

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## Spring Day Trip

Toast 'So Long' to Old Man Winter

Let's celebrate the Spring Equinox. We'll take the 4:51 train from Springfield to Lincoln on Friday, March 24, 2023, to eat at Guzzardo's Italian Villa before returning on the 8:04 train.

The Amtrack tickets are \$10.35 round trip. I will need the name of the travelers and the money before booking so we can all sit together. Checks made out to the Springfield Ski and Travel Club can be mailed to me at 33 Greencastle Circle, Springfield, IL 62712.

Please be aware that Guzzardo's is in a very old building. We will be upstairs. and there is no elevator. Also, Guzzardo's is BYOB. We are allowed to purchase beverages from Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company next to enjoy with our mean.

Questions or comments should be directed to Sandy Colborn (VP Day Trips) at Colborn33@comcast.net

## ALEXANDER'S Dining Out STEAKHOUSE

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00

ALEXANDER'S STEAK HOUSE

620 BRUNS LN. | SPRINGFIELD, IL

Reservations are required by noon on Monday, February 27, 2023

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman

Brought617@gmail.com



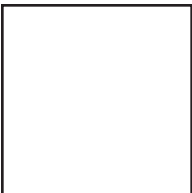
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At last! March is here, which glows with colorful shades of green - green buds on trees, green grass soon needing to be mowed, green and more green at St. Patrick's Day festivities like the parade with green beads tossed around, green beer consumed with corned beef and cabbage, and flowers peeking up to see the bright sunshine as days get longer and Daylight Savings Time offers more opportunities to spend on the outdoor activities we've been eager for. Hooray for the green shamrocks and the blue skies!

Some of you will be joining other club members in March on a trip to Iceland - the Land of Fire (volcanoes) as well as the Land of Ice. Also in March we hope to see many of you at the SSTC Dining Out at Alexander's Steak House on March 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm. We also will meet for Happy Hour in March at Motorheads on Thursday March 16, starting at 5:00. See you there!

On a sad note, a member of SSTC, Karen Kuhar, passed away on Sunday, February 12th. We will miss her active involvement in this organization. And we appreciate all the years of effort as she organized and planned for many of the Happy Hour celebrations. Though it is sad for her friends who miss her, we can celebrate a life well-lived in service and friendship to others. In her honor, let's renew friendships, develop relationships with new acquaintances, and work together to enrich our community of friends and neighbors. And as individuals put in the effort to not only enjoy the club but work to build up and develop new ideas and activities for the future.

**Richard Bergt**

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club



## SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY

The Spring Sign-Up Party is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at the Aqua Club, 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, IL. Sign-up for the Northern Italy Trip will open at 5:00pm. A cash bar will be available at that time followed by food served at 6:00pm. There will be no need to eat prior to attending as pulled pork sliders, smoked chicken wings, a dessert, and other sides will be served.

DJ Dennis Reed will provide music until 9:00pm. Service hours can be earned by assisting with setup, serving food and clean up.

*If you are interested in earning service hours, please contact Joyce Ludwig after March 26<sup>th</sup> by texting or calling 217-725-9125.*

## Save the Date

**Dining Out** April 6, 2023 - TBD

**SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY**

April 22, 2023 - Aqua Club

**HAPPY HOUR** April 27, 2023 - Mariah's

*Enchanting Peru Tour*

October 5-16, 2023

DiAnn Trapp - 217-415-8055  
diannaroo@gmail.com

Patty Staab - 217-836-4406  
patstaab@comcast.net

*13-Day Northern Italy Tour*  
May 2-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010  
m.bloechle@comcast.net



## Sign-Up Procedures for Trip to Northern Italy



Board members, trip leaders and 10 volunteer service certificate holders may sign up early by hand delivering the requirements listed below to Trip Leader Mike Bloechle, 4716 Greenbriar Drive, Springfield, beginning April 8.

Please call Mike ahead at 217-787-1010.

**FYI** Members having at least 10 volunteer service hours may request a certificate for early sign up by contacting Jan Freeman at jfreeman2456@att.net no later than Saturday, April 8.

**Day of Sign-Up April 22, Aqua Club, 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, 5:00 PM**

5:00 PM Doors Open and Numbers issued  
Each person may sign up one additional person

5:15 PM Sign-Up Begins

6:00 PM Food served followed by music until 9 PM

### REQUIREMENTS

- Completed and signed SSTC Trip Application form dated April 22. The information provided must be **complete and legible**.
- Copy of passport which includes picture, passport number and date of birth (Passport must be valid for 6 months after the trip return and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel.)
- Copy of white CDC COVID vaccination card listing all vaccinations and boosters
- Check dated April 22 and made out to SSTC for \$2,400

## A Message from the VP - Membership

Membership dues for any new membership, as defined by never having been a previous member, received from December 2022 through April 1, 2023 will be half the respective membership fee for the 2023-2024 year with membership privileges from the date of sign up. This is a great incentive to welcome some new members to the club!

