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FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY JAN FERRELL, PRESIDENT

As you can tell from the weather outside, summer is upon us. In the meantime, the China trip is leaving shortly, followed by Croatia and Patagonia. Bon voyage and happy trails until we meet you again. I wonder how many of you remember that song?



Our next meeting will be in September with the location to be determined. We will still gather at happy hours, activities and club dinners. Check our website for updates. Log on to spacecity.org to see what's happening.

Keep in touch, everyone, and see you soon.

Jan

COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

I know you are anxious to get all the scoop about the wonderful trips – both ski and adventure – that we are lining up for 2019. I have been working to secure excellent air and lodging for the TSC trips, and I have also been working with many different tour operators to get the best destinations at the best prices for our club trips. I am VERY CLOSE to announcing those trips and schedules, along with preliminary pricing, so check out the Space City website often for the latest updates.



For the skiers, there will be something (or many things!) to excite and interest. Lots of options, lots of price-points. We will have a mix of Epic, Ikon, and non pass-affiliated locations. There will be long-established favorites, such as the December Vail club trip, and the TSC trip to Breckenridge (a great resort for both skiers and non-skiers). We will have new favorites, such as Big Sky and Snowmass (ask anyone who was on the either of these 2018 trips – they were both fabulous). We will mix some favorites from the past, such as Keystone/ABasin, Whitefish and Schweitzer. Finally, we

will finish up with TWO international options – the TSC trip to Zermatt or a combined club trip to Japan. HOW CAN I FIT EVERYTHING IN?????

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!! We will also have both summer and fall adventure trips. To begin the 2019 summer season, we are looking at an all-inclusive resort vacation in the Caribbean. Then, we are looking into the possibility of a Peru/Machu Picchu trip in June. Finally, the TSC Fall Expedition will be a luxurious cruise through Portugal, beginning in Lisbon. More to come, but WOW!!

I am still looking for a few fine folks to help run the trips. Happily, I have the non-ski trips covered – thanks to everyone that has stepped up to help with these trips. I am still looking for volunteers for some of the ski trips. If you have a favorite among Big Sky, Snowmass or Keystone, please email me, find me at the May club meeting or any of the happy hours. Let's talk!! It's some work, but consider - many of the people that have already stepped up are repeat TC volunteers. You will meet wonderful people, have a great time, and help make the coming travel season the best ever for you and your friends at Space City!!

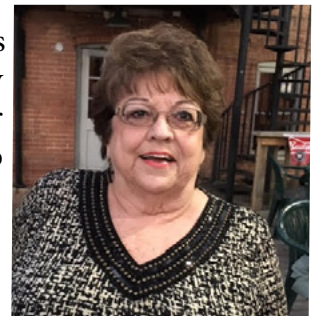
Last – don't forget the trips remaining this year! (Vail December will be announced later)

Trip	Schedule	TC	Full Pkg	Land
China	May 16-25, 2018	Jill Nanney	\$2,115	N/A
Croatia Bike	June 23-30, 2018	Rita Cardenas Leyla Ozkardesh	N/A	\$2,488
Patagonia	Oct. 17-26, 2018	Sarah Granbery	\$4,029	\$2,296

HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

The April Happy Hour at Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen on Woodway had a huge attendance (50 or more). We had most of the patio and it was packed, several of the group went inside and ate. The weather was wonderful for being outside.



At the Dinner at Ouisie's Table on April 28 we had 28 people join us. The food and company was great. (Pictures below).



Dance classes are now back on every Wednesday. Michael is going to have different dances every couple of months, he started with the Cha Cha and will keep going on that dance for a while and then switch to another type.

