



Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Dining Out

September 2

PAPA FRANK'S

4111 Wabash Ave., Springfield

COCKTAILS 5:30 | DINNER 6:00

Reservations required by noon Monday, August 30th

Email brought617@gmail.com or call 217-971-8356.

*October 7th Dining Out will be held
at Osaka Japanese Restaurant*

Happy Hour

September 16 • 5:00 to ?

OBEDE & ISAAC'S

500 S. 6TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL

Outdoors--No Room Reserved
Purchase food and beverages from the restaurant

SAVE THE DATE!

*Details
Inside!*

September 11, 2021

Fall Sign-up Party

September 25, 2021

Murder Mystery Train Trip & Wine Tasting

October 3, 2021

Cubs - Cardinals Game

October 21, 2021

Halloween Bash & Happy Hour Party

October 31-November 12, 2021

Adventures in Portugal - Trip Full.

See flyer for details.

December 11, 2021

SSTC Christmas Holiday Party

January 15-22, 2022

Aruba, RIU Palace Antillas Hotel.

See flyer for details

May 18-30, 2022

Cruise Through Croatia See flyer for details.

As of now, trip is fully reserved.

September 6-18, 2022

Cruise Greece Idyllic Aegean Islands & Athens



PLEASE NOTE!: *All indoor activities
will require masks for per the governor's mandate effective August 30, 2021*



September 2021

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Don Broughton 217-971-8356 brought617@gmail.com Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. The SSTC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

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19	20	21 <i>Bike Ride</i>	22	23 Walk in Washington Park	24	25 Murder Mystery Train Trip & Wine Tasting
26	27	28 <i>Bike Ride</i>	29	30	1	2

2021/2022 Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board is comprised strictly of volunteers. The board meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, and anyone is welcome to attend. If you have a question for a Board Member, please use their email address listed below.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

September is a month of many of my favorite activities. Football starts up again, the Route 66 Festival, Spoon River Festival, fire-pit parties, and Indian Summer days and nights are soon to follow. Your Ski and Travel Club also has a good line-up of activities.

The sign-up party is September 11th at the VFW on Old Jacksonville Road. There will be a taco bar, karaoke, dancing, and of course registration for trips. There are two day-trips. A murder-mystery train trip is September 25th. Also, on October 3rd is the last baseball game of the regular season in St. Louis—a Cardinal and Cubs game.

Two winter trips are being offered—one warm and one cold. On January 15th to the 22nd is a warm trip to ARUBA! You can return from Aruba, recoup, and the following Saturday go for a week of skiing at Zermatt Utah, January 29th through February 5th. The final trip being offered is to Greece with seven days on a cruise ship in the Aegean Sea. The trip is from September 6th to the 18th in 2022.

(Please be aware that the August Snowjourner hardcopy was not bound as the SSTC would like. You can find the correct information as follows: Information about Portugal is on pages 6 and 7. Aruba info is on pages 8 and 9. Croatia info is on 10 and 11. Greece info is on pages 12 and 13.)

As a reminder, please include a copy of your covid vaccination card, your check, and a copy of your passport for international trips with your registration forms. For more information about trips, please check individual trip articles in this Snowjourner.

Happy Hour this month is at Obed and Isaacs on Thursday, September 16th. SSTC also wishes to thank Marty Morris of Buckhart Road for his music at the August Happy Hour.

Need hours? SSTC needs 16 people to help at the sign-up party to set up, serve food, and clean up. Contact Julie Donelson to volunteer. The Halloween party is also coming up next month, so planning needs to start now! Don't put it

off to volunteer. Contact the "Js"—Julie Donelson and Judy Nesbitt.

The activity list continues! On Tuesday mornings at 9 am a group of SSTC members go bike-riding for an hour, starting at Centennial Park. On Thursdays, members gather to walk at Washington Park. Contact our sports director, Jan Joyce for more information. Wow! Four days ago, I was stressed out that I had nothing to write about for the Snowjourner deadline. But what a list of activities we will have! I am grateful for my fellow staff members who put together these activities. So please thank your board members, and also give them any new ideas you might have.

As the Covid 19 virus pandemic continues to plague our country, SSTC will follow state guidelines that Governor Pritzker has mandated. AT ALL SSTC INDOOR ACTIVITIES, CLUB MEMBERS MUST WEAR A MASK until the mandate is discontinued.

