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NEWSLETTER



General Meeting:

April 10th,
6:00 p.m.



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To join us, please
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Location:

Warehouse 72
7620 Katy Fwy #305

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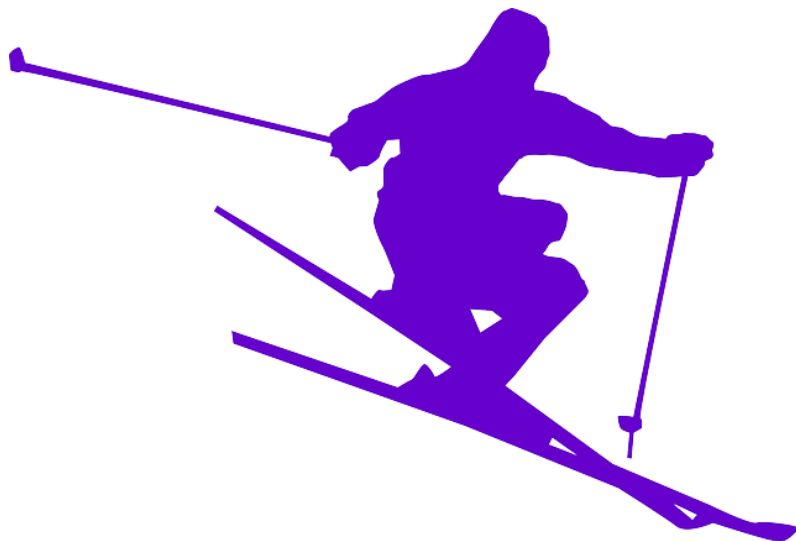
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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL SLATE
Fall Expedition — New Zealand October 2023— Date TBD
Traditional — Beaver Creek January 13—20, 2024
Winter Shoot-Out — Park City February 3—10, 2024
Final Showdown — White Fish, Montana March 2—9, 2024
Winter Expedition — Interlaken , Switzerland January 26—23, 2024



Check out our new officer profiles!



Lynn Burch,
President



Beverly Roberts,
Vice President of
Trips



Rowena Roche,
Vice President of Membership



Marti Turner,
Treasurer

Susan Granbery, (not pictured)
Vice President of Communications



Sandra Stolnacke,
Secretary



Bil Cusack,
Vice President of Programs

From Mission Control



**Beverly Roberts,
President**

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Greetings SCSC

The 2022 ski season is pretty much in the rearview. For the most part, the snow was unremarkable, but the fun was extraordinary. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Speaking of next year's trips, Bidfest is scheduled April 1-3 in Grapevine, Texas, where we will join the other Texas Ski Council clubs to select the TSC fall 2023 adventure trip and the 2024 ski trips. And since the tour operators will be available, we will discuss club trip options for 2023.

Next year's trips are front and center on my radar! After two years as your President, I am excited to be back in the VP Trips role. Rita Cardenas and I will be sidekicks in planning the club travel for 2023 and preparing for 2024 trips.

Come talk to us about your bucket list trips!

As you can see, there's lots going on. Watch the e-blasts for the news from Bidfest. Soon we'll be looking for TCs for the upcoming trips. I think we'll need lots of TCs – after hiding in our Covid caves for two years, we all want to make up for lost travel time! Also, watch the e-blasts for the newest activities.

Beverly



From VP of Marketing



**See you later,
never good-bye!**

I chose this picture as my final profile because I thought that it reflects the joy that I experience with each person and trip that I participate in.

My favorite Sitzmarke was publishing the sweetie picture contest for Valentine’s Day. My fond recollection will be reflecting on all of the fun memories that were created in the Sitzmarke. After 2 years of publishing the Sitzmarke, I have to take a break. However, I am moving on to the Board of Directors for the next year.

I have served in as President, VP of Trips, Chairman of the Board, Director of Trips, VP of Marketing, and TC several times. I am writing this because I want to encourage you to get involved with the club. The friends you will meet who have common interests are amazing. You always have a group to hang out with on the slopes.

A great place to start is by becoming an assistant Trip Coordinator. This helps you slowly immerse yourself into the process without getting overwhelmed.

I hope to see you at a meeting or on the slopes in the future.