On May 5, Don Macken took a small group of 8 on a hike in Hershey Park. In October the hike went east on the trail, this time the hikers went west on the trails along the bayou. The weather turned out to be pleasant for them in spite of earlier in the week the weather people said chances of rain. (Pictures follow)



Also on May 5, Anne Thomas got a small group of bike riders to go on a long bike ride in Galveston to prepare for the Croatia trip. (Pictures follow)



EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES

JUNE EVENT CALENDAR

June 6 - 27	Dance Lessons every Wednesday
June 3	Bike Ride along White Oak Bayou
June 7	Stages - The Great American Trailer Park Musical
June 9	Wine Tasting at Total Wine
June 16	Dinner at Moxie's 5000 Westheimer
June 28	Happy Hour at Upstairs Bar & Lounge 2356 Rice Village

On May 26, the dinner will be at Amalfi Italian Restaurant on Westheimer by Sun and Ski.

Back by popular demand, the Happy Hour will be on May 31 at Rainbow Lodge again.

June 3 Karen Leeson and Bil Cusack will lead a bike ride along White Oak bayou. On the one they led last year, everyone had a great time and wanted to do it again only this year, a little further.

On June 7 we have 16 tickets to go see The Great American Trailer Park Musical at Stages theater.

A Wine tasting at Total Wine is planned for Saturday June 9. Last year we had 40 people attend and really learned a lot. The managers talk about each wine and then there is a tasting of that wine with cheese, crackers and fruit to cleanse the palate between wines. They usually talk about 7 to 8 different wines and this year we are going to taste European wines at a little higher price point. After it is over we will go across Post Oak to Berryhill to have a bite to eat.

Dinner at Moxie's in the Galleria area will be on June 16 and they have a wonderful patio area. I hope the weather is nice enough that we can dine on and enjoy.

Happy Hour on June 28 is at Upstairs Bar and Lounge which is above Hungry's in Rice Village.

Please check the website often for new activities. This is where you learn about them and can sign up.

Thank you to all the members who participate in the events, as long as you keep coming and signing up for activities we will keep having them and adding new ones.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership Trip Rewards are back!! Current membership plus attendance at General Meetings is rewarding on several levels! How? At the April meeting, we raffled another \$75 trip credit for use on our upcoming 2018-2019 slate of trips. We will raffle more Trip Rewards in our September through December meetings. For the January - April meetings we will switch to Amazon Cash cards plus ski-related promo



SWAG (Stuff We All Get.)

Membership renewals are in full swing. To encourage a prompt website switch and membership renewal, the SCSC Board of Directors voted to lower all dues (new and renewal) for applications made by May 31st. Our new dues structure is:

Effective April 2018 until May 31, 2018

- Single 1yr - \$35.00 for new or renewal applications made before May 31st. Your next membership renewal date will be: 05/01/2019.

- Single 3 yr - \$94.00 for new or renewal applications made before May 31st. Your next membership renewal date will be: 05/01/2021.

- Dual 1yr - \$65.00 Bundle (up to 2 members) for new or renewal applications made before May 31st. Your next membership renewal date will be: 05/01/2019.

- Dual 3yr - \$184.00 Bundle (up to 2 members) for new or renewal applications made before May 31st. Your next membership renewal date will be: 05/01/2021.

Effective June 1, 2018 all dues will be increased by a late fee:



It may not seem like much but why incur late fees?

Dues may be collected on our new website - <https://spacecity.clubexpress.com> via credit card. Preferred cards are VISA/Discover Card

New website enrollment and renewal payment is easy:

www.spacecity.org

click on the Membership tab and follow the prompts.

A word of caution - if your membership is not current by May 31st you will be locked out of the system which means you risk missing timely information about members only trips, events and club news. Time is limited.

Contact me with any membership questions:

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I wanted to have a Big Pre-trip party for all our participants to meet and get to know each other before our Snowmass trip. My good friend Gin Knebel and her husband Michael graciously opened their house to have a pre-trip party on November 18th, 2018. To my surprise, almost forty people showed up!! It was a great chance for me to meet our participants in person and introduce everyone. Korean Bibimbap that Gin and I prepared was a hit and the party lasted until almost 11 pm, with everyone finishing all the wine and most of the beer. Everybody enjoyed meeting and talking with their potential condo mates and ski buddies. What a fun way to warm up for our upcoming ski trip!