Rich Bergt
President

September Birthdays



Nancy Simpson.....3	Scott Tiskos.....13	Michael Bowers 23
Carol Burck.....3	Cathy Cragoe13	Jim Heller..... 24
Barry Erlandson4	Marilyn Sue Bacon14	Cheri Brueggemann Sloat..24
Mary Schofield.....4	James Maggio.....16	Byron Low..... 25
Susie Shackleton5	Kitt Lynch17	David Sloat 26
Michael R. Motor.....5	Mary O'Brien.....17	Don Papenburg27
Marty Morris6	Brad Skees.....18	Don Dellert.....27
Hope Rolens.....6	Theresa Endris20	Kim Proia (1996)27
Wendeline Schluter7	Rick Young.....21	Mel Logsdon27
Barry Webster.....9	Catherine Rovey21	Gordon Henderson.....28
Dean Disbrow.....11	Robert Wyatt21	Linda Jurgens.....28
Lois Bloechle12	Darlene Hadsell23	Martha (Marty) Stutz28
Wil Kane.....13	Flynn Ross23	Karen Hafel.....28

NOTES FROM THE V.P.

Board Members, Trip Leaders and Certificate Holders may hand deliver the requirements* for the trip after September 3rd, 2021. Please date your check for September 11, 2021 Certificate must be included.

Greece Trip

Dave and Cheri Sloat
52 East Hazel Dell Lane
Springfield, IL 62712
Please call before dropping it off
847-902-1691

Aruba

Deon Bishop and Theresa Endris
2416 Cahokia Drive
Springfield, IL 62702
Please use the mail slot by the garage

Day of Sign-Up September 11, 2021. VFW Old Jacksonville Road 6:00pm

Due to the overcrowding in the small bar area, people should wait outside of the building. At 5:15pm people will be allowed to form a line inside the large room. At 5:30pm numbers will be issued for the trips to Aruba and Greece. Each person may sign-up one additional person. Numbers do not guarantee you a spot on the trip.

Trip leaders need to be at their post by 5:45pm. Sign-Up will begin at 6:00pm Food- 6:30pm. Followed with dancing and karaoke.

**Requirements*

- Completely fill out trip application
- Copy of passport (must not expire within 6 months of the last day of the trip)
- Copy of Covid vaccination
- Check made out to SSTC for the deposit amount

If you fail to complete the above requirements you will lose your place in the line.

Requesting Certificates

All members wishing to use an early Sign-Up Certificate must contact me no later than August 28th. Certificates will be e-mailed unless you request to pick it up

*Jennifer Shrake
Executive Vice-President
jshrake@comcast.net*

HALLOWEEN BASH & HAPPY HOUR PARTY!

When: Thursday, October 21, 2021
Where: Elk's Club, 409 E. Lake Shore Dr., Springfield
When: 6-10 pm
What: food, cash bar, costumes, DJ, and photo booth, prizes will be awarded to those in costume (categories are:

most original, best group, overall male, overall female) Help needed for set up, food service, and clean up, please contact Julie Donelson at: juliegsummers@gmail.com or at 217-899-6838



FALL SIGN-UP PARTY! SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

The Annual Fall Sign-up Party is planned and ready for YOU! This event will be held at the VFW on Old Jacksonville Rd, we've got the entire banquet room, so you will be able to come in and get a drink while trip sign-ups are taking place in the usual order. Food will be served, karaoke

will be sung, good times will be had! It will be so great to be able to be together again in this way. Plan to arrive starting at 5:15, with bar opening at 5:30. Food tickets will be handed out when you arrive, with food being served after sign-ups have started. Please see club VP info regarding the specifics of the

sign-up itself. HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT, TO SET UP, TO SERVE FOOD, TO CLEAN UP. Email me at: juliegsummers@gmail.com or text at 217-899-6838 to get on the list to earn hours for future trips. I can't wait to see you!

MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN TRIP & WINE TASTING SEPTEMBER, 25TH, 2021

Join us for entertainment on a short line excursion railway that offers fun and a unique adventure of a Murder Mystery, on historical tracks. There will be a wine tasting before boarding, then as we ride through beautiful scenery, we will be served dinner and enjoy a murder mystery. But first, spend time

in Kimmswick, MO, wandering the unique shops and grabbing a delicious lunch at a restaurant of your choice. The bus will leave Meijer's parking lot at 10:00 am and return back at 11:00-11:30 pm. So, sit back and enjoy the company of your friends while the bus gets us to and from our destinations.

