

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Summer Picnic

Mother Nature smiled down on the Springfield Ski and Travel Club and gave 133 of us a lovely cool evening on Friday, June 19, to enjoy our summer picnic. In past years, the heat took center stage, but this year we only had to endure the ever-present buffalo gnats...!! I hope they had a good time, because we did, in spite of their attendance.

The food, catered by Hy-Vee, received two thumbs up. They delivered, set up, and the best part, they did a majority of the clean up. The smoked BBQ pork and the white cheddar macaroni and cheese seemed to be the favorites, so there was little to "clean up" in those pans. You took care of that.

The grand finale was the arrival of the Soft Serve Sundae truck. The line for sundaes, complete with a choice of toppings, was long at some times, but worth the wait.

Once again, we can thank Larry Michaud for inviting us to picnic at his property on Lake Springfield. He has also confirmed that the Rock the Dock fireworks celebration will be held on July 3, (contrary to what you may have read in the Springfield paper). Members who wish to view the fireworks from his property that night may do so. Just bring your own chairs, snacks, and drinks.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 4th of July! Celebrating 250 Years in the USA!

Summer Picnic Recap....

Once again Larry Michaud welcomed Club members to enjoy his beautiful Lake Springfield property with a summertime picnic and Larry, we THANK YOU for hosting this fun event! Many THANKS to Peggie Powers, VP of Events, for coordinating food (and a surprise ice cream truck dessert – who doesn't like ice cream?) and many, many other details to make this event a success! THANKS to all the volunteers who helped!!! There were 133 members in attendance!

More Thank You's!

- To Jana Kincaid for organizing dining out at Chesapeake Seafood for 28 of us!
- To Rich Bergt for organizing the Adopt a Street June 6th
- To Janet Nuss and her committee for putting together the day trip to the August Mo Yacht cruise and wine tasting and to Joyce Metz and Wendy Schluter for leading this fun day trip!
- To Wayne Rovey for organizing the weekly tennis league
- To Rose Johnson for organizing the weekly Pickleball
- To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in July!

- Dining Out at Abe's Hideout on Dirksen – Thursday, July 2
- Rock the Dock (see the Fireworks) at Larry Michaud's - Friday, July 3
- Happy Hour – Thursday, July 16 at Sangamo Brewery in Chatham
- Mondays - Tennis
- Saturdays - Pickleball

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club



Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise Lunch & Winery Tour/Tastings

Despite a gloomy rain forecast, our trip turned out beautifully. The sun stayed out, the company was wonderful, and the cruise, food and wine were not just good—they were great! We began with the Miss Augusta Luncheon Yacht Cruise, where Captain Gary entertained us with a bit of history about Daniel Boone, the Louisiana Purchase, and Lewis and Clark, which delighted the history buffs in our group. Lunch was delicious, and many complimented the wait staff. When dessert arrived, the chef stepped out and received a well-deserved round of applause, leaving the food lovers in our group very satisfied. Our cruise down the river and back was wonderfully relaxing, and spending the day with friends made it even better.

But our day was not over yet. We continued to Mt. Pleasant Winery for a tour and wine tasting, and as anyone who knows our club can imagine, we were not disappointed. Some even enjoyed Port shots served in chocolate cups, with nearly half the group giving them a try. Before long, it was time to head home. Judging by the many phone messages Joyce and I received from members sharing how much they appreciated the trip, I think we can safely say everyone returned home happy and satisfied. Thank you for your participation with the Springfield Ski & Travel Club Day Trippers!

SKIING PARTY AND TRIPS

The CMSC Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday 8/29/2026 at the Norge Ski Jump in Fox River Grove, IL. Please visit https://www.skicmsc.com/_Picnic.cfm for details and registration information. This will be attended by many different Ski clubs from around Illinois and the winners of the Newsletter and Website competitions will be awarded at the end of the day. That is important for us as we have entered both categories. Informational Flyer will be at next Happy Hour. The event leader is Pat Clark at PatrickSkiClark@gmail.com

Trip Seminar October 17, 2026 at the Sheraton Suites in Rosemont, IL. The Seminar is 9:00am-1:pm followed by lunch from 1:00pm-2:00pm and a raffle from 2:00-2:30pm. To register visit <https://www.skicmsc.com>. You may contact Jody Jurgato at jody.cmsc@gmail.com for any questions.

Chicago Week 2027 will be in Big Sky, MT 2/27/2027-3/6/2027. Vicki Schutz is the contact person at vicki.cmsc@comcast.net.