## Welcome New Members!

Chris Reid  
 Diann Gragg  
 Dan Grover  
 Norma Van Valkenburg

## MARCH Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Patrick Chesley	1	Mary Jo Bangert	8	Tara Lund	17
Janice Grosse	1	Bob Watkin	9	Cynthia Johnson	18
Diane Johnston	1	William Harr	9	Richard Moldenhauer	21
Kathleen Campbell	1	Eileen LoPossa	10	Bill Sunley	22
Amy Green (LT)	2	Sheila Sizemore	10	Marc Kinzora	22
Karl Reed	2	Miles Zamco	10	Robert Griffith	22
Chuck Costello	2	Sharon Chrans	11	Evelyn Griminger	24
Jeff Foust	3	Randall Speck	12	Deborah Moldenhauer	24
Pat Nosari	4	Lori Waltrip	12	Tom King	25
Tetyana Webster	5	Linda Stout	13	Jim Crum	26
Pat Dennis	5	Joyce Prince	14	Gina Clouser	28
Richard Bergt	5	Mary "Melissa" Cornell	15	Jeffrey Engel	28
Larry Richardson	6	Amy Dodd	15	Christa McLaren-Morris	30
Jackie O'Brien	6	Katie Hubbard	16	Sheila Ewald	31
Beth M. Beasley	6	William Budd	17	William Ryan	31
Jan Johnson	7				

## MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Dining Out		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Happy Hour	St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **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

## Membership Application May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ID # \_\_\_\_\_

*(Club Use Only)*

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

**Membership and Directory Information:**Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Category:  Individual  Family  Lifetime

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type:  New  RenewalCheck for listing in Club Directory:  Home Address  E-Mail Address  Home Phone  Cell Phone

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

**Primary Membership Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:**

- \$20 Monthly newsletter  
 \$40 Individual (over age 21)  
 \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)  
 \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):  
 Bloomington  Peoria  Champaign  
 Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

**Service Hours ( check at least one box)**

- Board Member committee  
 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, Tennis)  
 Are you a skier?  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Membership and Family Data:**

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

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV, of this year's Directory). 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

**WHEN:** October 5-16, 2023

**TRIP LEADERS:**

DiAnn Trapp ([diannaroo@gmail.com](mailto:diannaroo@gmail.com)) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab ([patstaab@comcast.net](mailto:patstaab@comcast.net)) or 217-836-4406

**PRICE:**

**Air & Land: \$3,850/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized**

**Single Supplement: \$450 (four singles available)**

**Land Only: \$2,760**

**Maximum number of participants is 28.**

**Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.**



**TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Lima (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers in Peru for those flying with the group
- Two in-country flights for **ALL** travelers (including Land-Only travelers): Lima to Cuzco and Arequipa to Lima
- Government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change



- Twenty-eight passenger bus transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide
- Three full-day tours and five half/partial day tours
- Breakfast daily, five included lunches and three included dinners
- Welcome and farewell dinners – both in Lima but at different venues
- Gratuity for guide and bus driver while in Peru (not for optional tours)

**Machu Picchu** • Gratuity for hotel porter

- Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals

**PAYMENTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due 9/24/2022 – \$1,000 due at sign up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 12/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 1/6/2023 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single

The final payment (including land only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or 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 AND VACCINATION CARDS:**

**AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.**

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

**Cancel by October 1, 2022** – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between October 2 and November 2, 2022** – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between November 3 and December 3, 2022** – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after December 3, 2022** – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### **SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition (train and walking tour)
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture of the “White City” of Arequipa
- Optional Half-Day Tours with prices:
  - Day 5, Morning – Visit Ancient Cuzco Ruins - \$59/person
  - Day 5, Afternoon – Tour Cuzco “Behind the Scenes” - \$59/person
  
  - Day 7, Afternoon – See the Sillustani Tombs - \$49/person



**Lake Titicaca**

### **HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):**

- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (2 nights at beginning of trip)
- Cuzco – Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel – 4\* - (3 nights)
- Puno – Casa Andina Standard Puno – 4\* - (2 nights)
- Colca – Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca – 4.5\* - (2 nights)
- Arequipa – Casa Andina Select Arequipa Plaza – 4.5\* - (1 night)
- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (1 night at end of trip)

**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 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

**WHEN: MAY 2-14, 2024**

**TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR [m.bloechle@comcast.net](mailto:m.bloechle@comcast.net)**

## PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$5400\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$4300\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1700\* (five singles available)**  
\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



**VENICE**

## PAYMENTS:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 for single**

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

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### **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):**

Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after July 24, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

**No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.**

**All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.**

**ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### **Activities:**

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge’s Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet’s house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



**LAKE COMO**

### **HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)**

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

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