

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's finally Fall - and just around the corner are the Holidays!

The **Christmas Party** on December 13th at Panther Creek is sold out with a wait list!

The day trip next summer for the **August Missouri Yacht Cruise and Wine Tasting** is sold out with a wait list!

The Day Trip next summer to **Sullivan's Little Theater** for "Come from Away" and lunch at Yoder's still has availability so sign up now!

Half Priced Memberships through April 30! The Board voted to allow ½ priced memberships through the end of the Club year to encourage new members to join. \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. Tell your friends!

THANK YOU..... THANK YOU.....THANK YOU!

- To Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair for arranging dining out at the Corner Pub on October 2 for 16 attendees!
- To Tim Phillips for making 65 of us happy at Harvest Market on October 16!
- To Kathryn Hanlon for coordinating and hosting a fun Halloween Party on October 25!
- To Janet Nuss for leading a group of us to the Barn at Goodfield for a production of Arsenic and Old Lace on October 26!
- To all the volunteers who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in November!

- Walk at Washington Park, Monday, November 3
- Dining out at Sangamo Brewing in Chatham - Thursday, November 6
- Happy Hour at Brewski's - Thursday, November 20

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

HALF PRICED MEMBERSHIPS THROUGH APRIL

The current Club membership year runs May, 2025 through April, 2026. Half-priced memberships are available now through the end of the year to encourage people to try out the Club. Single membership is just \$20 and family membership is \$25.

New members may join at Happy Hour, or may send a [completed application](#) and a check to:

PO Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705

Day Trips Update!!

Thanks to everyone who registered for the June 25, 2026 day trip lunch yacht cruise on the Missouri River and visit to Mount Pleasant Estate and Winery! The trip has **Sold Out** and is now waitlist only.

There are still seats available for the **July 30, 2026 day trip to Arthur and Sullivan, IL**; first for shopping and a buffet lunch at Yoder's Amish Kitchen and then on to the Little Theater on the Square to see the Tony-nominated and award-winning musical play, "Come from Away". The price per person is \$137. We will need 30 people for this trip to be a Go. If you have any questions or are interested in this trip, please contact Jana Kincaid jagrolling90@gmail.com (217) 416-0955, the trip leader for this event.

For more details about the trip, see: [Arthur/Sullivan Trip Handout](#)

We anticipate this and other trips we are planning for 2026 to be popular, so if you are interested in attending, we recommend you sign up early so we can confirm our reservations. Day Trip Committee members or trip leaders will be at Happy Hours to accept your applications, the next one being November 20 th at 5 pm at Brewski's. You can also contact the trip leaders and arrange to send them your completed trip applications and checks.

Trip application forms are here: [Trip Application](#)

For more details about these trips, please see the handouts in this newsletter. Always feel free to contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP at janet.nuss@comcast.net or (217) 638-2840.



Walk at Washington Park

November 3, 2025 | 10:00 am

Ski and Travel Club members are invited to take a stroll around Washington Park and enjoy the fall colors. Will meet at the children's playground area located on the south end of the park.

Dining Out



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

109 E Mulberry St., Chatham

Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour



November 20, 2025

5:00pm - ???

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Mike & Jennifer Malson met at the Halloween party 43 years ago. They are life members & come to the Halloween party every year to celebrate.



SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

December 4 - 5:30pm
Old Lux

Happy Hour

December 18 - 5pm to ??
Motorheads

Christmas Party

December 13
Panther Creek Country Club

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Belleville Christkindlmarkt & Buffet Dinner

December 5 - \$103

Trip Leaders: Steve Wright (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600
Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527

Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch & Winery Tour/Tastings

June 25, 2026

Trip leaders: Joyce Metz, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764

Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen

July 30, 2026

TRIP LEADER: Jana Kincaid, jagrolling90@gmail.com, (217) 416-0955

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: Patty Staab
217-836-4406, patriciaa2118@gmail.com

Wendy Schluter
217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

February 7 - 15th, 2026

Trip Leaders: Jana Kincaid
(217) 416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.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



Trip to Goodfield

The Barn III Dinner Theater



Twenty-one members of the Springfield Ski and Boat Club and one guest of a member had a blast (I don't think I'm exaggerating) on the day trip to Goodfield, IL October 26, 2024!