Best regards and happy skiing!

Melinda

Sweetie Edition



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**Marsha Lutz,
Vice President of
Trips**

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Countdown to Lift Off

Hello SCSCers!

This is my last Sitz article as SCSC's VP of Trips and I must say that this has been an interesting gig. I like learning new things and as much as I know about trip planning, I learned plenty more the last two years – thanks to COVID. I have most recently been involved with trip planning for the last three years – the last two as VP and the year before as Director of Trips (DOT). And what a ride it has been for the last two years! I guess these might be my most memorable years of many as an SCSC volunteer.

As I was transitioning from DOT to VP, COVID became our nightmare. All the 2020 adventure trips got canceled/postponed. As things improved for travel in 2021, we still had COVID-related travel issues domestically and internationally. Two of the four ski trips were canceled due to strict lodging restrictions. At least those trips reappeared – Breckenridge happened in 2022 and Snowmass will be in 2023. The same thing happened for the adventure trip to Zion/Grand Canyon, but a great trip did occur one year later. Bruges to Amsterdam Bike and Barge, Russia and Greece got postponed and postponed again and then of course Russia is now canceled. I am on these long-awaited trips to Belgium/Holland and Greece, and I am doing the Yosemite trip in the good ole USA. I am definitely making up for lost travel days as I know many of you are as well!

I want to give my thanks and gratitude to all the TCs and ATCs for 2021 and 2022. We could not have had these great trips without you! Ann Dorn, Rene Reed, Cindy Moore, Sandy Oballe, Steve Ying, Jeanne Marie Ying and Anne Thomas led the ski trips. Arlen Isham led our US based adventure trips. And thanks to those for hanging in there after multiple postponements of the international trips – Rita Cardenas, Leyla Ozkardesh and Thuy Rocque. And a special thanks to Jill Nanney who tried to lead a group to Russia twice. The first one was canceled in 2020 due to COVID and now because of the war. It is so unfair that she dedi-

cated so much time to planning a great trip as she is known to run and then have it canceled for reasons beyond our control. The travel gods were just not on our side for Russia.

We have a nice future trip slate with the following schedule so far. Your next VP of Trips Beverly is busy filling it in with a few more great locations to be announced soon.

Right after this Sitzmarke gets published we will know what trips are selected at BidFest for the 2023 Fall Expedition and 2024 ski trips. I know it sounds like a long time off but we also all know how fast time flies by! Speaking of time gone by – I posted a new photo of myself for my last article. I ran across this koozie last month. Actually, it just fell out of my pantry, so it seems like a message was being sent! I didn't even remember having it. I am using it to tell you that I was a TC on this 1996 ski trip – my second SCSC volunteer activity. Between then and now 26+ years later I have had all kinds of roles for either SCSC or the TSC for all but three years. I will be filling a Board of Director position next year and then I will be talking a break for a bit. But I will still be attending lots of activities and trips – as a participant.

So, in case it is not obvious, my point is that I must like this club! I like its members and its accomplishments in providing fun times and great memories year after year. I will probably miss volunteering after a while and will likely be back in some capacity eventually. So, for now I will not say Goodbye but instead -So long – until the next adventure!

P.S. – the other side of the 1996 koozie says: Skiing Is Living - Space City Ski Club – Life On An Edge!

Ha Ha! Good one that someone else thought up.

Marsha

2022-2023 TRIPS

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Dates</i>
TSC Traditional Snowmass, CO	01/07– 01/14/23
Big Sky, MT	01/21 -01/28/23
TSC Winter Expedition Ischgl-Samnaum, Austria	01/21 -01/28/23
TSC Winter Shootout Steamboat, CO	02/11 -02/18/23
TSC Final Showdown -Lake Louise, Canada	03/11 -03/18/23