Sharon Simandl and Bill Bomberger were waiting for us with all our printed boarding passes when we got to the Southwest Group Check-in area, early on March 3rd. Forty-one of our participants flew on the same flight to Denver. Our plane landed on time and all luggage and ski bags made it – nothing missing!! Janet McKenzie, who flew via United Air, and Bill & Linda Reilly, who drove to Denver, met us at the baggage pick up area. Jamie Alford and his assistant from Ski White Diamond also greeted us at the baggage pick up area. Jamie gave us stickers with our condo name and numbers to attach to our luggage before we loaded the bus. This was an excellent way to prevent lost luggage or ski equipment and have it all delivered to right condo without wasting time.

at our condos.

Steve Ying helped me to prepare the salad and cook lasagna to take to our Pizza party that Ski White Diamond and Top of Village hosted for us at the Guest House. Lots of food!! Jamie and his wife were there to distribute all lift tickets and to share helpful information. I distributed coupons for 40% off Walk In Ski rental from Snowmass Sports for our SCSC members only. I don't know how they found us, but I got this offer through my email and it worked well for those who didn't rent on line.

Forty-four of us boarded a 56-seater motor coach for a 4 hour long ride to our condos in Snowmass. We stopped at the famous Apple Jack shopping center for liquor shopping and a lunch stop. It saved time and stress for me, since I ordered wines, beers and hard liquors for our group party on line one day before our departure. (GOOD PLANNING ANN!!) James Holland brought a speaker he purchased 10 minutes before Best Buy closed the night before for this trip. Cindy Moore, Chris Jennings, Steve and Jeanne Marie Ying, Deb Cini, Nick Morrone, David Burrows and a few more were singing along to 80's music at the back area of coach while some people in the front were dozing off. We stopped at City Market for our grocery shopping in a small town one hour before we arrived at our condos. Our bus driver suggested this since it will help keep our groceries cold and fresh. Thanks Mr. Bus Driver!! Several porters were waiting when we got to the Top of the Village and all luggage was delivered promptly to all condos. Stuart Travers, Dana and Gayle Dale flew to Aspen directly and arrived a few hours earlier and had already checked in when we arrived

Snowmass/Aspen had a good snow before we arrived and there was more snow forecasted for Sunday afternoon. It started snowing the exact time forecasted and it was perfect timing to finish our skiing early and head out to Venga Venga for our Après-Ski.

All our condos were true Ski-in and Ski-out even though some of us missed the condo cutoff and had to ski down



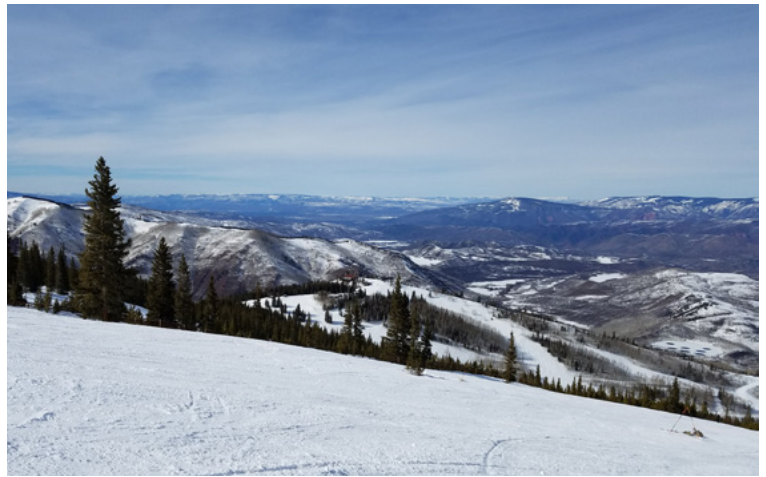
again. Evan Howell tied a white plastic grocery bag on the tree to mark his condo area and it certainly helped me to not to miss mine!!