It doesn't get any easier than that! Please send me applications and payments by September 1st. All trips will require proof of vaccine for Covid 19. Please direct any questions to:

*Wendy Schluter
VP for Day Trips
schluter.wendy@yahoo.com*

CARDINAL - CUB BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, October 3rd
Bus leaving J.C. Penney's parking lot at 10:30 A.M.

Game time 2:15, you can have lunch on your own in St Louis. After the game, walk to Laclede's Landing for supper and pubs.

Return to bus by 7:30 P.M. to go home \$95 for cost of game and bus. Availability is first come/ first served.

Reserve your spot at the Sign-up party, September 11th, or send to Jan Joyce at 3716 Tyler Ct. Spfld 62711. Check and trip form must be sent to-

gether. Trip forms are found on the SSTC website. There are 50 tickets available. There are no refunds. Dead line is September 13th.
Hope to see you there.

Jan Joyce
217-741-1147

Roger's 2021 Oktoberfest is Cancelled

Munich, Germany and Springfield, Illinois: *Oktoberfest cancelled AGAIN!*

I can hardly believe that once again we are faced with cancelling Oktoberfest. In August, I held out hope that I would not need to take this step again. But here we are, with the Delta variant of the COVID virus having swept the country, making it unsafe for us to gather in large numbers. Sadly, Germany has cancelled Oktoberfest, and so must I. Perhaps with broader vaccination, we can kick COVID and safely go back to our normal lives, including our annual Oktoberfest next year. *I miss you all, and look forward to gathering again soon. Roger*



DINE OUT



Many more members have enjoyed reconvening at our monthly Dine-Out Event!

Last month's was held at Alexander's Steak House.

Please join us this month at Papa Frank's on the 2nd!



POOL LEAGUE

This summer, with COVID in retreat due to the wide availability of highly safe and effective vaccines, we looked forward to being able to reconvene the Pool League this fall. More recently, however, COVID infections have increased to the extent that, in keeping with the CDC, Illinois has reinstituted masking guidelines for areas with significant or high spread, which includes Sangamon County. With the spread of the delta variant continuing to escalate, interest in playing is more hesitant. With our health and safety of utmost importance, pool league will again be put on pause, with the intent to reconvene in 2022.

2022 Ski Trip

January 29 - February 5, 2022
Zermatt Ski Resort: Midway, Utah

The 2022 Ski Trip will be to the Zermatt Ski Resort which is located in Midway, Utah. The trip will be January 29 - February 5, 2022. For the Springfield people, we will be flying out of our local Springfield airport. We will have (15) seats reserved. We need to have (10) people sign up to get the group price. If we don't, we will get the individual price. The Zermatt Trip is being priced out at \$1894. For those individuals flying out of Springfield, there will be a \$40 additional fee.

We will be skiing at Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance. It is being marketed as (2) days at Deer Valley, (2) days at Park City, and (1) day at Sundance. For those who are skiing at Deer Valley, you must ski (2) consecutive days. Deer Valley requires an Ikon Pass, Park City an Epic Pass, and Sundance a Day Pass.

If you're going with a 2-day pass for Deer Valley, the price is \$270. A 2-day pass to Park City is \$171, while a single pass is \$87. A single day pass to Sundance is \$100. All Ski passes should be purchased by September 1, 2021 to get ahead of a possible price increase. All ski areas are 10-15 minutes away from the Zermatt Resort. The Resort has (2) restaurants. They have a Great Buffet and Bakery.

If the ski package is not what you want, a different combination can be put together depending on what you would like. I have the prices for the different ski areas.

If you are not flying with our group, deduct \$450 from the flight package. This trip includes (7) nights lodging. Depending on what ski passes you go with, you will deduct that total from the trip price of \$1894.

