	Dianne Turner	31
Andrea Danner	10	Leanne Oswald	22		
William Castor	12	Susan Monteyne	24		

## MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Dining Out Boccardi's	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour Casa Real	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



# ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE, ICE, & SO MUCH MORE



Excitement, anticipation and a brisk wind were in the air when we boarded the bus March 17 to Chicago to begin our adventure. Little did we know how much wind would shape our trip experience. Our favorite bus driver Dan transported us to O'Hare, and we were on our way. After an overnight IcelandAir flight, a beautiful sunrise and snow-covered scene greeted us as we landed at Reykjavik. We met our fabulous tour guide, Snorri Stein, who took us to a bakery for treats and introduced us to the city's highlights. The welcome dinner on the waterfront of shellfish soup, filet of beef, potatoes, broccoli and chocolate cake with ice cream and berries drew rave reviews. Note to future travelers with Roger Schnelten: he loves beef, will take any you don't eat, and don't let him set the tip standard for drinks.

Much-needed rest energized us for our trip the next day to the Snaefellsnes Peninsula with its glaciers, mountains, rugged shoreline and strong winds. We found out why we needed layers of clothes topped by wind pants, coats and snug hats. The reward: Spray from whales was visible from the walk along the coast.

The next day our guide at the Aurora Northern Lights Center explained what causes the lights and how differently humans' eyes and cameras view them. We learned how to take pictures of them with our cameras. We then left Reykjavik and headed for the Golden Circle without one traveler's purse. But we had vonin (the Icelandic word for hope) that the purse would turn up.

We saw where the Asian-European tectonic plate collides with the North American tectonic plate at Thingvellir National Park. At an outdoor geothermal bakery in Laugarvatn, we helped dig out two covered pots from the hot sands. The pots held sweet, aromatic Icelandic rye bread

that had baked overnight. It was delicious served with butter and smoked trout.

We hiked into a steaming geothermal field at Geysir. The first eruptions of the flooded crater didn't impress, but eventually it produced higher streams. Then we ooh-ed and aah-ed at the spectacular double waterfall of Gullfoss. The spray from the falls and the light bouncing off the ice created a surreal scene with rainbows. We enjoyed a brief stop to pet and feed tiny Icelandic horses.

Typical for Iceland, the weather did an about face and blew us away—literally. A threatening storm materialized. Our impressive guide, Snorri, changed our sightseeing itinerary, hotel and dinner location for the next 1 ½ days as we raced to Vic, a tiny town of 300 residents. Our fearless bus driver Sal shepherded us through whiteout blasts of snow, ice and black sand. Extremely high winds caught several by surprise as we unloaded luggage and made our way to the hotel entrance. Some were "grounded" as the wind spun their luggage or them!

The next day while the storm raged with occasional 100 mph wind gusts, Sal and Snorri offered us an outing to have lunch and see real lava flow at the Lava Center in town. Afterward, we fueled up at liquor and grocery stores. Then we returned to the hotel to take advantage of the game room with a pool table, ping pong table and darts. Some people played cards. Most drank.





And this was our lucky day. We learned that the lost purse had been found and would be at our hotel when we returned to Reykjavik. Nothing was taken.

We delayed our departure from Vik until the wind eased and travelled to "Klaustur". A hike or two in the snow and awesome surroundings brought out our smiles with the sun. A provided dinner at the hotel was greatly appreciated.

On our way back to Reykjavik we stopped at sights we missed during the storm. First the Vatnajökull National Park, where we hiked over land once covered by the shrinking glacier right up to a frozen waterfall hidden from above. Then we stopped to walk Reynisfjara Black (Sand) Beach, with a warning to watch for "sneaker waves," which arrive suddenly and can sweep an adult out to sea.

We took our group picture at the beautiful and dramatic Skogafoss waterfall. We toured a museum and learned about earthquakes and how there are hundreds of small ones every day in Iceland. We capped our sightseeing with beer-tasting at a microbrewery. Then we returned to Reykjavik.

What we had not been able to do so far was see the Northern Lights. Some people went to the waterfront in Reykjavik without any sightings. But we had vonin (hope). Our final day of touring led us to the Reykjanes Peninsula. We hiked at a bubbling geothermal site and at a huge lava field left from the eruption two years earlier. Then we "chilled" in the 100-degree mineral-filled water of the Blue



Lagoon. We soaked in the total experience, enjoying a drink and a facial mud pack. Then the bus took us back to the city to enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. However, Sal and Snorri agreed to take us on an additional excursion so we could have one last chance to see the Northern Lights in the countryside. It was a clear cold night. We drove to a remote location. And we witnessed the spectacular Northern Lights drama evolving all around us. We snapped dramatic pictures until our hands and bodies could take the cold no more.

Everyone agreed it was the perfect way to end a great trip. And this great group of travelers embraced the unexpected with eagerness, enthusiasm and enjoyment!







## 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 <sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **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](mailto:diannaroo@gmail.com)) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab ([patstaab@comcast.net](mailto: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:**

- 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

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](mailto: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:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 <b>Each</b> 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_