

MARCH 2021

Sitzmarke

NEWSLETTER



General Meeting:

March 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

To join us, please
register on our
[website](#)

Location:

[Warehouse 72](#)

7620 Katy Fwy

Suite 305

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From Mission Control



**Beverly Roberts,
President**

Hello Space City!

Craziness continues in 2021. For the second day, I'm looking out my window in Houston at snow on the ground. I guess God is trying to help me out - I didn't make it to the snow country this year, so He sent the snow to me!! We were among the lucky few who had power – I hope you and yours made it through without frostbite or water leaks.

As this is written, there is a group of intrepid skiers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The weather reports say they currently have deep snow and there is more to come, so I'm anxious to hear about their fun and adventures. And then shortly after that group returns, another group will head to Utah to ski at Snowbird. Watch emails and the website in case there are last-minute opportunities to join.

As we have seen over the last year, Covid guidance and conditions are changeable, and the changes impact our travel and activity plans. Because of lingering uncertainties around international travel, the Bruges to Amsterdam bike and barge trip has been postponed to 2022. On the other hand, condi-

tions and guidance in the Houston area have moderated, and the club is adding activities as conditions improve. Your weekly eblasts and the club website will have the most current updates.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. There is a lot to catch up on!! Stay well and stay safe.

Beverly



Keith (Trailboss) Kirkman

Countdown to Lift Off



**Marsha Lutz,
Vice President of
Trips**

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Postscript first – Below article was written Sunday night before the hard freeze. Since then I am sure many of you have had unfortunate heating, water and piping incidents. I have a few pipe breaks myself that hopefully will not be that serious – still to be determined. I truly hope you get out of whatever mess you have soon without too much expense and trouble.

Surprise! I started this article when our Jackson Hole trippers led by Rene Reed had had their first day of skiing and we in the Houston area were preparing for the historic, arctic winter storm. Now I am back to writing and the storm hit hard with snow, ice and near single digit temps in some parts! Oh my! If we were younger and could find

a nearby hill we might have pulled out those cardboard or plastic makeshift sleds. Maybe some of you did! J

I am glad I have the thermal ski underwear since I lost power and have electric heat. I don't know the temperature inside and maybe that is best. My computer battery won't last long enough to let me finish this article, but I will see where I get to. Since I am wearing 2 layers of thermals it reminds me of a much colder time 2 years ago when I was on the ski trip to Whitefish, MT and we had low temps around – 15 degrees F most nights and it was still below zero when we should have been heading to the slopes. I do this reminiscing to remind myself I can handle the cold. We dressed for it, went out a bit later and had fun. Well, I am trying for the first of those 3 things. Honestly, I would rather be at a beautiful ski resort during a winter storm than here in my house staying off the roads and hoping my pipes make it until the heat comes back on. Luckily, those Jackson Hole trip participants got out on Saturday before icy roads prevented them getting to the airport. I hope this is not a trend with another winter storm when Ann Dorn leads her group up to Snowbird, UT. Next



Susan Stanley, Leslie Cashio, Melinda Hughes, Kasia Resmer, Beverly Roberts

month you will be reading stories on both of our only 2 ski trips this season.

I want to thank again Cindy Moore, Steve Ying, and Susan Stanley for all the work they put into Snowmass and Breckenridge before Colorado COVID regulations made it unfortunately necessary for us to stay home.

While our ski trips were cut way back this season, we should have an opportunity to triple down next year. I have mentioned definite and possible locations for a couple months, but now I have a 90% sure slate of trips as listed below - one of those being a combo ski/adventure trip. SCSC is not participating in the TSC Final Showdown to Mammoth, CA due to the very low interest shown in the survey. If you are interested, you can go with another club. Unfortunately, the most popular survey choice of Big Sky will be delayed again. I approached vendors over 2 months sooner this year, but because of so many 2021 trips being rolled over to 2022 the desired lodging property of The Huntley is booked during the weeks we would want. As soon as BidFest is over in April 2021 and the February and March 2023 trips are decided I am booking Big Sky for a week in between those.

Some trips have the TCs identified but are not listed as they must be approved, as does the trip, by the Executive Committee in March or April. I do need a TC for Vail and Steamboat. Please contact me if you are interested and I'll send you the application. I would hate to cut our trip slate any further because we don't have a happy, dedicated volunteer to lead it.