Contact Gary Kindred for more information: garykindred55@gmail.com

ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL

TRIP IS FULL-CONTACT MIKE BLOECHLE WITH QUESTIONS

WHEN: October 31 – November 12, 2021 (13 days/11 nights)

TRIP LEADER: Mike Bloechle – 217/787-1010 or m.bloechle@comcast.net

PRICE: **\$3,060.00 (land and air) – based on a minimum of 30 and maximum of 45 travelers**
Single Supplement - \$699 added to the price of the trip – limit of 5
Land only – Price will be adjusted on the 3rd and 4th payments.



TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation to Porto and from Lisbon
- Airfare taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but **subject to change**
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide throughout the trip
- Three nights in Porto, two nights in Coimbra, two nights in Evora and four nights in Lisbon
- Four full-day and four partial-day tours
- Breakfast daily, one lunch and two dinners – welcome
- Welcome dinner in Porto and farewell dinner with Fado show in Lisbon
- Gratuities for guide in Portugal, bus drivers (Chicago and Portugal), hotel porters (one piece of luggage per person), and serving staff at included meals

PAYMENTS:

- Deposit at sign-up: Land & Air = \$765; Single Supplement = \$940
- 2nd Payment due 10/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 3rd Payment due 11/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 4th Payment due 12/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$939

The final payment (including land only and single supplement fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator 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:

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. YOUR TRIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cutoff date – **September 13, 2019**, there is a \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Between **September 14, 2019 and November 3, 2019** - \$300 per person.
- November 4, 2019 or after, YOUR OBLIGATION IS THE FULL PRICE OF THE TRIP.
- If a replacement is found by November 4, an adjustment may be possible.
- No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package and all cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: (entry fees included for these activities):

- Applicable entry fees are included for these activities.
- Walking tour of Porto
- Visits to Aveiro, Guarda, Tomar, Fatima, Obidos, Marvão
- Full-day excursion to Lamengo and the Quinta da Pacheca Winery (wine tasting and three-course lunch)
- University of Coimbra and Royal Palace (Coimbra)
- Marvão Medieval Village
- Cathedral and Cloisters of Évora
- Wine and olive tasting in Évora
- Capela dos Ossos (Chapel of Bones)/Royal Church of St. Francis (Évora)
- Belém Riverside District (Lisbon), 16th century Monastery of Jeronimos and Belem Tower
- Obidos Medieval Fortress
- Fado show with dinner
- Free time for shopping in Lisbon, Coimbra, 'Evora and Porto
- Visit to 12th century settlement built by the Knights Templar in Tomar



Obidos Medieval Castle

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Three nights in Porto at Bessa Hotel Boavista – Class 4*
- Two nights in Coimbra at Tivoli Coimbra Hotel - Class 4*
- Two nights in 'Evora at Vila Galé 'Evora - Class 4*
- Four nights in Lisbon at Mundial - Class 4*



Pena Palace in Sintra

OPTIONAL TOURS (Prices are in Euros and are approximations):

- Half-day excursion to Guimaraes (35€ per person)
- Douro River Cruise with wine/cheese tasting (40€ per person)
- Half-day excursion to the Conimbriga Ruins (18€ per person)
- Half-day Baixa District tour in Lisbon (26€ per person)
- Sintra excursion (60€ per person)

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance is available from SmarTours for \$179 (<http://www.tripmate.com/wpf394H>), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

RIU PALACE ANTILLAS HOTEL

PALM BEACH, ARUBA

WHEN: January 15, 2022 – January 22, 2022

Trip Leaders: Deon Bishop (217-891-9669) bishopd576@gmail.com and
Theresa Endris (217-415-3543) tlendris@gmail.com



PRICE: \$2600 (Double Occupancy)

Maximum number of participants is 35

Single Supplements are available at an additional \$820

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Aruba
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included subject to change
- Ground transportation to and from the Resort
- Seven nights at the Adults Only all-inclusive RIU Palace Antillas, Aruba
- Junior Suite Ocean View
- Complimentary use of RIU Palace Aruba sister resort

PAYMENTS:

Deposit at sign-up: \$870. Plus additional \$274 for single supplement

- 2nd Payment due 10/5/2021 - \$870. Plus additional \$274 for single supplement
- 3rd Payment due 11/1/2021 - \$860. Plus additional \$272 for single supplement

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

PASSPORTS:

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. YOUR TRIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cutoff Date – Cancel by September 18, 2021 and pay only the \$25 SSTC Processing fee.
- After September 18, 2021, your obligation is the full price of the trip plus the SSTC 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.
- ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

- Aruba requires each visitor to complete the online Embarkation/Disembarkation card
- You must include the ED card basic information and covid health questions and attach a Molecular Covid-19 test with a negative result online.
- Aruba visitor's health insurance is required and is currently \$30 for ages 15-75. Coverage is explained on the website.
- There are acknowledgement and consent forms to be completed.
- These requirements must be completed between 72 and 4 hours prior to travel.
- See [Aruba.com](https://www.aruba.com) for complete information.