Spring Fling 2027 will be at Copper Mountain 4/4/2027-4/9/2027. Contact for this trip is Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com.

CMSC Europe Trip 2027 is At. Anton Arlberg in St. Anton, Austria with an extension to Innsbruck, Austria 1/29/2027-2/10/2027. Informational Flyer will be at next Happy Hour. The trip leaders are Mike Thomas at mike-mike1@att.net or Paul Fuka at cmsepaul@att.net.

Andover Spain – 2/26/2027 – 3/09/2027. Contact Dave Durdell at skidwrdel1@sbcglobal.net for info.

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Kathryn Hanlon
Secretary.....	Lynne Wright
VP for Membership	Sue Monteyne
VP for Day Trips	Janet Nuss
VP for Tour Trips.....	Patty Staab
VP Events	Peggie Powers
Happy Hour Chair.....	Janice Broughton
Dining Out Chair.....	Jana Kincaid
Snowjourner Editor	Amy Dodd
S.K.I. Representative	Ruth Kopec
Community Services Chair	Rich Bergt
Sports Chair	Rose Johnson
Webmaster	Deon Bishop

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Barbie Armstrong	6/12/2026	Springfield	IL
Allison Fields	6/12/2026	Illiopolis	IL
Rebecca Lemar	6/12/2026	Springfield	IL

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Ruth Hook	2	James Burke	10	Shannon Cummins	18
Theresa Watkin	2	Dennis Chrans	12	Lorie Bleyer	20
Leo W Midden	3	Andrew Goleman	12	Erika Fuhrmann	21
Pat Mclean	3	Greg Cox	12	Suzanne Sronce	22
Janet R Mark	3	Carol Roderick	13	Linda Papenburg	22
Rebecca Lemar	4	Suzanne Meyer	13	Cynthia Jones	23
Michael Bloechle	5	Donald Sutton	13	Libby Shawgo	25
Franklin Weinkauf	5	Byron Nesbitt	13	Craig Neighbors	27
Amanda Cunningham	5	Christine Reed	14	Roger Ryan	28
Lisa Wentworth	5	Ruth Coleman	14	Edgar Caupert	29
Curtis E. Meinhardt	5	Brian Cummins	14	Patty Elson	31
Tom Shearer	6	Jaylene Thicksten	16	Debbie Fry	31
Mary Cummins	7	Dan Lilly	16	Shirley Cowles	31
Darin Werking	7	Bernie Coleman	16		
Bill Hopkins	9	Sharon Purcell	17		

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Dining Out Abe's Hideout 5:30pm	3 Rock The Dock Larry Michaud's	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Happy Hour Sangamo Brewing 5:00pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

DAY TRIP UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who signed up for club day trips in June, both of the following trips are officially SOLD OUT and are now a GO!!

- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 23rd Day Trip to Josephine's in Godfrey for lunch and shopping at their gift boutique, then onto Grafton for shopping and a roundtrip Sky Lyft trip to/from Aerie's Winery for Happy Hour.** The cost is \$90/person. Patti Carver Pwcarver2@aol.com (217) 416-1415 and Susan Fisherkeller (217) 553-0122 are the co-trip leaders for this event.
- ❖ **Weds., Nov. 18th Day Trip to St. Louis, MO for dinner on the Hill at Zia's and an evening at "the Garden Glow: at Missouri Botanical Gardens.** The cost is \$100/person. Sara Oehlert soehlert@aol.com (217) 801-5789 is the trip leader for this event.

If you would like to be put on a waitlist for either of these trips, please contact the respective trip leader(s).

Thank you all!!

SPORTS: TENNIS LEAGUE

Wayne Rovey has again offered to coordinate the tennis league. The league will play at Chatham High School on Monday's like last year, starting on May 11th @ 5:30 PM, weather permitting.

Wayne will send out a starting text on Sundays prior to play to see who is interested to at least get 4 commitments. Please email Wayne at wrovey@gmail.com if you are interested and include your phone number.

PICKLEBALL

4-6 pm Every Saturday through August at Chatham Community Park off of Park Drive in Chatham.