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Vail CO – the SCSC annual event	12/4-12/11/21
TSC Traditional Park City, UT	01/08 – 01/15/22
TSC Winter Expedition Zell-am-See, Austria –Extension to Prague/Vienna	01/21 - 01/29/22
Breckenridge, CO	01/29- 02/05/22
TSC Winter Shootout Telluride, CO	02/05 – 02/12/22
Steamboat, CO	02/12 – 02/19/22

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Another adventure trip has been postponed – again. The bike and barge trip from Bruges to Amsterdam has been moved from May 2021 to June 6-14, 2022. There are still too many uncertainties on the European travel. I am happy the price increase is very small. I haven't redone the budget yet but probably < \$25 more a person. The Greece cruise in September is still in a wait and see mode for a couple more months. The Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks trip is a go in September and has an opening for one single male. The October New Zealand trips is a go and is also full.

We know travel will still be different once we start going again – particularly overseas. Some of you have already experienced this with travel to Mexico and the Caribbean. Heck – even going to WY was a little different. The TCs and I will update trip participants as the information comes out. Hopefully, there is not another surprise when it's time to write the April article in mid-March. I am tired of surprises!

Marsha



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2021 Ski Trips				
Destination	Trip Coordinator	Dates	Full	Land
Jackson Hole, WY	Rene Reed	2/13-2/20/2021	\$1628	\$1085
Snowbird, UT	Ann Dorn	2/27-3/6/2021	\$1947 (incl. lift tickets)	\$1615 (incl. lift tickets)
2021 Adventure Trips				
Greek Isle Cruise	Thuy Rocque	Pending	\$4759 estimated	\$3445 Estimated
Zion/Grand Canyon	Arlen Isham	9/25-9/29,2021	NA	\$617
New Zealand	Sarah Granbery	10/12-23/2021 main trip	\$4,125	\$2,330
Bike & Boat – Bruges to Amsterdam	Rita Cardenas/Leyla Ozkardesh	06/06-06/14/22	\$3621	\$3024

All prices listed are credit card prices. Write a check and save 2.99%.

thanks for Your Memories



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New Memories 2021! Hot off the press and a preview of the Jackson Hole article to come in a future issue! Photo by Ross Baker.

Skiers from left to right: John Marshall, Michelle Marshall, Diane Baker, Keith Kirtman. Snapshot of them braving Hobacks Run.

Having a Blast



Lynn Burch,
Vice President
of Activities

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The Disc Golf on February 20 was moved to March due to the artic blast.

On February 20, we had Trivia at Warehouse 72 where we had a team of 5 and a team of 8 (6 of whom were Diane Gresko's college friends) and we had a lot of fun. Diane's team won 1 of the games and our team was in a 3-way tie for second in one game that was about The Lone Star State. We only missed one question which was: what 2 Presidents were born in Texas (who knew Dwight Eisenhower was born in Texas). I have a dinner scheduled on February 27 at Warehouse 72.

The Disc Golf is now on March 6 and Karen is leading a bike ride through 3 cemeteries on March 7. You will see many graves of the rich and famous from Houston in these historic cemeteries.

We will have our monthly meeting on March 8 to introduce the slate of officers for next year.

Trivia is on again for March 20 and there will be a monthly Dinner at Mia's Table on March 27.

To have some sort of contact, we are still having Zoom Happy Hours every other Thursday night. The Zoom get together is fun however only 10 to 12 people are joining us each time. Please dial in and join us. Most of the time Bil comes up with some type of questions or topics to talk about. Our dates in March are the 4th and the 18th.

I hope that in April we can start back with live Happy Hours, keep your fingers crossed.

Lynn

TRIVIA CONTEST



Extracurricular Activities—March 2021 Upcoming Events

March 4 & 18	Virtual Happy Hour every other Thursday
March 6	Disc Golf
March 7	Bike Ride through cemeteries
March 8	Monthly Meeting Warehouse 72
March 20	Trivia at Warehouse 72
March 27	Monthly Dinner at Mia's Table

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Bruce Lowther,
Vice President
of Membership



CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Check your membership status by:

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If your membership has expired, a renewal link will appear in the drop down so click on it to begin the renewal process.