Our visit to the Barn III Theater began with a delicious, bountiful lunch of fried chicken, pork loin, brisket, and numerous side dishes, desserts, etc. The waiter/waitress staff was truly amazing and catered to our every need before we even expressed a need. Several people voiced that they had never had such fast and excellent service before.



In addition to that, many of the waiters, waitresses, and staff of the Barn Theater were also actors in the play! And they were wonderful at that as well. The performance was a theater version of "Arsenic and Old Lace". You may remember the film version with Carey Grant as the lead actor. It was a hysterical and a fun way to spend an afternoon with friends. We look forward to going back sometime!



ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership	Kim Fraim Rockford
VP for Day Trips.....	Janet Nuss
VP for Tour Trips.....	Patty Staab
VP Events	Kathryn Hanlon
Happy Hour Chair.....	Tim Phillips
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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Sarah Dellert	4	Marty Milligan	10	Mary Lou Johnsrud	23
Patricia A. Latham	4	Jeannine Pickering	10	Tim Fuhrmann	23
Valerie Mallie	4	Greg Laun	11	Nila Riggs	24
Michele Cimarossa	4	Gary Bacon	11	Chris VanEtten	24
Gail Meissen	4	Rob Roderick	11	William (Bill) Bernard	24
John Welker	5	Dave Trapp	12	Mary Jo Anderson	24
Mark Petrilli	5	Sandy Schinneer	13	Pamela Wilson	26
Mike Vonnahmen	6	Karen Fifer	15	Debbie Prather	26
Karol Young	7	Pat Carver	16	Larry Manning	26
Kathy LaCamera	8	Joyce Ludwig	18	Jill Roth	26
Gloria Heggy	8	Norma Van Valkenbur	19	Patti McMurray	27
Mary Ann Heller	9	Nassim Banisaeed	19	Ken Lazar	28
F. Michael Castleman	9	Nancy Chesley	21	Nancy Haines	28
Marty Mau	9	Sandy Frank	22	Mary Parsons	29
Anne Midden	10	Pat Michael	22		
Steve Burke	10	Linda McClain	23		

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Walk at Washington Park 10:00am	4	5	6 Dining Out Sangamo Brewing 5:30pm	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Happy Hour Brewski's 5:00pm	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

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 eblasts 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 us at SSTCQUESTIONS@springfieldskiclub.org.** In addition, it is on the 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.

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 Eblasts, Facebook posts, and the website to stay In the Know!

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 Snowjourner 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, eblasts 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.

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:** Belleville Christkindlmarkt and Buffet Dinner
- WHEN:** Friday December 5, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at **10:00 AM** and returning at approximately **7:00 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Steve Wright (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600
- CO TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
- PRICE:** \$103 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner
- ACTIVITIES:** The Belleville Christkindlmarkt is an authentic, outdoor German Christmas Market on the public square in Belleville, featuring unique European and handcrafted items, delicious food and beverages
- FOOD:** Buffet Dinner at The Tavern On Main from 3 to 5 p.m.
Pizza and Pastas/Toasted Ravioli w/ Salad and Drink
<https://tavernonmainbelleville.com/>



<https://www.bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com/>

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by July 3, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after July 3, 2025: 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 3, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch and Winery Tour/Tastings
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 25, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Joyce Metz, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764
- PRICE:** \$143 (35 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy this afternoon lunch cruise on the Missouri River aboard the luxurious Miss Augusta yacht. Miss Augusta offers opportunities to soak in the sunshine or enjoy the climate controlled air-conditioned salons as you cruise and enjoy the beautiful scenery from the Missouri River, listening to the captain's narration of the history of the area while you take in the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Alcohol is available to purchase, but the cost is on your own. We will then enjoy a tour and wine tastings at the Mount Pleasant Estates, the oldest winery in Augusta, before returning home.
- FOOD:** Lunch on the Miss Augusta provided (alcoholic beverages available on your own)



