

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



NEW EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITY FOR 2026

Those of you who asked for a riverboat trip: Here it is!

We'll start with three nights in a Bruges, Belgium hotel admiring the preserved medieval marvels of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then we'll bus to our boat for 10 nights of fabulous food, fun and flowers of "Belgium and Holland in Springtime."

Thirty-eight slots are available. Cost for the two-week trip depends on riverboat cabin category selected. Air travel and trip start at \$5975 for double occupancy. Trip without air starts at \$4740. Single supplement is \$995. See attached flyer for details.

A special signup to maximize our chances to get desired rooms will be held from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 18, 2025, upstairs at Harvest Market. Those eligible for early signups —board members, trip leaders and 10-hour certificate-holders can submit applications one week in advance to trip leaders Patty Staab or Wendy Schluter.

Bring your completed club trip application, a copy of your passport, and your first payment when you sign up. You will complete a Grand Circle trip application there.

Further questions can be answered by Nancy Chesley, vice president for touring trips.



On Saturday, December 21st, the following 8 members of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program at Schnucks Montvale. Thank you, Jan Joyce, Jim Russell, Curtis Meinhardt, Sandy Colburn, Mark Petrilli, Mary Petrilli, Carol Sue Johnson, and Mark Canduff.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 1-3 p.m.

SSTC Trip Sign-Up Procedures for the River Cruise-Belgium and Holland in the Springtime (April 24-May 8, 2026)

Where: Harvest Market, 3001 S. Veterans Parkway, Springfield, IL

When: Saturday, January 18, 2025. Sign-up order numbers will be issued beginning at 12:45. Sign-up is 1-3 p.m. *Note: this number does not guarantee you a spot. All sign ups/reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.*

Who: 2024/2025 SSTC Members-Have your membership number ready. *Note, if signing up to be a member at the sign-up party, head directly to the membership table. Once you have received your membership number, then you are eligible to stand in line and obtain a sign-up number. Membership applications are located at www.springfieldskiclub.org*

Activity Level - This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage. See trip flyer.

Tour Trip Application Required Items:

- Fully completed and signed *two sided* trip application form
- Check dated January 18, 2025 for deposit,
- A copy of the passport page with the photo, passport number, and date of birth.
- If applicable, the early sign-up certificate.
- There is also an additional form required by Grand Circle, trip vendor. Request a copy from the trip leader. Forms will also be available at the sign-up.

Deposit Amount: Refer to the trip flyer for deposit amounts.

Early Sign-Up Procedures: *Board members, trip leaders and 10 volunteer hour certificate holders* may sign up early for the tour trip by hand delivering the requirements listed below *directly* to the trip leader beginning two weeks prior to January 18, 2025 which is January 4th.

- DO NOT MAIL...applications and checks have been delayed or lost causing missed deadlines.
- Please call or text the trip leader before you deliver to make sure they are home.
Patty Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764 schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

Requesting a 10 Volunteer Hour Certificate Holder Procedures:

- The cutoff for earning and submitting volunteer hours is 14 days prior to the sign up, which is January 4, 2025.
- A minimum of two weeks prior to the sign-up party, a member must request their 10 hour service certificate from the Executive VicePresident
sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org
- The certificate will be **emailed** to the club member. **Print** the certificate.
- A paper copy of the certificate **must** accompany the trip application.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Springfield Ski & Travel Club Board, I want to wish everyone a good year in 2025. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming fun events and trips! It was so great to see everyone at our SSTC holiday party and happy hour. Many thanks to Joyce Ludwig, VP Events, and her committee for a wonderful party and thanks to Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson for another great happy hour!