2021-2022 TRIPS

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Trip Coordinator</i>	FULL PRICE	LAND PRICE
Maya Riviera	9/5-9/12/21	George Sargent	COMPLETED	
Grand Canyon/Zion National Parks	09/25-09/29/2021	Arlen Isham	COMPLETED	
TSC Traditional- Park City, UT	01/08 – 01/15/22	Rene Reed	COMPLETED	
TSC Winter Expedition - Zell-am-See, Austria – Extension to Munich	01/21 - 01/29/22	Anne Thomas	COMPLETED	
Breckenridge, CO	01/29-02/05/22	Ann Dorn	COMPLETED	
TSC Winter Shootout - Telluride, CO	02/05 – 02/12/22	Cindy Moore	COMPLETED	
Steamboat, CO	2/12 -2/19/22	Steve Ying	COMPLETED	
Yosemite, CA	05/21-05/25/22	Arlen Isham	NA	\$751
Bruges to Amsterdam - Bike/Barge	06/06 – 06/14/22	Rita Cardenas, Leyla Ozkardesh	NA	Suite: \$3,621 Cabin: \$3,201
Russia	9/1-9/9/22	Jill Nanney	CANCELED	
Greece	9/15-9/25/22 Extension 9/25-27	Thuy Rocque	XB \$4,912 SBJ \$5,477 Includes air \$1200	XB \$3,652 SBJ \$4,215

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Membership Desk

SCSC Members and Guests,



Ellen Eastham
Vice President
of Membership

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SCSC met March 13, Sunday, at Warehouse 72. A super group of 60 people were present. Almost everyone wore green, and many wore festive St Patrick's Day attire. For "Door Prize Extravaganza," there were 17 door prizes awarded to members. SCSC sponsored most of the items, champagne and scented candle set were donated by Beverly Roberts. Some of the items included: Easter basket with chocolate, Reese's and Milk Chocolate Bunnies, artificial plant, fragrance warmers, baskets, work gloves, and stuffed animal Easter Bunny. (See March meeting photos with the winners)



In February SCSC members participated in various Mardi Gras festivities in Galveston. They attended 4 nights of Z Krewe's balcony and party room called Zestival and were part of Z Krewe's Parade on 2/26. A good time was had by all, despite cooler temperatures the 2nd weekend of Mardi Gras. (See Mardi Gras-Galveston photos)

April 10, Sunday is our next general meeting at Warehouse 72. Wear anything related to Easter in your attire or hat/hair piece, and you can be awarded 2 extra door prize tickets. Participate in a game and win extra tickets. Come to win one of the many door prizes! Bring a friend to join you at the meeting.

"What do you do when there's nowhere to turn? You drive straight forward. By Leslie Gordon" My suggestion is on April 10, drive straight to Warehouse 72 and join us at the meeting. You will hear all about what happened at the TSC Bidfest the prior weekend in Grapevine. In addition, the ambiance of our meeting location, awesome menu, and the camaraderie of our fellow ski cub members are all reasons for you to attend the meeting. See you there!

Ellen



Having a Blast



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This is my last article as Vice President of Activities after 5 years. I have really enjoyed setting up activities of things we have done in the past and new ideas we have come up with through the years. I had the idea to have monthly dinners at restaurants all

around town so we could try new and different places. I also started handing out the sheet with the 4 month calendar on it so it was a quick reference to keep handy as to what was going on each month. Both of these things have been very successful and Bil plans to keep them going. I enjoyed meeting everyone and since I had to check in the participants at the events, I came to know almost everyone. In moving up to President, I will still be attending most things Bil plans and be available to anyone who has an idea about the club.

March 5, we had 24 people go to The Music Box to see a great comic and music revue "Broadway at the Box". Everyone had a great time. Sunday March 13 is the monthly meeting at Warehouse 72. Dinner at Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen on Woodway and Happy Hour at Capone's Bar and Oven on Richmond round out the events for the month. As of this

writing, none of these events have occurred yet.

April 1-3 is the TSC Bid Meeting in Grapevine to choose the trips for the coming year. There are several people going to the meeting to help choose the locations. April 3 is a bike ride with Karen Leeson, and on the 7th we will try our luck at Bingo on our quarterly visit. The April meeting is on April 10 and April Dinner is on the 23rd at George's Pasteria. This restaurant is owned by George and Rene Reed who are members of SCSC and Rene has run a trip the last couple of years. Please plan on coming to the dinner to help support our members. Bowling is back on April 24 at Del Mar Lanes and then Happy Hour is at Cottonwood on the 30th.

Bil Cusack, the new Vice President of Activities will be setting up lots of activities starting in May.