Hope to see you at the next dinner, happy hour or activity! Bruce

*Take a stroll down memory lane
and check out our [trip history!](#)*

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Tom & Anne Thomas

2021-2022

Proposed Slate



Beverly Roberts,
[President Profile](#)



Marsha Lutz,
[Vice President of Trips
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Ellen Eastham,
[Vice President of Membership
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Lynn Burch,
[Vice President of Activities
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Melinda Hughes,
[Vice President of Marketing Profile](#)



Marti Turner,
[Treasurer Profile](#)



Rowena Roche,
[Secretary](#)

2021-2022 Proposed Officer Profile

Beverly Roberts

President

Hello Space City members. My name is Beverly Roberts, and I thank you for the nomination to a second term as your president of the Space City Ski and Adventure Club for 2021-2022.

In my article last year for the incoming president role, my goals were to build on the club's legacy of extraordinary travel opportunities, fun social gatherings, and interesting and diverse activities. Space City is where members meet and greet, and friendships develop. The friendships blossom and are nourished via shared activities, dinners, and travel. Well, last year was a little hard on the gatherings and travel, but the friendships are intact and flourishing. Our membership numbers are still strong, despite the restrictions and limitations. The bonds built over years are not broken in a season.

This club is about you and about how sharing experiences with friends amplifies the fun and pleasure. We absolutely will return to that in 2021. We have adventure travel available for registration. We have activities ready to go. But in addition to what is already planned, I look to you, the membership, for your ideas about what you want from the club as we rev the engines at the start line. I know you have been thinking about what you want to do 'when.....' Tell me!! Let's get those ideas in play. I can't wait to get started!

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Marsha Lutz

Vice President of Trips

I am your current VP of Trips. I have been nominated for a repeat term. But please not a true repeat! When I wrote my nomination article a year ago, I had no idea what was forthcoming. Usually, an officer will say that they want to do a second term because they learned a lot the first time and want to put that experience into play. Well, I actually had my first run at VP of Trips 12 years ago, but it did not prepare me for this last year. What I learned my second year as VP I do not want to have to ever use again. We all learned what COVID-19 could and did do to affect our daily lives and our travel plans. However, I learned that our SCSCers were incredibly optimistic about 2021 travel, only to later learn what COVID does to ski resort policies and restrictions and how those things just don't work with group travel.

Last year I worked with great officers, trip coordinators and our wonderful webmaster. I really appreciate all their assistance. I am terribly sorry that 3 trip coordinators had their trips canceled—Snowmass and Breckenridge. They worked hard to make the trip great and were looking forward to going probably more than any participant. But the year is just beginning, and we still have 2 ski trips and 4 summer/fall trips. While we wait for these to unfold, it is time to plan the next season. I have had the help of my very thorough and insightful Director of Trips, Anne Thomas. I am counting on her to work alongside me again. We are both counting on having many of our great TCs step up again. I cannot promise it will be smooth sailing, but we do know that we will have the rules and restrictions of COVID group travel either behind us or understood and able to work with better.

In last year's article, I told you that I have been going on 2-3 trips SCSC trips a year for my 35 years of membership. In 2020 it was one ski trip – no adventure trips. My 2021 ski trip to Snowmass was canceled. So, believe me when I say I want to do whatever we can to have the remaining trips come to fruition and get plans underway for lots of trips in 2022.

With the TSC trips now being selected nearly 2 years out, so go the club trips. There is a good bit of juggling with so many balls in the air – trips about to go out as we plan trips for the next year and start reviewing bids for the year after that. My head would be spinning if I had not done this before and if I didn't have the great help mentioned above. While I cannot juggle bottles or balls at all, I think I can juggle trips pretty well. My whole life I have been a multi-tasker and energizer bunny. So, I am ready to go at it again! Who wants to join in on the ride?

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Ellen Eastham

Vice President of Membership

I am a candidate for VP-Membership and have a passion for increasing membership in organizations, love to help people meet each other, socialize, travel, and experience their adventures within Space City Ski and Adventure Club. I joined the club March 1999, have been involved over the years as an officer, serving as President January-April 2007, when I was appointed the position mid-year due to a vacancy. I also served as Chairman of the Board, Board Member, VP-Programs/Activities, and Director of Programs/Activities. I was TC for the TSC Alaska Cruise, Mt. Bachelor OR, and ATC for Sun Valley ID and Big Mountain MT trips and have enjoyed travelling on more than 15 trips with the club.