The Board is looking forward to a recently approved international trip that will be offered very soon. Please look forward to this announcement!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club



ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Debi Barr-Holquist
Executive VP.....	Mary Schackmann
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership.....	Sue Monteyne
VP for Day Trips.....	Jan Freeman
VP for Tour Trips.....	Nancy Chesley
VP for Ski Trips.....	Ruth Kopec
VP Events.....	Joyce Ludwig
Finance Chair.....	Teresa Watkin
Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair..	Tim Phillips
Dine Out Chair.....	Jana Kincaid
Snowjourn Editor.....	Amy Dodd
Skier Development.....	Gary Kindred
Community Service.....	Ed Huntley
Sports Director.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Webmaster.....	Deon Bishop

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Virginia Smith	1	Barbara Hennessy	13	Mary Ellen Creighton	23
Linda Osborne	2	Janet Nuss	13	George Michael	23
Tom Sponsler	3	Barbara Bitschenauer	14	David Wentworth	24
Dianne Bishop	4	Tim Rogers	15	Kent Schluter	24
Sam Maggio	4	John Blazis	16	Candice German	24
Karen Eickenberg	5	Gina Kaiser	17	Bill Werner	25
Barbara Burke	6	Ray Donnelly	17	Candace Lamkey	26
Bob Biderman	6	David Foust	18	Alan Kamhi	26
Clare Rehman	7	Pat Glenn	18	Chris Reid	28
Jan Schramm	8	Charles Prince	20	Gerald Aldrich	29
Cindy Holler	10	Elaine Mayer	20	Shawn Fox	29
John Nosari	10	Nancy Brougher	22	Dani Kreuznacht Sullivan	30
Paul Staab	13	Terri Marbold	22		

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Full Name	Joined	City	State
Larry W. Smith	12/8/2024	Carlinville	IL
Linda and Keith Hopper	9/24/2024	Springfield	IL

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 Dining Out Brickhouse 5:30pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Happy Hour Socavon 5pm	17	18 River Cruise Sign-Up Harvest Market 1pm - 3pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Brickhouse - Jan 2, 5:30pm

HAPPY HOUR

Socavon - Jan 16, 5pm

Dining Out

TBD - Feb 7, 5:30pm

HAPPY HOUR

TBD - Feb 21, 5pm

Spectacular Scandinavia

May 1-14, 2025

Pat Chesley - (217) 210-1920, patchesley@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS

September 14 - 21, 2025

Trip Leader: Ed Huntley - 217-652-7540, ewh324@aol.com

Belgium and Holland in the Spring

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: Patty Staab - 217-839-4406, patriciaaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter - 217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

LeAnn Rhimes

at Devon Lakeshore Amphitheatre

Thursday, May 29th - 4:00p

Trip Leaders: *Patty Kates*

217-454-6905, patty.kates@outlook.com

Nancy Huston

217-652-8501, nancycdw@aol.com

UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's?

We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snow-journer articles, processing membership information, choosing venues, hosting parties, and leading activities. *Most importantly volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties?

Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign-up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate?

Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. Next sign-up party is September 9th. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours?

On your membership application you checked a box indicating your area of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, ebcasts are sent offering opportunities. *My suggestion is don't wait... Be Proactive.* Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours?

The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event.

Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip?

A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board?

You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.

DON'T MISS OUT

The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!

How do I find out what is scheduled?

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblast have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your website's calendar. www.springfieldskiclub.org. Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

Remember, to watch for Eblast, Facebook post, and the website to stay In the Know!

CONTACT US

Do you have questions? We have answers.

SSTC has a new email address;
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. www.springfieldskiclub.org

Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.

Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjourner link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjourners are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.

SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.

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.”
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** LeAnn Rimes at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur
- There will be some stair climbing to reach terrace seating at the amphitheater.**
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 leaving Meijer at 4:00 PM and returning after the concert approximately 11 PM.
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patty Kates 217-454-6905 patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 nancycdw@aol.com
- COST:** \$118 - 30 participants
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Concert ticket – reserved seating on a Terrace with artificial grass.
Private chartered round trip bus transportation.
- FOOD:** There will be food choices available at the Devon Amphitheater as well as food trucks parked on the property.
- BRING:** **Your own lawn chair for seating.**



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by December 5, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after December 5, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after December 5, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