Contact Rose Johnson at rose.johnson-99@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

August 8
TBD

Happy Hour

August 20 - 5pm to ??
IL State Fair - Coors Lite beer tent

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

CITY FOUNDRY STL, 3730 FOUNDRY WAY, ST. LOUIS

August 4, 2026

Trip leaders: Misty Dannenberger, mdabooger@aol.com, 217-553-3057
Terri Marbold, terri.marbold@yahoo.com, 217-741-7734

Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater

Covington, IN

September 24, 2026

Trip leaders: Kathy Bacon, Baconkb@aol.com, 217-306-2527
Lynne Wright, frauleinale@aol.com, 217-891-3785

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027

Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@oulook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026- September 7, 2026

Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

Godfrey/Grafton Trip

October 23, 2026

Trip Leaders: Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122

PRICE: \$90/person

The Glow/The Hill

November 18, 2026

Trip Leader: Sara Oehlert, soehlert@aol.com, (217) 801-5789
PRICE: \$100 per person

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

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

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

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

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

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

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

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

For trip leader use only

Full Trip Price: \$ _____	App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
1 st Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 nd Deposit: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Final Payment: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Approved Refund: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
	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:** City Foundry STL, 3730 Foundry Way, St. Louis
- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 4, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 6:30 pm
- TRIP LEADERS:** Misty Dannenberger (mdabooger@aol.com) 217-553-3057
Terri Marbold (terri.marbold@yahoo.com) 217-741-7734
- PRICE:** \$135 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Museum of Illusions ticket, and Escape Room ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Wonder through the Museum of Illusions, then lunch and shop on your own in the City Foundry's casual marketplace which has unique retail shops, and a variety of options for food, alcohol, and socializing. If you've never experienced an Escape Room, now's your chance! In the afternoon, we will split into 4 teams and your team will be given 1 hr to "escape" the room. First team out before the 1 hr time limit will get their picture in the next Snowjourner and bragging rights at the next Happy Hour! Speaking of Happy Hour, no day trip is complete without one, so we will congregate in the Food Hall (food and alcoholic beverages available for purchase on your own) before boarding the bus for home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by April 24, 2026: Refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

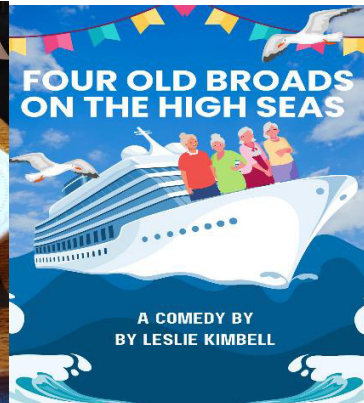
*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



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- TITLE:** Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater
Covington, Indiana
- WHEN:** Thursday September 24, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at **8:00 AM** and returning at approximately **6:30 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (Baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
CO TRIP LEADER: Lynne Wright (frauleinale@aol.com) (217) 891-3785
- PRICE:** \$148 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner, incl. tax and tip, and theater show
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a full delicious buffet dinner including bread with homemade jam, salads, main dishes and desserts. After dinner share some laughs watching the theatrical production of "Four Old Broads on the High Seas, a comedic play featuring four spirited senior women who embark on a Caribbean cruise. As they navigate the challenges of aging and romance, they compete for the attention of eligible men while dealing with humorous situations, including a murder mystery and a beauty pageant. Matinee show is at 2:00pm



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by April 25, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shops in Godfrey, Shopping in Grafton, Sky Lyft and Happy Hour at Aerie's Winery
- WHEN:** Friday, October 23, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:30 AM and returning approximately 6:30 PM
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122
- PRICE:** \$90/person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Sky Lyft round trip tickets, and light appetizers at Aerie's Winery during group Happy Hour
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Godfrey, IL for an amazing lunch on your own (soup, sandwiches, and desserts are to die for!) and shopping at Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop. We will then travel to Grafton for strolling the city sidewalks and stopping at antique stores and small shops. Then we will take the Sky Lyft up to Aerie's Winery and Resort for a relaxing afternoon sipping wine and cocktails while looking out over the peaceful Mississippi River. Drinks are on your own but we will provide light appetizers for Happy Hour snacking. We will then take the Sky Lyft back down and board our bus for the ride home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by June 30, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after June 30, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after June 30, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN'WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN'!