I have been an Activity Coordinator for numerous activities, and planned programs for SCSC meetings. I created the first volunteer group at the AIA Sandcastle Competition in Galveston in 2002, which has been a continual volunteer effort since that time. I was inspired for SCSC to participate in Mardi Gras, thereby creating the Downhill Krewe in 2002, which participated in the Z-Krewe Parade for several years. In addition, a group in the Downhill Krewe attended the Z-Krewe balcony party. I have coordinated fashion shows for the members to model ski clothing, formal wear, and cruise/tropical attire. I helped to coordinate the first Water Spectacular activity with the TASS sailing club, which has been a joint effort between the clubs for multiple years.

I have 40 years of volunteer service in the community. I am a member of Z-Krewe, a Mardi Gras-Galveston Krewe, which sponsors the Z-Krewe Processional Parade, 5 balcony/party room gatherings each Mardi Gras season, and a charitable organization that plans social activities throughout the year. I am a volunteer for YFU (Youth for Understanding foreign exchange program), an Area Rep to high-school age students, their host families, and my family hosted 11 students. In a Toastmasters Club, I achieved DTM "Distinguished Toastmasters award" for the completion of over 50 speeches, and leadership projects. I have served as VP-Membership and VP-Public Relations for my Toastmasters club, and Area Director in District 56 of the Greater Houston area.

SCSC is a great way for people to socialize, travel, and meet new friends. I met my husband, Tom Danowski who has been a member since the '80's, at a ski club friend's New Year's Eve party 15 years ago. SCSC members' social circle includes getting together in Houston for Happy Hours, meetings, activities, as well as ski and other trips outside of Houston. Membership in the club is beneficial in so many ways. This is what I will advertise with the new officer position. I look forward to serving as VP-Membership, and as a member on the Executive Committee, working with the officers to plan an exciting 2021/2022 year full of ski trips, activities, and adventures.

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Lynn Burch

Vice President of Activities

It has been a fun and exciting privilege to be your Vice President of Activities for the last 4 years and I look forward to more fun activities in the 2021-2022 year to come. I love looking for and planning new activities that I think our members would enjoy attending. It has been a frustrating year for all of us but hopefully we have now turned the corner and have a new year to get back to some of our activities. I plan to have Tammie Nadell as my assistant this year so she can learn the ropes and be able to carry on planning all of our events in the future.

Warehouse 72 has been open for only us on Monday nights for the meetings so we have had to skip a few month's meetings because we could not get enough people to attend for them to open for us. I am planning to have a March and April meeting there for the slate of officers to be announced and for the April official vote for officers. During the summer we don't have meetings but starting in September I am hoping to have the regular monthly meetings.

I plan on continuing the monthly Dinners and the Zoom Happy Hours until we can get back to our in person Happy Hours. I am continually looking for new things for us to do, so if you have any suggestions or would like to run an event, please let me know.

Biking excursions will be planned in spring (already planned for March 7) and fall as long as our members continue to participate. The one thing I would ask you to do is sign up early for events and not wait until the last minute. I am excited about the coming year and plan to have a lot of fun activities for SCSC members to enjoy.

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Melinda Hughes

Vice President of Marketing

I am honored to have been asked to serve as Space City's Vice President of Marketing. I have held several positions within the club prior this opportunity. I began club involvement as a Trip Coordinator for several trips before I served as a Director of Trips, I learned the art of negotiating and tracking the trips that the club offered which led to the opportunity to serve as Vice President of Trips for two years. It was this position that gave me the opportunity to oversee and negotiate contracts for travel. Ultimately that led to the opportunity to serve as President for two years. After sitting on the Executive Committee for several years, I moved onto the Board of Directors where I served as the Chair for two years then contributed as a director. I had to step back for a while and let others join in the fun until recently when I was asked to take over the Director of Publications position. I was happy to jump back in. It is fun to exercise my creative energy each month when publish the monthly Sitzmarke .