WHEN: May 1-14, 2025

TRIP LEADER: Pat Chesley (217) 210-1920
Email: patchesley@gmail.com

PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$6,400*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$5,200*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1,300*/person (six singles available)**
**Special Note: Prices are subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized. Adjustments will be made after 4th payment.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 42.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from all airports.
- * Plane flights between the U.S. (Chicago or St. Louis) and Scandinavia and from Bergen to Copenhagen.
- * Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel and surcharges.
- * Full time tour manager overseas with local guides for selected sites.
- * Trains from Stockholm to Oslo and Oslo to Flam.
- * Other land travel by private bus.
- * Daily breakfasts and three dinners.
- * All gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers.
- * Gratuities for hotel staff (servers and housekeeping) not included.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up - \$1,600 per person double, \$2,000 single**
- **2nd Payment due 6/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **3rd Payment due 8/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **4th Payment due 10/09/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
[The final payment \(including land-only fees\) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.](#)

NOTE: Mail or deliver checks made out to **Springfield Ski and Travel Club (SSTC)** to Pat Chesley, 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704.

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.**

Included Activities:

Besides the opportunity to see staggering natural beauty and stunning picturesque harbors and coastlines, the trip includes:

- **Stockholm:** City Hall with the Blue Hall where the Nobel Prize banquet is held; Vasa Museum; Royal Palace; Drottningholm Palace; Fotografiska Museum; and an archipelago dinner cruise.
- **Norway/Oslo:** fjord cruises; Flam Railroad; Kon Tiki, Fram and Norsk Folk museums; Vigeland Sculpture Park; and funicular in Bergen.
- **Copenhagen:** Little Mermaid and Nyhaven Harbor; Christiansborg Palace; Rosenberg Castle (location of crown jewels); Tivoli Gardens; canal cruise and Kronborg Castle (setting for Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet).



Note: This tour involves an ambitious agenda requiring a certain level of physical fitness necessary to perform medium to high activity levels. It is designed for active, independent travelers who are able to walk long distances partly on uneven surfaces, climb and descend hills and stairs, keep up with the group and, if need be, manage their own luggage.



HOTELS (Subject to change):

Stockholm – Clarion Hotel Stockholm, 4*, 3 nights
Oslo – Radisson Blu Plaza, 4*, 3 nights
Copenhagen – Imperial Hotel, 3.5*, 3 nights
Bergen – Hotel Zander K, 4*, 2 nights
Flam – Flamsbrygga Hotel, 4*, 1 night

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. Travellers 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 maximum coverage.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES: (EVERY CANCELLATION REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF A \$25 FEE TO THE SSTC)

LAND PORTION ONLY CANCELLATION

Cancel by May 6, 2024 – Pay the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between May 7 and June 6, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel between June 7 and August 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel after August 1, 2024 – You are obligated to pay the full price of the trip. No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

AIRFARE CANCELLATION – Dates and amounts of refunds, if any, will be determined on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and provided to the trip leader.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS

WHEN: September 14 - 21, 2025

TRIP LEADER: Ed Huntley - 217/652-7540
Email: ewh324@aol.com

PRICE:

- Air and Land – \$4,100*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only – \$3,600*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$799*/person (limited number of singles available)
**Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel, taxes and fees. Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 45.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- * Air transportation from Chicago to Portland, OR; return flight from Spokane, WA to Chicago (includes taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
- * Round trip airport transfers
- * Motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- * Government taxes and fees
- * Hotel for 7 nights (2 nights in Portland/Clackamas, OR; 1 night in Pendleton, OR; 1 night in Lewiston, ID; 2 nights in Coeur d'Alene/Worley, ID; 1 night in Spokane, WA)
- * Three full-day tours and 4 partial-day tours
- * 16 meals provided (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners)
- * Welcome dinner in Portland and farewell dinner in Spokane.
- * Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals



Columbia River Gorge

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/7/24 - \$1,100
- 2nd Payment due 11/7/24 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 3rd Payment due 1/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 4th Payment due 3/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,269 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 the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.](#)

PASSPORTS OR DRIVER'S LICENSES:

At sign-up, please submit a copy of the first page of your passport, which shows your picture, name, date of birth, etc., or a copy of your current driver's license, for purposes of our airline reservations.