- TITLE** Dinner at Zia's on the Hill followed by an evening visit to "The Garden Glow" at the Missouri Botanical Gardens
- WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
Depart from Meijer parking lot at 2:30 pm
Return: approximately 10pm
- TRIP LEADER:** Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789
- PRICE:** \$100 per person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus to St. Louis, driver's tip, tickets for entrance to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and "The Garden Glow."
- ACTIVITIES:** The afternoon will begin with a relaxing chartered bus trip to St. Louis. Our first stop will be at Zia's on the Hill to experience the true taste of Italy. Each Day Tripper will be able to choose from the full menu and will be responsible for the cost of their dinner and beverages. Afterward, we will head to The Missouri Botanical Gardens to experience "The Garden Glow!" "The Glow" is a unique experience because it changes every year and features more than two million dazzling lights to transform the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into an enchanted wonderland rich with mesmerizing displays and unforgettable moments.
- FOOD:** Dinner on your own at Zia's on the Hill. Snacks can be purchased at "The Garden Glow."



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 2nd: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 2nd: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after July 2nd: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)

Trip Leaders: Ed and Anne Midden (217) 836-9816 Anne.midden@gmail.com

Price: *Combined air and land*

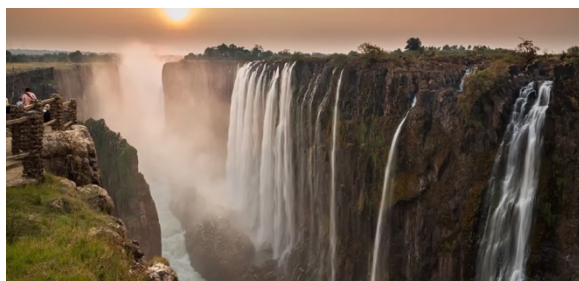
Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

Land only: \$5,950.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Johannesburg; Cape Town to Chicago
 - Flights Johannesburg – Victoria Falls and Victoria Falls to Port Elizabeth
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Johannesburg; 2 nights Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; 3 nights Kariega Game Reserve; 2 nights Knysna; 4 nights Cape Town
- Meals: Welcome dinner, 6 dinners, 2 lunches, daily breakfast
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Local tour guides
- Trip includes:
 - Guided Soweto tour with Apartheid Museum/ Guided Cape Point tour and entrance/ Table Mountain Cable car pass/ transport along the Garden Route/ Sundowners Lagoon cruise in Knysna/ Entrance to Knysna Elephant sanctuary/Safari at Kariega PGR/ Sundowners Zambezi River Cruise/ Guided tour of Victoria Falls/Constantia Winelands for wine tasting
- Gratuities for drivers, safari guides and tour guides
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,
- participate in 6+ hours of activities each day,
- This trip takes you to remote places with no medical facilities nearby,
- Balance and agility are required for boarding 4x4 safari vehicles, not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers in need of a CPAP machine may only bring one that runs on rechargeable batteries.
- You must be able to handle your own luggage.

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land

1 st payment due September 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
2 nd payment due November 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
3 rd payment due January 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
4 th payment due March 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees

Cancel by September 19, 2025-A full refund will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 **and a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

**** A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.**

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

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 (March 8, 2027) for international travel.**

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
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

When: April 30, 2027 – May 11, 2027
(minimum of 30 travelers)

Trip Leaders:

Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com

Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Zurich, Geneva to Chicago
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Zurich; 3 nights Lucerne; 3 nights Montreux; 2 nights Geneva (4-star hotels)
- Meals: daily breakfast
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Walking tour of Bern (UNESCO Old Town) and the medieval village of Gruyeres/ Scenic drive across the border into France to Chamonix/Explore Zermatt village/guided tour of Geneva
 - Tickets included for the following: Guided Rhine Falls/Lindt Home of Chocolate Museum and tasting/ Glacier Express train/ Mount Rigi Cogwheel train and boat trip/ Aare Gorge & Giessbach Falls/ Maison du Gruyere cheese factory/ visit Chateau de Chillon/ Wine tasting at the Lavaux terraced vineyards (UNESCO site)/ the Gornergrat Railway to the Matterhorn/ Cable car ride to view Mont Blanc
- Porterage in and out of each hotel
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time isn't a big deal

- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 nd payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 rd payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 th payment due October 11, 2026	\$1,595.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by April 25, 2026. A full refund will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

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 (November 14,, 2027) for international travel.**

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, 2026 through April 30, 2027

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: _____ - _____

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

E-mail Address (es): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home/Cell 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 on box)

- ☐ Board Member - position of interest _____
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Day Trips (assist with planning/trip leader)
☐ Sports - (assist with events/trip leader)
☐ Extended Trips (planning committee/trip leader)
☐ Are you a skier?

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 (including 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: _____