RESORT FEATURES:

- Oceanfront resort
- Bars at RIU Palace Antillas and RIU Palace and poolside drink service
- Spa with beauty and hair salon
- Free lounge chairs, sun umbrellas and towels at the pool and beach
- Buffet Restaurant
- 3 themed restaurants
- Daily and nightly entertainment, disco 6 nights a week and casino (drinks not included)
- Room Service 24 hours a day
- Free wi-fi
- Free gym
- In room safe

ACTIVITIES:

- Fitness Center
- Stand-up paddle boarding
- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Windsurfing
- Diving test in swimming pool
- Golf course, cycling rentals in the area

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski & Travel Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage. This insurance is in addition to the required Aruba health insurance.

CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOUR WITH AN ADRIATIC CRUISE

WHEN: May 18-30, 2022

TRIP LEADER: Patty Staab – patstaab@comcast.net or 217.836.4406

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,950/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized

Land Only: Price adjusted on the 4th payment

Maximum number of participants is 40.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Slovenia/Croatia (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Port fees and tourist taxes
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking tour leader/cruise manager
- Six days on our own private yacht cruising the Croatian Islands in the Adriatic Sea with stops on the islands of Brac, Hvar, Vis, Korcula and Mljet (MS Bella)



Ljubljana, Slovenia



- Additional time in Ljubljana (capital of Slovenia), Bled (Lake Bled), Zagreb (capital of Croatia), National Park Plitvice Lakes, Split and Dubrovnik
- Daily tours (no add-on costs with free time for exploring, shopping or relaxing)
- Guided walking tours of Ljubljana, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Hvar Town, Korcula and Dubrovnik
- Breakfast daily, seven lunches and six dinners (including dinner at Fodor's recommended Roki's on the Island of Vis)
- Welcome dinner in Ljubljana and Farewell dinner in Dubrovnik
- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Gratuities for bus drivers (Chicago and Croatia), tour director and yacht crew

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due 5/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 2nd Payment due 7/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 3rd Payment due 9/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 4th Payment due 11/1/2021 – \$950.00

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:

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.

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

Cancel by April 29, 2021 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between April 30, 2021, and June 29, 2021 – \$500 is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021 – \$1,000 is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after August 31, 2021 – 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.**

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

- Entrance fees included for the Olive Oil Museum on Brac, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Mljet National Park
- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Boat ride on Lake Bled
- Hike Vidova Gora while in Brac
- Boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a church dating back to the 12th century
- Visit salt lakes in the Mljet National Park
- Visit Skrip, Brac Island, which is the oldest settlement on the islands, and its Museum of Olive Oil
- Explore Hvar Island which is known for lush lavender fields, breathtaking beauty and the oldest community theatre in Europe – founded in 1612
- Rent kayaks, bikes, scooters or convertible cars on your own to roam around Mljet Island
- Visit Korcula Island (birthplace of Marco Polo) and participate in a tasting of local red and white wines
- Tour Old Town Dubrovnik, it's famous main street of Stradun, the Rector's Palace and City Walls which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- And much, much more!

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Ljubljana – Grand Hotel Union – 1 night – Class 4*
- Zagreb – Hotel Amadria Park Capital – 1 night – Class 4*
- MS Bella – 6 nights – 4.5* on Trip Advisor
- Dubrovnik – Hotel Neptun – 2 nights – Class 4*
- Vienna, Austria – NH Vienna Airport Hotel – 1 night – Class 4*



Plitvice Lakes National Park

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GREECE IDYLIC AEGEAN ISLANDS CRUISE AND ATHENS

WHEN: September 6-18, 2022

TRIP LEADERS: Cheri and David Sloat, (847) 902-1698 (Cheri) or (847) 902-1691 (David) or csloat51@gmail.com dgsloat51@gmail.com

PRICE: Per person trip pricing is dependent on cabin selection. Cabin allotments are subject to change.