The most positive benefit of volunteering has been creating long lasting friendships with people in the club. Meeting a group of like-minded, active people is difficult in a large city and Space City offered that opportunity. Not only was I able to hop on amazing trips to fulfill my skiing passion, but I was also able to meet people who helped me hone my sport. A benefit that I never expected. I have seen areas of the world that I never imagined – Galapagos, South Africa, Croatia as well as the best ski resorts in the west.

The Executive Committee did an incredible job of keeping the club active during 2020. They did not let a bug interfere with our social interaction and travel; they found a way around it. I am excited about working with this resourceful group of professionals and hope to help make our club known in the Houston area through our social media as well as continue with the Sitzmarke.

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Marti Turner

Treasurer

I appreciate the nominating committee providing me with the opportunity to serve as Treasurer for 2021-22.

I joined the club back in 1986, and have held numerous positions (including activity coordinator, trip coordinator, Treasurer, President, and Board member) over the years. I am currently serving as Treasurer.

My qualifications for Treasurer include my professional background in accounting and finance, as well as, my experience volunteering for SCSC and other organizations.

SCSC has a tradition of outstanding volunteer leadership and I look forward to being part of Executive Committee. I have always believed that you get more out of volunteering than you give!

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Rowena Roche
Secretary

It has been a pleasure to serve the Club this past year as your Secretary. Although our group activities were limited last year, it proved to be a busy year as I learned more about the Club in my role as Secretary.

I enjoy sending out the weekly e-blast letting club members know about planned activities and upcoming events. I was also personally challenged this past year while working in Human Resources for Insgroup, Inc. as we partnered with Baldwin Risk Partners, the eighth fastest growing Insurance Agency in the US. I anticipate this coming year to be busy as well, as I continue to provide support for an ever growing workforce.

I will also look forward to supporting the club when activities and meetings get back into full swing! In addition to supporting SCSC, I am a member of HR Houston, SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management) and volunteer for Sky High supporting St. Jude Hospital for childhood cancer awareness.

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Departed



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Package Prices

Full Package: \$1,947
(air, transportation, lodging, transfers, 6 day lift ticket)

Land Package: \$1,615 (no air)

Single Supplement: TBD, Contact TC if interested (additional)

All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.

Deposit: 15% of your total package Final Payment Date: 11/25/2020

Total Participants: 24

Resort Pass Affiliation: IKON

Flight Information - Southwest Airlines (Subject to Change)

Feb.27, 21 : Hou IAH(8:00AM)- Dallas (9:05AM) #WN22
 Dallas (10:30AM)- Salt Lake City SLC(12:20PM) #WN4173

Mar.6, 21 : Salt Lake City SLC (2:50pM)- HOU (6:40PM) #4453

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Bike and Boat Tour

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

June 6 through 14, 2022

TC1: Rita Cardenas
bike1@spacecity.org



TC2: Leyla Ozkardesh
bike2@spacecity.org

Package Prices

Land Package-Cabin: \$3,024 estimated

Deposit: 15% of Package

Land Package-Suite: \$3,621 estimated

Final Payment: February 8, 2021

All prices are based on payment by credit card. A discount up to 2.99% will be deducted for payment by check.

Why Choose This Trip

Another fabulous boat and bike tour on the schedule! Please Join Us!

During this bicycle tour, we will visit some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders (Western Belgium): Bruges, Antwerp, Utrecht and Amsterdam, where you still can feel the charm of the days long gone.

We start in Bruges, the “Pearl of Flanders” with its picturesque medieval town center. We will cycle through and discover the Dutch province of Zeeland, essentially one big river delta of the Rhine, Meuse, and Scheldt Rivers famous for its fantastic beaches, water activities and Delta works and the Flanders region of Belgium famous for a reputation for superb food and drink



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Amsterdam
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Bruges to Amsterdam



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We will cross through a beautiful part of the Netherlands, before you bike along the winding Vecht River with its impressive mansions and country houses on its banks. You will visit a real Dutch cheese farm and the 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. Our destination is Amsterdam.

What's included in the package:

- Accommodation for hotel in Bruges the night before the boat tour begins
- Accommodation on board the Magnifique III boat (Built 2017). 8 days/7 nights. Climate controlled. The upper deck has salon with restaurant, bar, and lounge with large windows. Large doors open to the partially covered sundeck. The top deck includes a whirlpool/jacuzzi and deck-chairs to relax.