Please keep signing up for activities early and don't wait until the last minute. Several places, we have to let know days in advance of how many are coming.

Lynn

Extracurricular Activities—April 2022 Upcoming Events

April 1-3	TSC Bid Meeting in Grapevine
April 3	Bike Ride
April 7	Bingo at SPJST Hall
April 10	Monthly Meeting at Warehouse 72 at 6 PM
April 23	April Dinner at George's Pasteria
April 24	Bowling at Del Mar Lanes
April 28	Happy Hour at Cottonwood

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March Meeting



Frank's American Revival



Music Box Theater



Zell am See Austria

Our first international ski trip in 2 years.

Despite a lingering pandemic, Space City had a full trip depart for Austria. Pretrip we had several hurdles: Entry requirements specified Covid 19 full vaccinations, plus a booster. Masks were mandatory in most public places including outdoor ski lifts. In late November, Austria announced that it was shutting down for 20 days with hopes of reopening before Christmas. We were understandably concerned that post holidays, the country would consider yet another Covid lockdown. All participants were polled, given a chance to drop out with minor penalties or persevere. Twenty-five eager participants voted to go Full Steam Ahead! Next, TSC dropped its sponsorship, but we still continued. WOW we are so thankful that we persevered. The trip was fantastic on multiple fronts.



Our overnight flight arrived Saturday in Munich, we deplaned, and gathered to meet 19 others from the Dallas and Austin ski clubs. We were met by Annie Lappe, our tour guide for the WHOLE Week. Our chartered bus took us through a huge snowstorm. The snow slowed us down in route to Austria – but hey, it's a ski trip! We embraced a huge snowfall.

We checked into the Hotel Romantik, a quaint, lovely family owned and operated hotel. After being shown to our rooms, each with a private balcony, we met in the lobby for a welcome party of sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres followed by a multi-course Austrian dinner. Our group enjoyed a private dining room for daily breakfast and dinner. I cannot emphasize how surprised we were with the depth of food choices and superb taste. Breakfast was a COMPLETE buffet of fresh foods - hot, cold, bread,

omelet station, coffee bar....and on and on. Nightly dinners started with a full salad bar including anti pasta, choice of soup, plated appetizers then our choice of main entre - Vegetarian, Fish, Chicken, Beef, or Regional dishes offered each night. And DESSERT!!

Sunday was a free day to ski, explore Lake Zell (aka Zell am See), relax in the Hotel Spa and/or familiarize oneself with the abundant shops in the area. Although our hotel was a quick walk to the lifts, the hotel manager offered to drive us to the base. The Romantik management were superb!

Salzburg Day Trip

On Monday, most of our participants boarded the group bus to Salzburg. Even our most avid skiers could not miss the opportunity to explore the eye-popping Red Bull Hangar 7 which hosted a collection of historical helicopters, airplanes, Formula One racing cars. Hangar-7, which is owned by Red Bull founder Dietrich Mateschitz, is an airfoil shaped building, constructed of 1,200 tons of steel and 75,000 square feet of glass surface. We did not have time (or prerequisite 3-month advance reservations) to dine in the Michelin rated Ikarus restaurant, but word spread quickly that a women's bathroom visit was a must for all women to witness the immense floral displays.





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Our next stop was Stiegl, the largest private brewery in Austria. We explored the production facilities, museum and restaurant with many beer samples and mugs along the way. Full of yeast and hops, we finally arrived in the center of Salzburg for a brisk walking tour of historical highlights. The Salzburg day ended with time for quick shopping, and hunting for “Mozart Balls,” an original chocolate confection. Ms. Annie was a wealth of information for the Austrian and Bavarian areas through which we traversed. She provided thorough history lessons of Nazis, Hitler, the Eagles Nest, Mozart, the Sound of Music and more.

Kitzbuhel Day Trip

After dropping our ski brethren at the bus stop in Kitzbuhel, we met a local guide and the nonskiers proceeded on a walking tour to the lovely town, a well-known playground of the upper echelons of society, per our local tour guide, who regaled us with stories of the rich and famous who frequent this

ski resort. Our next stop was at the medieval Kufstein Fortress, a coveted prize that went back and forth between the original Tyrolean builders and their Bavarian neighbors. The highlight of the fortress tour was the famous outdoor organ, the world's largest with 4948 pipes.

