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SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Springfield Ski & Travel Club
P.O. Box 1146 Springfield, Illinois 62705



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas is just around the corner and plans for the SSTC holiday party are set. Many of you were able to sign up at the recent party on September 19, but there are still a few spaces left. Once those are filled, we will begin the wait list.

We are fortunate to be able to hold the holiday party again at the Panther Creek Country Club, thanks, to SSTC members, Martha Ann and Curtis Meinhardt.

The party will be held on December 19, and we hope Mother Nature takes a break and does not bring a blizzard this year. So bring your dancing shoes, wear your holiday finery, look forward to a delicious dinner and join your SSTC friends to celebrate the holidays.

Tickets are $30 per person and *you must be a member in good standing.* If you wish to sign up, please contact the VP of Activities, Peggie Powers at 217-652-0613 (text preferred)



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's November and the Holiday are rapidly approaching.....are you ready?

Going...Going...Gone...... **If you hurry you can still sign up for:**

- The Christmas Party at Panther Creek, cost $30 per person, members only Saturday, December 19th - contact Peggie Powers if you want to sign up. Limited space available! 217-652-0613
- A day trip to Allerton Park and Monticello on April 21, 2027. Contact Janet Nuss at 217-638-2840
- An international trip to Poland in October 2027. Double rooms with 2 people in each are still available. Contact Mike Bloechle at 217-787-1010

Thank Yous!

To Jana Kincaid for organizing dining out for 25 of us at The Creek on October 1!
To Roger Schnelten for hosting a fun Oktoberfest at his home on October 11!
To Janice Broughton for making 75 of us happy at Legends on October 15!
To Susan Fisherkeller and Patti Carver for leading a fun Day Trip to the Josephine's Tea Room and Aerier's Winery, Thursday, October 22!
To Peggie Powers for coordinating and hosting a fun Halloween Party on October 24th!

To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!!

Check Out What is Happening in November!

- Dining Out - Thursday, November 5th at Outback Steakhouse
- Happy Hour - Thursday, November 19th at Harvest Market

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman, President
Springfield Ski & Travel Club





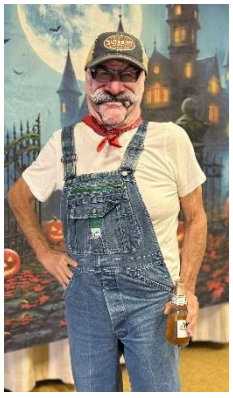





HALLOWEEN
PARTY








Birthdays: November

Name	Birthdate
Daniel Milligan	1
JoyceBartolo	2
Patircia A. Latham	4
Valerie Mallie	4
Sarah Dellert	4
Gail Meissen	4
Michele Cimarossa	4
John Welker	5
Mark Petrilli	5
Michael Coughlin	5
Mike Vonnahmen	6
Karol Young	7
Kathy LaCamera	8
Gloria Heggy	8
F Michael Castleman	9
Mary Ann Heller (1989)	9
Marty Mau	9
Marty Milligan	10
Anne Midden	10
Jeannine Pickering	10
Steve Burke	10
Greg Laun	11
Gary Bacon	11
Rod Roderick	11
Dave Trapp	12
Sandy Schinneer	13
Steve Hester	15
Karen Fifer	15
Pat Carver	16
Joyce Ludwig	18
Norma Van Valkenburg	19
Nassim Banisaeed	19
Nancy Chesley	21



Birthdays: November

Name	Birthdate
Sandy Frank	22
Pat Michael	22
Tim Fuhrmann	23
Mary Lou Johnsrud	23
Linda McClain	23
Nila Riggs	24
Mary Jo Anderson	24
Chris VanEtten	24
William (Bill) Bernard	24
Larry Manning	26
Jill Roth	26
Pamela Wilson	26
Debbie Prather	26
Patti McMurray	27
Ken Lazar	28
Nancy Haines	28
Marla Hester	28



Betsy Furhmann October 9



Sus n Williamson	Springfield
Wil iam Ryan	Springfield
Gregory C Kelso	Riverton
Ma k Kates	Decatur

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
Newsletter Editor	Renee Mapes
S.K.I. Representative	Ruth Kopec
Community Services Chair	Rich Bergt
Webmaster	Deon Bishop
Sport Chair	Rose Johnson



THE BEEF HOUSE DINNER THEATER DAYTRIP

On September 24, 2026, 28 members of the club traveled to Covington, Indiana to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner and entertainment at the Beef House. It was a busy place as they had a total of six buses arrive that day! Being the first bus to arrive was a nice advantage to easy buffet access, giving us extra time for using the restroom and stretching our legs outside before the show began.