Activities:

- Day 1: Arrive in Portland, meet your Tour Manager for a welcome dinner in the hotel.
- Day 2: Travel to Mt. Hood with lunch at the Timberline Lodge (National Historic Landmark). Return to Portland for a guided tour of the city's Old Town Historic District and International Rose Test Gardens.
- Day 3: Travel through the Columbia River Gorge with its 2,000-foot cliffs. See Vista House and the Multnomah Falls and the Bonneville Lock and Dam. Visit Pendleton, OR, which is known for its western heritage and traditions.
- Day 4: After entering Washington, stop at Fort Walla Walla which dates from 1806. Lewis and Clark spent time in this area. Fort Walla Walla has seen the 1840s wagon trains, the 1856 military post and the 1860s gold rush days.
- Day 5: Embark today on an epic Jet Boat journey on the Snake River into Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, the deepest river gorge in North America. A deli-style box lunch will be served under the fruit trees at Cache Creek Ranch. You will then travel through three states and see the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. Check into the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel with time to relax before enjoying an authentic cultural experience featuring live performance, song, storytelling and dinner.
- Day 6: The day begins with a tour of the Eagle Aviary located across Coeur d'Alene Lake. Enjoy an included lunch and spend time shopping in the local native store. Complete the day with an evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.
- Day 7: After a short drive to Spokane, board the SkyRide gondola at Riverfront Park for a thrilling ride across the Spokane River and mighty Spokane Falls. Long considered sacred by the Native American tribes, the falls carves its way through the city with spectacular natural beauty. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a special farewell dinner.
- Day 8: Depart for home with a group transfer to the Spokane International Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m.



Hells Canyon

HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability):

Clackamas, OR – Monarch Hotel (2 nights)
Pendleton, OR – Wildhorse Resort and Casino (1 night)
Lewiston, ID – Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (1 night)
Worley, ID – Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel (2 nights)
Spokane, WA – Hampton Inn (1 night)

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by September 29, 2024 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2024, and October 31, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2024, and December 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2024 – 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.

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 BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN THE SPRINGTIME

WHEN: April 24 – May 8, 2026 (38 maximum travelers)

TRIP LEADERS: Patricia Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

PRICE:

Cabin Level:	Contata E	Sonata C	Serenade A
Price per person	\$5,975.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,700.00
Single Supplement (3 available):	\$995.00		
Cruise & Land Portion (no air):	\$4,740.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,460.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Accommodations for 3 nights in a 4-Star or better Bruges hotel and 10 nights in an outside cabin on a Grand Circle Cruise Line riverboat
- 11 tours with personal headsets
- Sightseeing in Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Keukenhof and Enkhuizen
- Bruges boat ride and Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2 signature experiences: Home-hosted coffee and cake, tulip farm visit
- Local program directors
- Private bus for land travel
- All transfers



- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters, tour directors and boat crew
- House beer, house red or white wine and soft drinks at all times on Grand Circle’s riverboat

Grand Circle offers an optional post-trip in Amsterdam. Talk to trip leaders for more information.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st payment due at sign-up

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single

Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single

Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

2nd payment due 5/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single

Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single

Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

3rd payment due 9/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single

Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single

Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

4th payment due 11/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,475 per person, double; \$1,720 single

Sonata Level - \$1,530 per person, double; \$1,745 single

Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,905 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES:

- Cancel by March 31, 2025– Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 1 and June 30, 2025 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between July 1 and October 31, 2025 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after November 1, 2025 – Your price is the full price of the trip, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel (November 11, 2026).**

TRIP INSURANCE: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

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

Membership and Directory Information:

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: New Renewal**Check for listing in Club Directory:** Home Address E-Mail Address Home Phone Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly newsletter, is available at www.springfieldskiclub.org

Questions may be directed to sstquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- \$40 Individual (over age 21)
- \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
- \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
- Bloomington Peoria Champaign
- Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
- Activities (volunteer at club events)
- Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
- Community Service (approved events)
- Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
- Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
- Are you a skier?
- Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

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

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____