Bruges to Amsterdam

- Full board – 7x breakfast, 6x picnic lunch during bike tours, 6x three course dinner on board (dinner excluded in Bruges and AntwerMaid service)
- Bike tour guides – instructions and detailed maps
- Some walking tourist tours
- Limited Free WiFi on board – most areas
- Hybrid touring bikes – 7 speed (e-bikes available for extra) with Pannier bag
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Greece Cruise

Dates Pending



Package Pricing is based on your cabin choice. See our website for the price.

Athens Post Trip—\$453

Single Supplement: none

Participants: 30 **Deposit:** \$300 pp **Final Payment Date:** 4/13/21

All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

Greece, the name conjures images of magnificent ancient ruins, crystal blue seawater with sandy beaches, white stucco building with colorful rooftops perched on steep cliffs, and of course delightful foods. Now you can turn those images into reality by joining us on this once in a lifetime trip to the Greek islands whether you're looking to relax on picturesque islands with unspoiled sandy beaches or stimulate your senses in places that have marked ancient history. Come and be serenaded by the romance of the Aegean Sea and visit the most enchanting Greek island destinations dotted around the Aegean Sea, where culture, history, pristine beaches, and fishing villages suspended in time all await. Set foot on some of the most magnificent ancient ruins in the world when we visit Athens, Greece as part of your adventure.



Greece

Our journey spans 2 countries and starts in the magnificent ancient city of Athens, then we embark on a 7 night cruise starting in Turkey (Kusadasi) then visit some of Greece's most popular islands (Mykonos, Santorini, Ephesus, Rhodes, Santorini, Milos, and Olympia), and finally disembark back in Athens for another half day of sightseeing. There's also the option of extending your journey for another 2 nights in Athens to explore a city that you've read about in history books.



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So, what are you waiting for??? Join me on my "Big Fat Greek adventure" and sign up today. Get your spouse, partner, significant other, friend, sibling or even a parent/son/daughter and sign up together to get the cabin class you want for this Bucket List trip. Cabin types are limited and leaving it to chance to get a cabin-mate who wants your exact choice of cabin price category is risky so find a partner ahead of time then sign up together as cabin mates! Oompah!!

TRIP AT A GLANCE:

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- Roundtrip airfare from Houston (IAH) (full package only).
- Airline taxes, fees & fuel surcharges.
- Intra-Greece ground transportation and transfers by air-conditioned motor coach.
- Accommodations pre and post cruise at first class and deluxe Athens hotels (1 night before and 1 night after cruise)

Greece

- 7-night “Idyllic Aegean” Sea Cruise aboard Celestyal Cruises Crystal Ship.
- Port charges.
- 25 meals: 9 full buffet American breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours in Athens, Olympia and Delphi
- Three (3) included shore excursions (numerous additional optional shore excursions are available for purchase onboard).
- Professional guides for included sightseeing tours and tour director throughout trip.
- All tips & gratuities during cruise onboard ship and on included excursions

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OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENTION IN ATHENS INCLUDES:

Accommodation at first class hotel for 2 nights including breakfast

Transfer from hotel to airport



cenae and Epidaurus.

Half day tour in Cape Sounion w/ English speaking guide

Optional half day Athens Markets walking tour or full day tour to My-



CRYSTAL SHIP LOUNGE & BAR AREA**

Zion & Grand Canyon Tour

Hiking and Sightseeing



TC- Arlen Isham

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September 25—29, 2021

Land Package Price \$617 *

Final Payment – 7/11/2021

Deposit—15%

Total Participants: 30

***All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.**

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**Zion & Grand
Canyon Tour**

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Two nights at Springdale, Zion National Park, hiking and scenic views

Scenic drive - Zion National Canyon

One night at the Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge

Scenic drive to Point Imperial and Cape Royal on the North Rim

Scenic drive to the south rim Grand Canyon including many view stops.

One night at the Yavapai Lodge, Grand Canyon South Rim

Rt. 66 & Hoover Dam on
the return to Las Vegas

Optional extra time at Las
Vegas

Why Choose This Trip?

My wife and I first went
to the Grand Canyon in
1969. About 15 years
later, we visited Zion and



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both the North and South rims with our children. That started a long association with the Grand Canyon, where I organized 14 adventure trips with almost 400 people over the next 30 years. Many SCSC members have been on those Rim to Rim hiking adventures. You may have been to Zion and the Grand Canyon, but you missed what I will show you, including the amazing North Rim.