We had fun on the bus visiting with one another and playing a story telling game with funny twists using our imaginations and creative thinking skills. The Manager welcomed and escorted us to our tables with fresh plates of salad and baked rolls ready for us to devour. A buffet including sliced beef, sliced pork, sliced chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mushrooms, green beans, carrots, more fresh rolls and two different pastas was filling and tasty. Dessert was a choice of baked peach cobbler or mixed berry cobbler, both topped off with vanilla ice cream.



Four Old Broads on The High Seas was a hilarious performance filling the entire room with lots of laughter and smiles. During intermission, fresh baked cookies with coffee, tea and water were served. Several of us ordered rolls, either freshly baked or frozen to bring home with us - a little treat for the upcoming holidays. Thanks to all for sharing this wonderfully relaxing, fun day with us!









11 NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Dining Out Outback 5:30PM	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 BOARD MEETING	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Happy Hour Harvest Market 5 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Notes

Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 Black Friday



Volunteer Opportunity

As we begin planning for new travel opportunities for the club we need your help planning future trips. The tour trip committee is looking for members to help research and plan new trips.

Please contact Patty Staab, VP tour trips at Patriciastaab2118@gmail.com if you're interested in helping.

Here's to more fantastic trips



SAVE THE DATE

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Dining Out

November 5 - 5:30 PM

Outback Steakhouse

Happy Hour

November 19 - 5 PM

Harvest Market

The Glow/The Hill — *December 2, 2026*

Trip Leader: Sara Oehlert, soehlert@aol.com,

WAITLIST (217) 801-5789

Salvation Army Bell Ringing	December 5, 2026
Schnucks on Iles/Chatham Rd.	11 AM - 7PM &
Volunteer to Ring (contact Richard Bergt)	December 8, 2026
Stop and Donate	11 AM - 3 PM

SECRETS ROYAL BEACH
PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
January 29-February 5, 2027 Trip
Leader: Jan Joyce 217-741-1147

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May11, 2027

Trip Leaders: Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967
kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

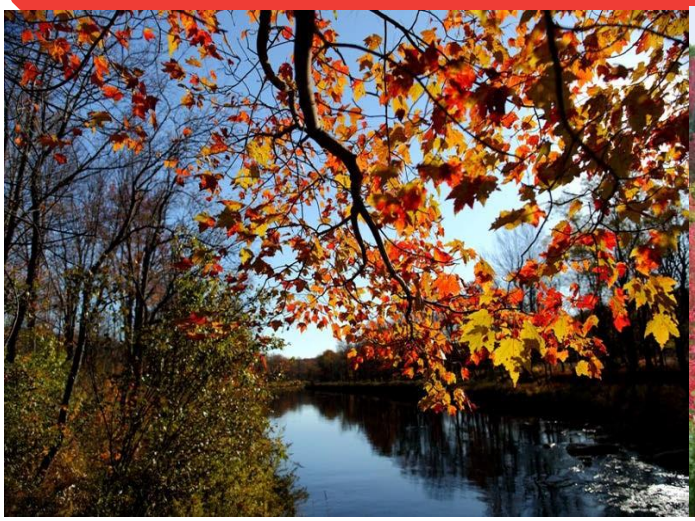
Classic Poland Tour

October 5-20, 2027

Trip Leaders: Michael & Lois Bloechle
217-787-1010 mbloechle@comcast.net

Allerton Park Garden Tour April 21, 2027

Trip Leaders: *Janet Nuss* (217) 638-2840 janet.nuss@comcast.net
Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)





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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 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 ,and 9/19/26)

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. 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:

   a. and where a replacement traveler is found, a refund will be paid, minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club and a cancellation processing fee. The replacement traveler must pay the full amount due to the club. The club will issue a refund to the original traveler.

   b. If no replacement traveler is found, no refund will be issued.

   c. Refunds for day trips are processed after the trip is completed.

3. In the event that a roommate cancels a trip without a replacement and the person still traveling has to pay more money for a single supplement room:

   a. Funds retained by the Club and not refunded to the person cancelling from the trip shall be used to cover the cost of the single supplement cost for the person still traveling, and

   b. The amount of the payment or reimbursement to the traveler shall not exceed the amount still available to be utilized.

   c. The above information shall be contingent upon vendor contract language.