On the way back to Kitzbuhel, we had a glitch connecting with skiers. Laura,

Michelle, Chuck, Kathy, Jake and Robert went one way while Gayle and Dana took a wrong turn then had to hustle to get back to our meeting point. The bus was not allowed to stay in the pickup zone for very long and the small, winding streets were a challenge for a large bus to navigate. But fortunately, the Dales made it in time to ride back to the hotel and all was well.



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Burghausen, Germany

This was the favorite daytrip for many. We started out with a tour of the town and learned how its location, on the Salzach River, a dividing point between Austria and Germany, both made the town's fortune with trade and destroyed it with floods. Afterwards, we climbed and climbed and climbed to get to the Burghausen Castle, the longest castle in the world. But it was not that large. Henry the Rich, who had one daughter and no sons was forced under the existing law to leave his money to a male instead of his beloved daughter. In order to get an exception to the law, Henry bribed the emperor into letting his daughter inherit by promising to build him the longest castle in the world. Henry was a cool dad for the time.

Other Ventures

Marie and Aaron Jones took an overnight trip to Innsbruck to thoroughly enjoy the dazzling Swarovski Museum and shops. And, later in the week, they talked **Anne and Tom Thomas** into taking a train to Salzburg to explore the City Fortress.

Matthew and Michelle broke off from the group a couple of days early for a side trip to Venice Italy during which a surprise proposal in front of Matthew's favorite Venetian church occurred. She said yes! Next their return flights through London were canceled and postponed – Alas they power toured the city to make great use of their unexpected 24 hours in London.

Friday was the last day to Ski, Shop and it was Covid testing day for our return trip!! Oh boy! Fortunately, everyone tested negative so no one would be left behind in beautiful Austria. We enjoyed an early dinner at the hotel then loaded up on a bus for the Medieval Castle Party. The **Granbery sisters** and **Kathy Q** waived as the bus departed without them. A quick taxi ride later, they arrived in Kaprun in time for festivities. Geez what an experience: over the castle moat, up the long incline we were greeted with three Alpine horns. Inside we were fed huge pretzels, sau-

sages, steins of beer then topped it off with dessert plates. The highlight of the evening was the audience interaction with the Austrian folk band. We listened, sang songs, danced (even though Covid restrictions supposedly forbid dancing...oops), and played “musical instruments” with the band. We had a plastic bag, inflated rubber glove, clanging pots.... Yes, those were our musical instruments.

So, what did participants say about this trip?

Laura Nowicki laughed about getting on the Zell am See express bus thinking it was an express ride back to town and instead she had to take a gondola over top of the mountain then ski down an icy, mogel run at dusk! Her favorite memory was **Jim Nowicki** playing the plastic bag in the Austrian umpa band. It was great to spend time with everyone on the trip.

Susan Granbery said it was a great trip.

Tom Sanders reported:

Favorite memory: Kim Keck playing the udders with the Austrian band.

Favorite activity: return to skiing after a hiatus.

Favorite meal: Weiner Schnitzel!

Favorite beer: Steigl

Favorite wine Schweigt

Other: Great crowd and fabulous TC's.

Carol Croom enjoyed the trip. Her favorite trip memory was walking around the Zell am See Lake with her friend, **Darryl Larson**; it was on our first day there and so we really enjoyed taking in all the sights. I think I wore him out though. We had our picture taken with a couple of snowmen.

Funniest thing - watching some of our fellow travelers participate (in costume) in Austrian band group; hilarious to watch them act so silly

Favorite drink - Alsatian white wine that was offered at our hotel; **Rita Cardenas** discovered it first.

Favorite activity - has to be snowshoeing as I had never done this before, and it was quite easy; hope to be able to do it again on a future ski trip

The Houston ski group was a great; a lot of good chemistry among the travelers; everyone was very congenial; fantastic trip leader; appreciate the tip on Sea Bands and will now have them on all future trips. Annie, our local guide, was fantastic too.

Craig Campbell was astounded at the number of people smoking. “No wonder the country locked down with high COVID 19 cases.”