On Monday, a lot of skiers met for lunch at Ullrhof and Stuart Travers was ready for a challenge after his boring blue and black runs. As many know, James Holland and Steve Ying are not Big Dogs, but Crazy Dogs. Stuart committed himself to ski at KT's Gulley double black diamond with the 2 fearless skiers.

Please ask Stuart when you see him at the next happy hour about his amazing fearful experience he never wants to face ever again. I did ask him to write a short article, but he only sent me a picture instead.

Our itinerary called for us to meet for lunch and Après-Ski every day, but we cancelled our Tuesday afternoon Après-Ski since our club dinner was scheduled at the Gate House and we decided to have our own Happy Hour there (including free hard liquors!!).

I learned from our Pre-trip party that our SCSC skiers are connoisseurs of both wine and beer. I made sure we stocked plenty of IPA beer including New Belgium Fat Tire and Avalanche Amber in addition to Coors Light and Bud Light. I signed up to use the Gate House for Wednesday evening for our Club dinner, but they double booked that night and we changed our event to Tuesday evening. Top of Village set up all tables and chairs for our banquet free of charge. We were supposed to have our dinner at 6:30pm, but happy hour started at 5:30PM and most of us were there and wanted to be served since the food was already set up and ready to go. The food catered from Hickory House, extra brisket cooked by Steve Ying and brought from Houston, and bulgogi, sausage and spicy pork cooked by me were more than we needed. We also shared our dinner with the manag-



er and assistants who worked at the Gate House and they appreciated us giving our leftover beer and water for them to use before we left on Saturday morning. We all enjoyed great food, drinks and great company. Some people left a little early after dinner, but a lot of us stayed late chatting, drinking and dancing with music James Holland played. What a fun night!

Lori Aubrecht took her ski lesson at Aspen Highlands and skied with Tom Kaptain there. I heard Sam Cornelius also went to ski at Aspen Highlands. James Holland, Steve Ying, Dana Dale, Stuart Travers and Beverly Vosko are some of people who went to ski in Aspen. A lot of people took off Wednesday for Aspen Shopping. Jeanne Marie took Deb Cini, Nick Morrone and me to her best kept secret resale shops and we ran into a lot of our ski club friends. Brenda and Sid Lacombe were also shopping with their group and I heard that Ron Rambin escorted a bunch of ladies including Marilyn Swanson for shopping the same day. Debbie Mossier, Joan Waddill and Sue Ann Muenks joined us after shopping and we all went to The Little Nell Hotel located close to Chair lift 9 of Aspen. We all ordered cocktails and sat outside of the bar at Chair 9 and enjoyed beautiful weather. Most of us ended up staying longer and had din-





ner at Element 47.

Lori Aubrecht and Beverly Vosko hosted several parties since their condo was up high and had a large living room. James Holland brought Rummikub, cards and chips to play blackjack and Texas Hold'em.

Beverly said she never played, but she on was a winning streak and it was a good thing nobody played real money with her.

Our party animal friends wanted to make another trip to Aspen on Thursday night. Steve and Jeanne Marie Ying, Dana & Gale Dale, Deb Cini, Nick Morrone, Lori Aubrecht, Stuart Travers, Debbie Mossier, Beverly Vosko and a few more met at Jimmy's Bodega and closed the night at Escobars.



Ashok Moza, Tom Kaptain and Joe Zurfley left a few days early because of their work. We had plenty of snow while we had 30-40 F temperature for skiing. We could not ask for any better weather! It is crazy, but James Holland wore short sleeve shirts with a vest a few days since it was too warm for him to wear a regular ski jacket.

After having so much fun skiing in the daytime and partying at nights, we had one more evening left before our departure to the airport early the next morning. Deb Cini, Nick Morrone, Sandy Oballe, Judy Clifton, Cindy Moore, Chris Jennings, James and I booked Ullr nights for Tubing and Coaster rides at Elk Camp. The Coaster Ride was fun and I do recommend to everybody if you go back to Snowmass.