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), (Amended 9/19/26)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops.

2. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.

SKI UPDATES



SNOWVANA 2026!!

Snowvana Wisconsin will be held on November 13-15, 2026, at the MOSH Performance Center (at the base of Crystal Ridge Ski Area) in Franklin, Wisconsin, just outside of Milwaukee. 5,000+ skiers and snowboarders are expected to attend in 2026.

Snowvana is a celebration of snow sports featuring entertainment, education, and activities that get people stoked for the coming season. Features include aniF3 Film Festival, live music, an emcee, interactive competitions, a pub-like atmosphere, a massive ski swap and gear sale, tone of regional and notional ski resorts, local retailers, and top ski and snowboard manufacturers.

Special this year for CMC clubs and members is a free advance ticket.

Please share this Promo code **with your members only and not on social medica.** If that happens, the code will be deactivated.

How to et my free admission ticket to Snowvana:

- Go to Snowvana.com
- Click Get Tickets
- Choose Wisconsin
- Choose One Day Ticket
- Add to Cart
- View Cart
- **Add Promo Code: cms26**
- Proceed to Checkout



Remember, do NOT share the code on social media!!

New this year: a public, consignment swap benefiting the Central Ski Patrol! Sell your own quality skis, snowboards, and boots, support the patrol, and get a free admission ticket to the country's largest Snowsport's festival for participating. For details, copy and paste the following in your browser:

https://myskiswap.com/active_skiswaps/snowvana-wisconsin-2026

NOW ACCEPTING SIGNUPS FOR NEW DAY TRIP IN 2027!

Hi, everyone!

The Day Trip Committee wants to let you know that there are still plenty of spots available for members to sign up for the day trip to **Allerton Park and downtown Monticello on Weds., April 21, 2027,** and will include the following:

- A guided historical tour of the many gardens/statues
- Lunch at the park's Greenhouse Café (which is included in the cost of the trip)
- A guided bird-watching hike at the park
- Shopping in downtown Monticello, including a stop at Prairie Fire Glass Shop
- A stop at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits, a local favorite, for early dinner and drinks (everyone's own).

Important Note: We know that April 21st seems like a long time away, but it really is not. We often are required to make agreements to secure the bus and make reservations with the places we will visit months in advance. But then, we are given a limited amount of time to sell out the trip before we can actually finalize all our plans. **So please sign up early!** You can bring your completed trip applications and checks to the **November 19th Happy Hour Harvest Market** or contact trip leaders directly and arrange to deliver your applications and checks to them. Janet Nuss (217) 638-2840 and Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 are the trip leaders.

The cost of the trip is $115/person. We need 30 people in total for this trip to be a GO and we still have more than half those spots available. So please think about signing up for this trip. It will be lots of fun.

For more details, please see the trip handout in this newsletter and on the club's website.

Thank you all!!
Janet Nuss
DayTrip VP



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, December 2, 2026 (Revised Date) 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 Golden Glow!" "The Glow" is a 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."**

WAITLIST









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.

DAY TRIPPIN……WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

TITLE: **Allerton Park Garden Tour/Bird Hiking/Lunch, and Downtown Monticello Visit/Dinner**

WHEN: **Weds., April 21, 2027** leaving Meijer promptly at **8:30 AM** and returning approximately **7:00 PM**

TRIP LEADERS: **Janet Nuss (217) 638-2840** janet.nuss@comcast.net
Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)

PRICE: **$115** (30 participants minimum and maximum)

COST INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, driver tip, 2 guided tours, lunch at Allerton's Greenhouse Café

NOTE: Members should be prepared to walk approximately 2 miles.

ACTIVITIES: Travel to Allerton Park in Monticello, IL where we will break into two groups and enjoy a wonderful, guided historical tour of the amazing gardens and statues, break for lunch at the Greenhouse Café, then go on a guided hike (binoculars included) where we will learn about and hopefully see many beautiful birds that inhabit the gardens. We will then visit downtown Monticello where we can shop freely and break into groups to enjoy glass blowing education at the famous Prairie Fire Glass Company. Before returning home, we will stop for an early dinner, that will be on your own, at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits, a popular local downtown restaurant. Alcohol is available to purchase also on your own.

FOOD: **Lunch at the Greenhouse Café is provided**

Dinner and alcohol at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits will be on your own.









CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by December 15, 2026: Your money will be refunded

*Cancel after December 15, 2026. If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a $25 processing fee.