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

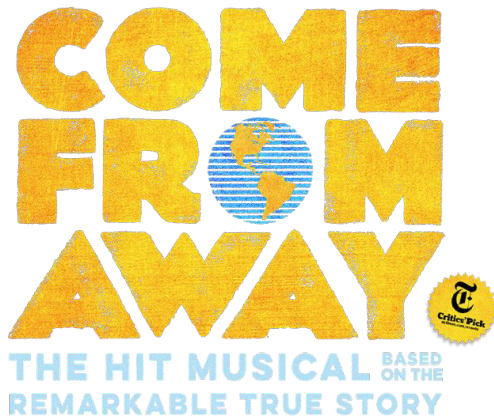
- *Cancel by November 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after November 20, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after November 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 30, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Jana Kincaid, jagrolling90@gmail.com, (217)416-0955
- PRICE:** \$137 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Arthur, IL for a shopping stop at Beachy's Bulk Food and a scrumptious buffet lunch (with pie) at the famous Amish Yoder's Kitchen. We will then proceed to the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan for a performance of "Come from Away", a musical, based on the true events in the Newfoundland town of Gander during the week following the September 11 attacks, when 38 planes, carrying approximately 7,000 passengers, were ordered to land unexpectedly at Gander International Airport. The characters in the musical are based on actual Gander residents and the stranded travelers they housed and fed.
- FOOD:** Buffet Lunch with pie and soft drinks included at Yoder's Restaurant in Arthur, IL



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by December 18, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after December 18, 2025: 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 December 18, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

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 AND TRAVEL CLUB NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 7-15, 2026

**TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid (217)416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon (217) 494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net**

Minimum number to cruise is 30; maximum is 40.

PRICE:

- * Air, Hotel & Cruise, and Basic Gratuities: \$2,400 per person, double occupancy, balcony room
- * Single supplement: \$810 (4 singles available), balcony room
- * Hotel and Cruise only: \$1800 per person double occupancy, balcony room
- * **Special note: Prices are subject to change after airfare has been purchased.**

NOTE: All shore excursions are at your expense.

An amenity package that includes unlimited beverages, 3 nights of specialty dining, \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will cost an extra \$270 per person.

An alternate package that includes 10 photos, \$100 shipboard credit, and \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will not cost extra.

Passengers sharing a cabin must choose the same package.

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation between Springfield and St. Louis airport.
- * Round-trip flight between St. Louis and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- * San Juan hotel for one night in San Juan **THAT INCLUDES BREAKFAST**
- * Transfers from the airport to the hotel, hotel to cruise port and cruise port to airport
- * All meals included on the ship with the exception of specialty dining

PORTS OF CALL:

**Tortola, BVI
St. John's, Antigua
Bridgetown, Barbados
St. Lucia
Philipsburg, St. Maarten
St. Thomas
San Juan**



SIGN-UP: Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Summer Picnic

June 19th, 1st payment: \$1200 double, \$1610 single; without air, deduct \$300.
August 21, 2nd payment: \$1200 double, \$1600 single; without air, deduct \$300.
Second payments can be mailed to: Jana Kincaid

Attn: SSTC
1014 Ravina Dr
Chatham, Il 62629

Cancellation: Cancel before July 1, 2025—Pay only \$25 SSTC processing fee
Cancel July 1-July 31—30% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Cancel August 1-31—50% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Starting September 1—you are obligated for full payment. NO REFUNDS

NOTE: This trip is for independent travelers who can navigate airports, walk the length of the cruise ship, and stay with the group when together. Requests for special accommodations, such as plane seats and accessible rooms, are the responsibilities of travelers and subject to availability.

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 return date.



Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends that you purchase trip insurance. At a minimum, it should cover accident, sickness, or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to buy 'Cancel for Any Reason' insurance if possible. Be sure to compare policies, as some do not cover the full price of the trip. Purchase as soon as possible for maximum coverage.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)
(Possibility of date variance by 1 day due to flight schedule)

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

Price: Combined air and land

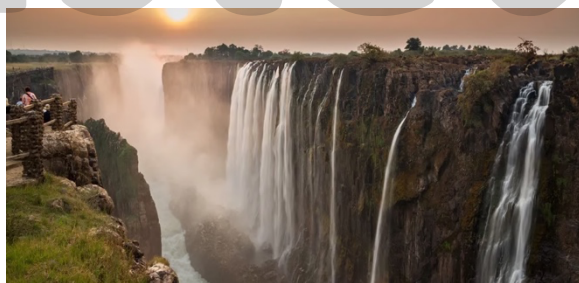
Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

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 & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

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 sstcquestions@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 Kouncil of Illinois (S.K.I.).

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____