Groups of people got together for a potluck dinner on Friday evening and tried to consume all the leftover food and alcohol. Diane Baker was sweet enough to bring back some of our hard liquor and cheeses for our Post Trip party. We booked our return flight in the mid afternoon so we could return to Houston in the early evening rather than late night. As much as I worried, everybody showed up on time and our bus departed 8 am and arrived at Denver airport around noon, which was more than 2 and half hours before our departure.

Then, it was time to think about our Post Trip party to continue our fun. Stuart Travers and Sharon Simandl each graciously offered their houses for the Post Trip Party. We decided to have it at Stuart's house since Sharon and Bill were possibly travelling at that time and most of the group was familiar with his house. I decided not to cook and had Olive Garden cater. Thirty six people showed up for the post party on Sunday, April 8th. Here we go again – we continued our party until all the wine was gone. Beverly Vosko brought her homemade carrot cake and it was a big hit. We got to know all our skiers better and some of them got to be closer friends after this trip. I hope it was a great ski trip experience for everybody and it certainly was for me.



CROATIA BOAT & BIKE TOUR NATIONAL PARKS OF DALMATIA

JUNE 22 – JUNE 30 2018

TCs: Rita Cardenas Rita@spacecity.org

Leyla Ozkardesh Leyla@spacecity.org

We are excited to offer this trip to the beautiful island of Croatia. Many of our club participants enjoyed the Boat & Bike trip to Danube last season and we hope to continue the momentum. We have chartered a yacht for this journey so only Space City participants will be aboard. There are 32 spots available and they are sure to go fast, so sign up quick! We are offering this trip as Land Only. The price for the flights for individuals was much more reasonable than trying to acquire air as a Group.

We ask you plan your travel to arrive in Split, Croatia airport (SPU) by 2:30pm Saturday June 23, 2018. The airport is 7 minutes from the boat dock. We will have a planned shuttle TBA or it is an quick taxi ride. The boat departs at 3:00pm Saturday June 23rd. Each traveler must make the effort to arrive on time as the boat cannot wait for delays. The trip disembarks Sat June 30th after breakfast around 9am; however we have flexibility for earlier departures.

Jennifer Cole, NonStop Travel Inc., will provide assistance with flight reservations if needed. Her contact information is Jennifer@nonstoptravel.net Tel #310-324-5500

There are 16 cabins on the yacht with various room configurations. We will work with each participant to assign cabins. We ask that single travelers help to find a roommate as they sign up. As the trip fills up, we may need to create wait list for single travelers until there is a qualified roommate. Land Only Package \$2488 per person (pending board approvals). The last day for refund less cancellation fee is 2/28/2018. The final payment is due 3/16/2018.

SIGN UP QUICKLY! Don't delay your decision to join us as we will be opening the trip to other clubs to ensure we meet our financial obligation.

**[Click here for
Bike Tours Website of Space City Trip Details](#)**

ABOUT THIS TRIP

Croatia is a country full of beautiful, well-kept coasts with thousands of islands, reefs, and bays. Numerous Roman ruins, charming hills, and breathtaking beauty awaits you here. Situated along the Adriatic Sea, Croatia stretches from the slopes of the alps to the banks of the Danube and Drava Rivers.



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- Guides on board
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview maps for the daily tours (on board)
- Bed linen and towels
- English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees for the National parks
- Harbor fees & Visitor fees

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Individual travel to Split Airport

- Beverages / Alcohol on board (tally sheet is utilized)
- Taxi transfer from airport to the ship (approx. €20)
- If do not make the scheduled shuttle
- Bicycle Protection (€10 for hybrid bike and €20 for electric bike)
- Tips for crew and guides
- Helmet - there are a limited number of helmets available for rental so bring your own.