Refunds will be processed after the trip is completed

*Cancel after December 15, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB SE-CRETS ROYAL BEACH

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WHEN: January 29,2027 to February 5, 2027

SOLD OUT

TRIP LEADERS: Jan Joyce (217-741-1147)

PRICE:

Air & Land: $2750/ person (double occupancy sharing a King room, partial ocean view)
Air & Land: $2600/person (double occupancy sharing a room with two beds, Tropical view or pool view-room category subject to availability)
Land Only: $390 less per person, adjusted on the final payment
Single cost in pool or tropical view rooms $4,030 (subject to availability) Minimum number of participants is 20: Maximum number of participates is 30

TRIP INCLUDES:

Air transportation between St. Louis – Punta Cana – St. Louis- (round trip, **non-stop**. Airfare is estimated and subject to change)

Ground services from airport to resort with included air purchase, including all necessary fees, all taxes & charges for ground services

Resort for 7 nights- All Inclusive

PAYMENTS:

1ST Payment due at sign-up event 09/19,2026 - $1,000 per person double occupancy; $1,350 single

2nd Payment due 10/19/2026 - $1,000 per person double or $1,350 single

3rd payment due 11/19/2026 $750 per person double or $1,330 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including room category changes, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS:

At sign-up submit a copy of the first page of your passport which shows your picture, passport number, date of birth, & passport expiration date with your trip application and check. Passports MUST be valid for 6 months acer the return date (August 5, 2027)for international travel.

CANCELLATION DATES/ FEES:

Cancel before September 22,2026 – Pay only the $25.00 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND A replacement is found- a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club and a $25.00 SSTC processing fee will be reimbursed.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND NO replacement is found- No refund

RESORT FEATURES:

- Adult Only
- Located on the majestic Caribbean Sea
- All- Inclusive resort with 24-hour service
- 6 distinct restaurants on site, plus a cafe, a grill, and 24-hour room service
- Attendant pool and wait service/ Swim up bar in a large infinity pool
- Over 10 bars and lounges on the property
- 4 outdoor pools
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Endless daytime activities, themed parties, live nightly entertainment





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

Catamaran cruises to **Saona Island**

ATV dune buggy tour through local plantation

Zip-lining and other adventurous activities at **Bavaro Adventure Park**





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 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 the trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage and coverage for any pre-existing conditions.**

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB

SWITZERLAND AND Mont Blanc Region—Glacier Express

SOLD OUT

Trip Leaders:
Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967
kathryn.hanlon@comcase.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)

1st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
2nd payment due June 11, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
3rd payment due August 11, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
4th 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 25,2025 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 no cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage

WAITLIST



Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Classic Poland Tour—16 Days & 14 Nights

When: October 5th – 20th , 2027 (36 maximum travelers)



Trip Leaders: Michael and Lois Bloechle
217.787.1010
m.bloechle@comcast.net

Price: ***Combined air and land***
Double occupancy - $5,500.00
Single occupancy – additional $1,099.00
Land only: $4,100.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Warsaw, Krakow to Chicago
- Accommodations: 4 nights Warsaw (The Westin Warsaw Hotel);
  3 nights Gdansk (Radisson Blu)
  2 nights Wroclaw (Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town)
  5 nights Krakow (Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz Hotel) (hotels are subject to availability)
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges, hotel porterage
- 18 Meals: 14 daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
  Travel along Warsaw's famed Royal Route; visit Malbork Castle; Torun, view the house where Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born; visit medieval Gdansk; Walk Old Market square on Pozun; In Krakow tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle, and the Jewish Quarter; Visit Wieliczka salt mine and journey into the Tatras Mountains
- Entrance fees per itinerary, sightseeing in modern air-conditioned motor coach, wireless earphones, daily water.
- 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)

1st payment (deposit) September 19, 2026	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
2nd payment due November 19, 2026	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
3rd payment due January 19, 2027	$1,37500 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
4th payment due March 19, 2027	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by September 25,2026. A refund less $25.00 SSTC fee, will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 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 September 25, 2026 and **No Replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader prior to September 25, 2026. **$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued. All cancellations subject to the dates and terms listed above.**

Passports: With your trip application, submit a color 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 (April 21, 2028) for international travel**

A fillable trip application is available online. Please fill out on-line and bring a printed copy to sign-up along with your passport copy and check for 1st payment.

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 and coverage of any pre-existing conditions.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application

May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

(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 SSTC Newsletter, 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 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: _____