Gayle Dale shared that her favorite memories:

riding down on snowmobile with a cute ski patrol Austrian over the moguls to the cable car at the end of the day in Kaprun.

Getting lost in Kitzbuhel then having to ski down to bottom for three hours and then being in the wrong town then having to catch a cab back to the bus. Whew!!!

Loved the restaurants at the top of the mountains.

Partying with the locals at the Crazy Daisy Pub.
Loved the Beautiful snowfall on the last day!



Tom Thomas enjoyed:

1. Having breakfast and dinner together every day with family and friends.
2. Being in Austria an entire week and still not seeing a single kangaroo.
3. Favorite food was the breakfast salmon and that green spinach pasta (Spina spätzle).
4. Bunking with the trip leader.
5. Touring the castles and fortress.

Robert Rowley's favorite things about the trip:

Skiing down the Huffanker Hill Skiing course at Kitzbuhel because I grew up watching this event on TV.

My favorite line is from tour guide Annie "Let me Explain You!"

My favorite food of the trip: Apple Strudel

At the end of our trip, **the Nowicki's** headed to Sweden to experience the Northern Lights while **Tom Sanders and Kim Keck** went to Stuttgart to inspect the Porsche factory and other German sites. **Marty Kaminsky, Sarah Granbery, Susan Granbery, Jake Sullivan and Kathy Quigley** enjoyed the sites and few more German beers during their 3-night extension in Munich.

We said our goodbyes to the Dales and Joneses as they took alternate flights at the Munich airport. Our highflyers – **Rita C, Robert R and Carol C** settled into their comfortable United business seats, while the **Thomases, Joan Waddill, Craig Campbell, Darryl Larson, and Chuck Albright** took over full rows in economy/economy plus. All were comfortable, happy and the trip was a great success.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Our Most Recently Released Trip!

Trip Date: May 21-25, 2022



Trip Coordinator:	Arlen Isham
Contact:	Yosemite@spacecity.org Phone: 713-560-0187
Trip Packages:	20 participants
Full:	NA
Land:	\$751
Single Supplement:	\$690 extra
Deposit:	15%
Final Payment:	March 31, 2022

See our website for tinerary, air, & lodging! SpaceCity.org

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

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

This is your chance to join me on a trip with Space City next May 2022. Travel with me a I show you the best way to maximize your experience on this scenic trip to one of the beautiful National Parks of the United States. If you are not a hiker, you will still be able to see and enjoy this great National Parks. The shuttle system will allow you to move around the park to visit and explore the wonders of this magnificent park.

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You will see climbers on the famous El Capitan, Yosemite Falls, Nevada Falls, Vernal Falls, Bridle Vale Falls, up close and personal. You can get as wet as you want. In the Spring, the snow runoff provides huge volumes of water over the various falls.

See the amazing half dome. Our group won't be doing the 16-mile hike to the top, but you can choose to hike up toward Nevada and Vernal Falls which is the route to half dome. We will visit Glacier Point to show you a great view of the whole valley toward half dome.

On our visit to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, you will see trees almost 300 feet tall and 30 feet in diameter.

You can choose to have lunch or a coffee in the magnificent Ahwahnee, a "Grand Hotel". Our rooms are not there because they are about \$600 per night.

Take this opportunity to visit Yosemite National Park, rated as the 2nd or 3rd best United States National parks in the group of Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Grand Canyon.



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Trip Description

Day 1 – May 21, we fly to Oakland or Fresno on an early Saturday morning flight via Southwest Airlines flight; but you can choose your own airline with an early arrival to Oakland or Fresno. We will pick up our three passenger vans with about 7 people in each van. The drive to Yosemite is only about 176 miles from Oakland and 125 miles from Fresno, so we could arrive in time for an afternoon visit to the national park. Each day, we will enter the park either with our vans, or we can use the bus system for the 17-mile trip to the entrance of the park.

Day 2 – May 22 - Enter the park. Participants can tour the park by using the Yosemite shuttle system to sight see or hike.

Day 2 – May 23 – Visit the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias - Located about an hour from the hotel in the southern portion of Yosemite, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. This would be about a half day.