SKILL LEVEL

This cycle tour requires a basic level of fitness from all participants. Spend some time on your bike to prepare. The routes go to heights of 670- 1640 feet above sea-level. The mileage ranges from 9-34 miles and does go through hilly and mountainous terrain. The rides will be completed without any time-constraints, but you should be used to cycling distances up to 30 miles a day through hilly terrain. Participants will need to master long and steep climbs which will present no problem with the use of the electric bike. Streets are mostly asphalted with little traffic however during high season when we are going, there may be a few busy streets. Alternative daily activities such as swimming and walking are available for non-cyclists. All cultural and natural highlights of the tour will be available to everyone, without having to cycle.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Trogir – Rogoznica

Day 2: Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica, 15 mi. (23 km)

Day 3: Molat and Dugi Otok Islands, 23 mi. + 11 mi. (38 km + 18 km)

Day 4: Islands of Ugljan and Pašman - Zadar, 12 - 25 mi. (20 - 40 km)

Day 5: Biograd – Vodice – Skradin, 35 mi. (55 km)

Day 6: Krka Waterfalls – Šibenik - Zlarin Island

Day 7: Primosten – Trogir, 28 mi. (45 km)

Day 8: Trogir, disembarkation.

Day 1: Arrival in Split, Croatia. Depart from Trogir harbor - Rogoznica. Dinner on the boat

Individual arrival by car to Trogir harbor or by plane to Split airport which is about 3 mi. (5 km) away from the harbor of Trogir. Check in is between 2 and 2:30 pm. Be prompt as the boat will depart at about 3 pm. Later in the afternoon, there will be time to adjust the bicycles. There will be a special welcome dinner on board!

Covered with pineforests that reach the sea, the island of Rogoznica is a paradise. The village of Rogoznica, a small fishermen's village, is hidden in a deep bay well protected from the waves and open sea.

Day 2: Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica (15 miles/23 km)

In the morning, the ship sails to Vodice where your cycling tour for today will begin. You will then cross the bridge to the island of Murter. In Slanica, in the Northwest of the island, the boat awaits to cross over to the island of Dugi Otok. On the way, you pass by the National Park Kornati - an archipelago in crystal clear water which is known for its rich, underwater world. Today's destination is the Telašćica Bay. The Mir salt lake is situated in this nature park. At the end of the day, you can take a short hike to the impressive cliffs

Day 3: Islands of Dugi Otok and Molat (23 miles + 11 miles/38 km + 18 km)

From the park, we will cycle across the almost traffic-free island of Dugi Otok until we reach the pine forest, agave, and tamarisk bay of Božava. From there the boat takes us to the flower island of Molat where we are free to explore the island by bicycle. Tonight is spent in the quiet port of the island.

Day 4: The Islands of Ugljan and Pašman – Zadar (12-25 miles/20-40 km)

During breakfast, the boat cruises to Preko on the island of Ugljan. From here, our tour will take us to Tkon on the island of Pašman. There is plenty of time to explore the two islands of Pašman and Ugljan, recently connected by a bridge, on your bikes. The tour follows the eastern coastline of the islands giving you a great view across the channel to the mainland.

After a loop tour, we will meet the ship again in Preko. A short crossing takes us to Zadar, the centuries-old political, cultural and intellectual capital of Dalmatia. Our tour guide will take us for an informative walk through the lively streets of the old town center, characterized by 3,000 years of history.



Day 5: Biograd – Vodice – Skradin (35 miles/55 km)

The morning begins with a boat trip to the city of Biograd followed by a bike tour around the Vraner Lake. Our goal is the resort of Vodice. The Vraner Lake is the largest freshwater reservoir in Dalmatia and offers many migratory birds an opportunity to rest their wings. In Vodice, you can enjoy lunch on board the boat. An afternoon crossing by boat brings us closer to the Krka waterfalls which we will have time to explore on Day 6 with our tour guide.

Day 6: Krka Waterfalls – Šibenik – Island Zlarin

After breakfast, it is time to discover the unique naturally formed waterfalls of the national park of the Krka-Canyon. Afterwards, the boat will take us to Šibenik out of the Krka river mouth and into the Adriatic. Here the Cathedral of St. Jacob is under UNESCO-World-Heritage protection and is regarded as the most magnificent sacral buildings on the Adriatic coast. The old town of Šibenik is also worth a visit before we cross over to the coral island of Zlarin in the afternoon.