Room Category	Room Description	Cost per person	Single Supplement*	Single Price
IA	Interior	\$4270.00	\$768.00	\$5038.00
XA	Exterior	\$4500.00	\$837.00	\$5337.00
SJA	Junior Suite Balcony Max 2	\$4860.00	\$1701.00	\$6561.00

***Limited availability for single supplement**

TRIP INCLUDES:

- *Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- *Air transportation to and from Athens
- *Airfare taxes, fees and fuel surcharges included but **subject to change**
- *Motor coach transportation throughout trip
- *Gratuities for bus drivers and ship staff
- *Seven Night Idyllic Aegean Cruise on The Experience
- *Three Meals Per Day on Cruise
- *Unlimited Drink Package on Cruise
- *Two Shore Excursions
- *Port Charges and Gratuities
- *Four Nights in Athens with Breakfast and Room Tax Included
- *One Half-Day Tour in Athens



NOTE: Shore excursions and tours call for moderate physical activity, including climbing stairs, walking up to two miles (on uneven surfaces and/or hills) and standing for an hour or longer.

PAYMENTS

- *Deposit at sign up: \$1125
- *2nd Payment due **November 15, 2021** = \$1125 + ½ single supplement + ½ cabin upgrade
- *3rd Payment due **January 15, 2022** = \$1125 + remaining single supplement + remaining cabin upgrade
- *4th Payment due **March 15, 2022** = \$1125**

****The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator 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: AT SIGN UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. YOUR TRIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION. YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID THROUGH MARCH 2023.

Itinerary for September 6 – 18

Tuesday, September 6	Bus to O'Hare and fly to Athens.
Wednesday, September 7	Arrive Athens.
Thursday, September 8	One half day tour of Athens
Friday, September 9	Athens on your own
Saturday, September 10	Athens - Idyllic Aegean Cruise on The Experience
Sunday, September 11	Kusadasi
Monday, September 12	Rhodes
Tuesday, September 13	Crete
Wednesday, September 14	Santorini
Thursday, September 15	Santorini, Milos, Mykonos
Friday, September 16	Mykonos
Saturday, September 17	Arrive Athens Spend the night.
Sunday, September 18	Fly home

HOTELS are subject to change based on availability and gratuities are **NOT** included for hotel staff/servers.

CANCELLATION Dates/Fees

*All cancellations are subject to a \$25 SSTC Processing Fee.

*No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package and **all cancellations** must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

*Between September 18, 2021 and October 31, 2021 - \$110.00 + \$25.00 = \$135.00

*Between November 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 -30% of the total cost of the trip +\$25.00

*Between January 1, 2022 and February 28 – 50% of the cost of the trip + \$25.00

*March 1, 2022 or after, **YOUR OBLIGATION IS THE FULL PRICE OF THE TRIP.**

SSTC requires all travelers to be fully vaccinated against COVID.

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage, generally within 10 – 14 days of your first payment.

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip ☐ Tour Trip ☐ Day Trip ☐ Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: ___ Female: ___ DOB: _____ DL #: _____ DL State: _____

Passport # (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? ___ Lessons? ___ Are you a skier? Yes ___ No ___

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

App. No. _____ Wait List: _____

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

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

2nd Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Final Payment: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Approved Refund: \$ _____ Total Paid: \$ _____

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

“Cutoff” dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club’s general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual’s Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as “non-smoking trips.”

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant’s portion of the club’s overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A “partial” trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to “resell” partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting “no lifts” will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted “group rate.”

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application

May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022

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: _____ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

All members will receive two printed full Snowjourners each year and 10 electronically. If you want to continue to receive monthly, mark Yes ____ or No _____. There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing. It is also available online at springfieldskiclub.org

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)

Club Interests (check all that interest you):

- ☐ Board Member
- ☐ Activities (Party Chairperson, Volunteer at Parties)
- ☐ Membership (Volunteer at Sign Up Parties)
- ☐ Community Service (Volunteer at Charity Events)
- ☐ Trip Leader for Ski and/or Day Trips
- ☐ 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 and Family Data:

Name of Each Individual (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Sex	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV, pages 12 & 13 of 2018-2019 Directory). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski 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 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: _____