This is your chance to join me on a trip with SCSC next September, 2021. Travel with me as I show you the best way to maximize your experience on this scenic trip with the chance to hike a little bit of two of the top ten adventure hikes of the world. If you are not a hiker, you will still be able to see and enjoy these two great National Parks. There will be lots of opportunities to stop and gawk at amazing sights.

What is the Plan?

We fly to Las Vegas on an early Saturday morning flight via an early Southwest Airlines flight; but you can choose your own airline with an early arrival to Las Vegas. We will pick up our four 15 passenger vans with 7 or 8 people in each van. The drive to Springdale is only about 170 miles, so we will arrive in time for an afternoon visit to Zion to hike or sight see. You can join me as I lead a hike up into the famous Zion Narrows for a short distance on the next afternoon as one of the several options.

After our two nights at Zion, we leave Zion on Monday through the east side with more view stops. A stop at Kanab will acquaint you with that area of lower Utah on our drive to the North Rim.



Be in this picture, Monday, September 27, 2021 on the back patio of the North Rim historic lodge.

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The North Rim has spectacular views and is surrounded with forest of Ponderosa Pines. It averages 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher than the South Rim! It is isolated from the crowds of the South Rim and provides for a great laid back and relaxing afternoon and evening. We will eat dinner at the famous North Rim Lodge and also enjoy what many people say is one of the best Bloody Mary's in the world. An optional afternoon drive to Point Imperial is often considered the greatest viewpoint on the North Rim. We will continue to Cape Royal to see Angels Window and great views of the Canyon and the south rim.



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On Tuesday, our 3rd day, we will drive around to the South Rim with several stops, including down at the Colorado River to dip your hands into the 55 degree water coming out of Glen Canyon Dam, and maybe see raft companies launching trips down the 270 mile trip through the Canyon. The stop at Marble Canyon over the Colorado River may include sights of Condors under the bridge. The drive along the south rim of the Grand Canyon will take in the incredible views with stops for pictures.

Our arrival to Grand Canyon Village on Tuesday will be in the afternoon giving everyone a chance to wander the south rim area, including possibly walking down a little bit of one of the two rim to rim corridor trails, Bright Angel or South Kaibab. I will be leading a 1.8 mile round trip hike down the South Kaibab to **Ooh-Aah point!** Remember, down is optional, and up is mandatory. For those that want to see much of the south rim without walking much, take the Hermits Trail shuttle out and back. Most people never get the chance to do that.

On Wednesday morning, you may want to get up early and see the sunrise over the Canyon, then head back for breakfast at the Maswik or even Break-

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fast at the El Tovar. However, we will be leaving at 7:00 AM for one last great view of the Canyon at Yavapai point.

Our trip back to Vegas will include stops briefly in Williams, then a quirky stop at Grand Canyon Caverns. We probably won't have time to actually go in the Cavern, but you can find out about it.

Finally, we will do a drive through Hoover Dam and brief stop to see the Dam and Lake Mead.

Trip Lodging

Our lodging at Zion will be the La Quinta at Springdale, which is less than 1.5 miles from the Park front entrance. From April through October, access into Zion Canyon is by shuttle bus only right outside the La Quinta. The shuttle will take you to 9 stops on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. You can get out at one of the stops depending on which hike you'll be conquering for the day or just to stop and stroll along the Virgin River. The La Quinta is in great walking distance to all of the eateries and shopping in Springdale.

Our lodging at the North Rim will be in the rustic Frontier Cabins. These are conveniently located close to the North Rim Grand Canyon lodge and the amazing views at the Lodge. Plan on relaxing on the back patio looking out to the south rim between Roaring Springs Canyon and Transept Canyon.

The Lodging at the South Rim will be at the Yavapai Lodge, close to the other major "On Rim" locations to sight see and have dinner. The south rim shuttle provides ease of exploration to the "over rim" sights near Grand Canyon Village

We return to Las Vegas about 3:00 PM for our return home or perhaps some of the group will decide to do an extension in Las Vegas (Lost Wages).

This trip will fill quickly, possibly in a couple days. Don't miss out. It is very possible this trip will be full before the publication of the September Sitzmarke. If so, get on the wait list.