Day 7: Primošten – Trogir (28 miles/45 km)

In the morning, we cruise to Primošten. From here, we cycle through the hinterland passing small villages, all the way to Trogir. Many magical views of the town and the island of Čiovo are inviting for short breaks and taking pictures. The afternoon offers enough time for a stroll through the world cultural heritage old town of Trogir. After dinner, we end our eventful trip with a special farewell dinner and celebration with crew and tour guides

Day 8: Departure - Disembarkation at Trogir

After breakfast, we disembark and head home.

Changes

The captain reserves the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities

**OUR YACHT - LODGING - Princeza Diana (Deluxe class)**

High-quality furnishings, generous and spacious design and excellent culinary experiences are just a few of the attributes on board of our deluxe category ships. This fleet is made up of newly built steel ships, whose construction and planning have been directly influenced by us and our fellow island-hoppers.

At 125 x 26 feet, the Princeza Diana is a 3-mast deluxe class motor yacht that was launched in 2011. This ship is the princess of our fleet, an epitome of pure elegance. Spacious guest cabins with air conditioning, shower cabins and WC. The spacious salon as well as the canopied quarterdeck, with upholstered seating, are situated on the top deck. You're invited to play music on the piano and to relax you will find sunning mats and deckchairs on the sun deck. The Jacuzzi on the top deck is a highlight with its 360° panoramic view. The exterior of the Princeza Diana can fulfill any wish of an islandhopper: It doesn't matter whether you're looking for a deck chair or a mat, whether you want to hang out in the sun or in the shade. Everyone will find his favorite spot in this rich place. The spacious area invites for both: socializing and sunbathing in a peaceful atmosphere. The bathing platform ensures an easy access into the Adriatic, which is perfect for water lovers. Of course, it's possible to shower off the salty water after your swim in the deep blue Adriatic.

OUR BIKES

We will use electrically assisted bicycles (e-bikes). They will be equipped with a waterproof, rear side saddlebag. Women's bikes are available in 46 or 52cm frame sizes and the men's bikes are available in 56 and 60cm frame sizes.

If you enjoy to be active and outdoors but prefer leisure activity, the rental e-bikes insure comfortable cycling fun. All of the e-bikes are Pedelects requiring the rider to continuously pedal but insuring an effortless climb up every hill.

EXPERIENCE CHINA

Time to knock another one off your bucket list!

Join us for an 8 night China “Sampler” Tour

May 16-25, 2018

Full Package \$2,115; Land Only \$1,650 * subject to final verification

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Trip at a glance

- Round-trip direct air from Houston (IAH) with Air China; Intra-China transportation and transfers; taxes, fees, & fuel surcharges
- 3 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Xian, 3 nights in Shanghai
- See the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, the Terra Cotta Soldiers, Shanghai Acrobats and more!
- Accommodations at superior first-class hotels
- 16 meals: 8 buffet breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 4 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in itinerary
- Experienced, English-speaking Tour Director and local guides
- Note: You will need a Chinese Visa – currently single entry is \$140 for U.S. Citizens
china-embassy.org/eng/visas/fees/

Day-By Day Itinerary

Day 1: Depart USA. This magical journey begins in the afternoon, departing Houston on a nonstop flight bound for Beijing.

Day 2: Arrive Beijing. We'll be greeted at the airport and transported to an upscale hotel centrally located in downtown Beijing, within easy access to Tiananmen Square. This evening, the Tour Director will host a welcome dinner and briefing. Penta Hotel (D)