Return to the main Yosemite Park in the afternoon or take an afternoon drive to Tuolumne Meadows via route 120 over Tioga Pass. This drive will be subject to the pass being open in late May. Beautiful Scenery.

Day 2 – May 24 – Return to Yosemite National Park to explore at your convenience. You will again have the option of riding the vans into the park and returning by bus.

Day 5 – May 25 – Return to Airport. – There is a possibility we may fly into Fresno and return to Oakland, CA. to allow participants to do an extension into San Francisco or Napa Valley. Our trip back to Oakland, CA. or Fresno will get us back for our afternoon flights back to Houston or for possible extensions to San Francisco.

YOSEMITE

Trip Lodging



Yosemite View Lodge



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Our lodging at Yosemite will be at the Yosemite View Lodge Just 8.7 mi from Yosemite National Park, Yosemite View Lodge is located along the Merced River and features 4 pools and a hot tub. A restaurant and bar are located on site. All guest rooms feature a kitchenette.

Featuring a spa bath, all rooms include a TV with cable channels. Comfortably furnished, each room is equipped with a coffee machine. Select units offer a river view.

Guests can dine at The River Restaurant & Lounge, which offers classic American breakfast and dinner, and is open all-year long. A convenience store is also available, as well as vending machines with drinks.

A 24-hour reception is offered at Yosemite View Lodge. Guests can relax in the one indoor pool, or at any of the three outdoor pools, as well as one indoor spa, and six outdoor spas. A game room is located on site.

This trip will fill quickly, 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.

BIKE AND BOAT TOUR

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Trip Date: June 6-14, 2022



Trip Coordinator1: Rita Cardenas
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Trip Coordinator2: Leyla Ozkardesh
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Trip Packages:
Land Cabin: \$3,201
Land Suite: \$3,621
Deposit: 15%
Final Payment: February 8, 2022

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

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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. 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.

Participant must meet us in Bruges on June 6th to begin trip on June 6th
Flights are available to Brussels or Amsterdam and there is a train to Bruges.
You can create your own side trip pre- or post-trip.

Bike and Boat Tour

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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.
- 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
- 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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Amsterdam
Trip Website](#)

CANCELLED!

IMPERIAL RUSSIA

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Thank you to Jill Nanney for patiently organizing this trip for 2 years! It was cancelled the first time due to Covid and the second for the unfortunate events going on in Europe.

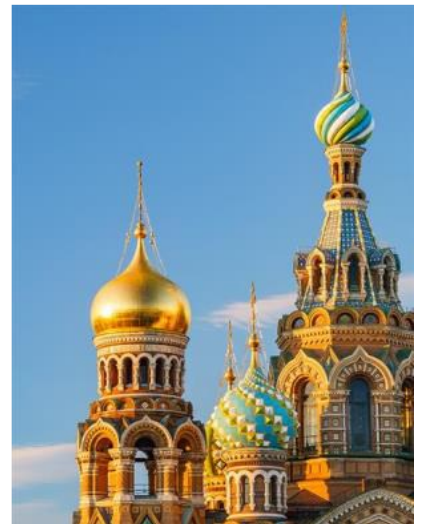
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Highlights

- ◆ Moscow Metro
- ◆ The Kremlin and the Armoury Museum
- ◆ Red Square
- ◆ St. Basil's Cathedral Walking Food Tour
- ◆ High-Speed Train
- ◆ St. Petersburg
- ◆ Traditional Georgian Dinner
- ◆ Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- ◆ Peterhoff
- ◆ Hermitage Museum
- ◆ Catherine Palace
- ◆ Vintage Soviet Car Ride
- ◆ 9 Days/11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts—1 Lunch—3 Dinners



GREECE CRUISE



Trip Date: September 15-25, 2022
Athens extension: September 25-27, 2022

- Trip Coordinator:** Thuy Rocque
- Contact:** Greece@spacecity.org
- Trip Packages:** 30 participants
- Full:** \$1,200 additional estimated air
- XB Exterior Cabin Deck 3, 5, 6** \$4,912
- SBJ Jr. Balcony Suite Deck 6,7** \$5,477
- Land:**
- XB** \$3,652
- SBJ** \$4,215
- Single Supplement:** Contact TC
- Athens Post-trip:** \$504
- Deposit:** 15%
- Final Payment:** May 1, 2022

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See our website for itinerary, air, & lodging! [SpaceCity.org](https://www.spacecity.org)

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

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

TRIP AT A GLANCE:

- ◆ Roundtrip airfare from Houston (IAH) (Full package only).
- ◆ Airline taxes, fees, and 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)
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Most tips and gratuities during cruise onboard ship and on included excursions.