Look on the SCSC website for more pictures and detailed information.

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^.IMPORTANT NOTE: Does not include internal NZ flights or Australia/Fiji flights. Land package participants must obtain their own air on all flight segments.

***All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.**

The Texas Ski Council Fall Expedition to New Zealand is back! COVID-19 concerns took it off the calendar for 2020, but it been rescheduled to Fall 2021. Don't miss this second chance opportunity to go on this spectacular journey.

FIVE REASONS TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND

- Auckland and north island lakes and forests
- Experience the Maori culture and the warm waters of Rotorua
- Queenstown – the Southern Hemisphere's premier resort area for 5 days of fun
- Spring temperatures for walks with views of mountains, glaciers, waterfalls and lakes
- Sample New Zealand's award winning "Pinot Noir" and other local favorites.

SPRING TIME IN NEW ZEALAND



Come and enjoy a spring adventure in New Zealand with other TSC members. The journey begins with a non-stop flight from Houston to Auckland. Enjoy the wonders of the North Island for 4 nights before flying to Queenstown on the South Island for 5 more nights. In **Auckland**, our home will be at the centrally located **Hotel Grand Millennium**.

Auckland Skyline photo from TSC brochure

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Auckland is known as the “City of Sails” and is nestled between 2 harbors, providing an abundance of fresh seafood. Upon arrival we will enjoy a half-day tour of the city. The next



day we take a full day tour to **Waiheke Island**. This island is rated as one of the best island escapes in the world. It has an abundance of beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches to explore....only a 40-minute ferry ride from Auckland.

Waiheke Island Photo from TSC Brochure

As we head for **Rotorua** and our next home base **Hotel Millennium**, we stop for a tour of the Hobbiton Village. This “Lord of the Rings” movie set has been left for public tours. We will be treated to a beer at the famous pub. Get ready to belly up!!



From here we arrive in Rotorua, which is southeast of Auckland and is known for its geothermal activity (many hot pools to relax and enjoy), the 18 pristine lakes nearby, the wonderful forests for taking walks as well as the Maori

Hobbiton Village photo from TSC Brochure

culture. The Maori are the indigenous people of New Zealand. Currently on the agenda is an Evening Maori Experience. More info to come.

Following our stay on the north island, we fly south to **Queenstown** (known as the Adventure Capital of the Southern Hemisphere) to enjoy the next 5 days. We will reside at the **Novotel Lakeside Hotel** where the views of Lake Wakatipu and the mountains are fantastic. Our TSC Welcome Party will be at the top of the Skyline Gondola which overlooks the city, lake and surrounding mountains.

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Skyline Gondola restaurant photo from TSC Bro-

Another evening we will ride the historic steamship TSS Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to the Walter Peak ranch for dinner and a sheep shearing program.

In Queenstown there are many things to experience----

1. A beautiful botanic garden on the lake shore
2. Jet boat ride on the Kawerau River
3. Hike the Queenstown Hill for a panoramic view of the area
4. Charter a fishing boat and catch your dinner
5. Shop at the quaint stores in town

The final list of activities from TSC is still a work-in-progress. More info will be released as we get the full itinerary.

Also being finalized are a PRE-TRIP TO AUSTRALIA and a POST-TRIP TO FIJI. (Two more Bucket List Places to be removed from your list!!)

It seems a shame to travel all the way down under and not take advantage of a few other popular destinations such as Sydney, Australia. Sydney is a much publicized and photographed city with the famed Opera House, Harbor, bridge, and Crocodile Dundee. Well, maybe not that last character! You will have a chance to explore the city during our 3 night stay in Australia at the Holiday Inn Old Sydney.



View of Queenstown from Gondola photo from TSC Brichure

While some adventurers will go back to the USA after New Zealand an even more adventurous group will fly to the island of Fiji. Fiji is a Melanesian country in the South Pacific Ocean about 1/3 of the way between New Zealand and Hawaii. Fiji is considered a tropical marine island with temperatures in the mid -70s in October. We will have a chance to relax on the beaches and enjoy tropical fruit and excellent seafood. We will lounge around in Fiji for 4 nights before our flight to Los Angeles on Air Fiji.

Contact me if you have questions about this fabulous trip! Sarah

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