Day 3: Full Day Forbidden City/Summer Palace with Lunch. Start the day with a visit to the famous Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. Then enter the Forbidden City, an architectural masterpiece and home to the National Palace Museum. After an included lunch, we'll venture outside the city to see the Summer Palace, summer resort of the Empress Dowager. (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing & The Great Wall. On today's exhilarating excursion, we'll venture outside the city to the legendary Great Wall, which extends nearly 4,000 miles. There will be time to view and mount the well-preserved ramparts of this ancient wonder before proceeding to the Ming Tombs, burial site of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Tonight we will enjoy an elaborate Chinese Dinner Banquet featuring



the famous Peking Duck. Following dinner, we'll attend the “Legend of Kung Fu” show, a special stage performance that blends music, martial arts and a moving story. The show highlights the fascinating Chinese martial arts, known as Kung Fu. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Beijing. After breakfast we'll join an excursion to Beijing's ancient back alleys (Hutong) by rickshaw and witness the way the Chinese have lived for centuries. You'll interact with locals and visit a home of a local family and have lunch with them! This is an experience you will never forget.

Later today, fly to Xian, ancient capital of China for eleven dynasties and historic gateway to the old silk trading route. Then settle in at the hotel in Xian and enjoy dinner and a night at leisure. Golden Flower Hotel (B, L)

Day 6: Xian. On a guided morning excursion, you'll visit one of the world's most amazing archaeological discoveries: a life-size Terra Cotta Army of soldiers and horses guarding the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi. It was unearthed in 1974 after being buried with the first Qin emperor for 22 centuries!



Tonight, savor a delicious dumpling dinner, a local specialty and delight in a spectacular folklore show featuring music, dances and costumes from the Tang Dynasty. (B,D)

Day 7: Xian/Shanghai. Shanghai is often described as “Paris of the East,” an intriguing, dynamic city that weaves the seaport legacy of its past with impressive new 21st century architecture. Upon arrival in the afternoon, embark on a guided orientation drive and stroll down the Bund, the bustling and exciting waterfront along the Huangpu River. Enjoy a night at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Shanghai. Start your day with a guided walk amidst the scenic ponds, colorful pavilions and walkways of the

16th century Yu Yuan Garden, a delightful reminder of old Shanghai. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace. Rejoin the group tonight for a breathtaking performance of the renowned Shanghai Acrobats. A Chinese dinner will be included in tonight’s activities. (B,D)

Day 9: Suzhou Excursion. On this most memorable excursion, exit the city and journey to the charming, canal laced Suzhou often called “Paradise on Earth.” Embark on a short cruise on the ancient “Grand Canal” and enjoy a walk of the old town, followed by a visit to one of Suzhou most famous Chinese gardens. After an included lunch, visit a silk workshop to learn about silk production. Return to Shanghai late this afternoon and enjoy your final night at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Depart. After breakfast, depart late this morning on our flight back home. After a brief layover in Beijing, we will connect back to Houston and land today mid-afternoon. (B)

In the spirit of keeping things simple, this will be one trip (no pre-or post-trips) and there will be a limit of 24 people max. So don’t miss out and sign up today!

TSC Patagonia

October 17-26, 2018

Pre-trip to Easter Island (Oct. 14-18)

Post trip to Mendoza, Argentina (Oct. 24-28).

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PATAGONIA? Uh sure, but where exactly is Patagonia? According to Wikipedia and a few of our well-traveled

members, it is a region shared by Argentina and Chile at the southern tip of South America.

TSC has chosen Patagonia as the destination for the 2018 Summer Expedition. This exotic adventure includes stops in Santiago, Punta Arenas, Torres del Paine, Perito Moreno Glacier, and El Calafate. The main trip is scheduled to leave Houston October 17th and return October 26, 2018.



Also offered are a pre-trip to Easter Island (Oct. 14-18) and a post-trip in the wine region of Mendoza, Argentina (Oct. 24-28).

The main trip includes 7 nights lodging, 16 meals, airport transfers, and ground transportation.

- The land only package for the main trip is currently priced at \$2,300 plus \$450 for 2 internal flights.
- The full package is currently priced at \$4000. Airfare for the full package is estimated at \$1699, and includes roundtrip airfare to South America plus 2 in country flights.

The final cost of the trip is subject to change, pending published air fare rates and TSC participation levels.

The trip coordinator, Sarah Granbery, will have more details to share at the General Meetings.



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