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Lynn Burch—President

It has been a fun and exciting privilege to be your Vice President of Activities for the last 5 years and to come up with new restaurants, bars and places for us to try different places. It has finally come time to turn over the reins to someone new (Bil Cusack) and see all the new types of adventures and places he has for us to try.

Moving on to President will give me new challenges and things to learn. My main goal will be to keep the club running smoothly and let all the VP's do their jobs. Except for the last 2 years when we didn't get to have the TSC Bid Meeting, I have attended the meeting for the last 4 or 5 years and saw how we choose our trips.

I have been a member of Space City Ski Club since the early 70's and through all the years where we had 1400 members. I was VP Programs in 1981/82 and I have run ski trips and summer trips through the years.

Even though I don't ski anymore, I love our overseas adventure trips and have been on many of them through the years.

I am excited about the coming year and working with all the new officers.

Beverly Roberts—Vice President of Trips

Hello Space City members. My name is Beverly Roberts. My husband Charlie and I have been members of SCSC for 20+ years, and we have both been very active in both club trips and activities. I moved into club leadership in 2017 and served as VP Trips from 2017-2019. Most recently, I have served two terms as President, from 2019 to present. I am delighted to be nominated to return to the role of VP Trips. So many of us, myself included, have been starved for the travel and adventures that we missed over the last two pandemic years. I'm so excited and grateful that travel concerns and restrictions are lifting. I'm looking forward to jumping back into the planning of our SCSC travel. I'm especially looking forward to working with all the amazing volunteers who take the trips from a spreadsheet and a date on the calendar to the adventure of travel with friends.

Let's get this party started!!

Marti Turner—Treasurer

I appreciate the nominating committee providing me with the opportunity to serve as Treasurer for 2022-23.

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

Rowena Roche—Vice President of Membership

It has been a pleasure to serve the Club the past two years as your secretary. As a group we have experienced a difficult time in keeping our membership active, but we have stayed strong and continue to enjoy the activities the Club provides us. I look forward to serving as your Vice President of Marketing/Membership and hope to continue to grow our membership through social media. I am hoping our current membership will continue to be a part of that outreach. I realize our current population is changing and I will encourage the club to consider activities that will appeal to a variety of interest. Although my profession is in Human Resources as a HR Manager for Ingroup, Inc., I also provide support to our Marketing department with monthly newsletters and company announcements. I am anxious to get started on marketing initiatives for SCSC! In addition to supporting SCSC, I am a member of HRHouston, SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management) and volunteer for Sky High supporting St. Jude Hospital for childhood cancer awareness

Bil Cusack—Vice President of Program

I am a naturalized Houstonian for over 50 years. Born and raised in Chicago; however, I got here as soon as I could. I am married to Karen Leeson Cusack and we have four adult kids between the two of us. I took up skiing while on tour with my band in 1975 and haven't quit. I joined Space City 8 years ago and have served on the Executive Committee as well as have run a trip. I am now looking forward to coordinating more activities for the club. I would appreciate suggestions on new places to dine, activities, and fun activities with the gravitational pull of Houston. Let the good times roll!

Susan Granbery—Vice President of Communications

Our webmaster for 2 years has now become the VP of Communications.

Sandra Stolnacke—Secretary

I moved to Houston from Columbus, Ohio right after college in search of a job. Found the job and the husband.

I have been married to native Houstonian Paul for 41 years. We have 1 one daughter, 1 son in law and 2 grandsons living in Oregon.

I have been a Space City club member for 13 years with about the same number of fabulous trips enjoyed.

I am looking forward to working with the Ex-Comm and keeping members informed and up to date.

Read the Activity News via emails sent to your inbox!

Space City Ski and Adventure Club

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2021 - 2022

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Where is your next adventure?

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