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*Happy New Year
2021*

From Mission Control



**Beverly Roberts,
President**

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Hello all,

All I can say is – what a year. As 2020 comes to an end, I hope you and your beloveds are happy and well. I hope you were able to find creative and safe ways to enjoy the holidays. We didn't have the celebrations with family and friends that have been forever traditions with us, and that was sad. But we are well, and I continue to repeat to myself the mantra to look for joy and blessings. We have every reason to be hopeful for a much brighter 2021. Vaccines and treatments are rolling out. A new normal will soon emerge. And I will be happy to never hear the word 'unprecedented' again!!

As we move into 2021, the club is being very cautious about indoor gatherings. We are not scheduling a club meeting or a monthly dinner for January. However, we are actively investigating outdoor activities that will be both safe and fun. Stay tuned.

For the ski trips planned in 2021, we are closely monitoring state and local Covid directives. Colorado currently has very stringent virus compliance standards, and we are actively seeking guidance to ensure that we meet the travel, lodging,

and slope protocols for Snowmass and Breckenridge. Currently, the Covid compliance standards in Wyoming and Utah are less demanding than those in Colorado, but our trip leadership is watchful for changes. The situation is fluid everywhere and rules can change - Please watch for emails and eblasts for the latest information.

We remain cautiously optimistic that the adventure trips later in the year will proceed as scheduled. The Bruges to Amsterdam bike trip is still a go. For the Greece cruise, we are following the bankruptcy filing of the tour operator. Hopefully, the company restructuring will be approved, and the trip will proceed as scheduled. The Zion and Grand Canyon trip is still on, and the New Zealand trip, postponed from 2020, is scheduled for October of 2021. All trips are open for sign-up.

Have a happy and safe New Year Celebration.

Hurry up and get here 2021 – I can't wait to have 2020 in the rear-view!!

Be well.

Beverly

Countdown to Lift Off



**Marsha Lutz,
Vice President of
Trips**

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Happy Holidays!

I hope y'all have had some enjoyable times this last month. Our gatherings are smaller but just getting to do something in person with friends and loved ones outside the boundaries of our own homes is joyful and provides some level of sociability which I definitely appreciate. We are doing as an old cliché says – enjoying the small and simpler things in life.

Much of December was spent trying to make adjustments to the ski resorts' latest COVID restrictions. Colorado is very strict and as many of you already know the restrictions are getting tougher. While they are doing this to protect their visitors and residents and hopefully keep the resorts open all ski season, some of the rules just don't work for a ski club like ours. Things like allowing only 1 or 2 households in a lodging unit no matter the size. And Snowmass is the first to require a negative COVID test before arriving.

When I wrote this article 10 days ago we had worked out solutions that allowed some of the group to go on

both Snowmass and Breckenridge. But in the last week as the Sitzmarke was waiting to go to press the bottom fell out. Some people were going to have to move to hotel rooms and singles were going to have to have their own hotel rooms raising their trip price significantly. And who wants to stay in hotels when the restaurants might be take-out only. Then the mandate came for 1 household only in all lodging at both resorts. Beaver Run was working on getting a waiver from the county, but it became nearly impossible to come up with suitable lodging. The trips looked like they just wouldn't be that much fun with all the restrictions to justify their considerable cost. And restrictions could worsen further by trip departure.

Therefore, unfortunately because of lodging restricted to hotel rooms only, significant increased pricing for singles, and too many unknowns in addition to the already known hassles, both of these trips have been canceled.

Breckenridge will be rolled over to January 2022. All of this late notice change



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added significant work for these trip leaders. We do so appreciate their efforts. Please know as much as the participants are disappointed that their trip was canceled, the trip leaders' disappointment is many times more. I know – I was on Snowmass. Talk about knocking the wind out of you. So sad - and ironic. As August trip signup began, many wondered if people would sign up with COVID-19 going on. But oh did they. We even added rooms in some cases. And when someone dropped off they were usually quickly replaced. Then county officials in Colorado decided they needed to close the doors on group travel.

Luckily, so far, the Utah and Wyoming resorts don't anticipate the strict requirements Colorado is implementing. Fingers crossed it stays that way. As I write this there is an opening on Jackson Hole for one female, 2two males or a couple.

For the European adventure trips, we are still awaiting word on status. I think the Bike/Barge trip in The Netherlands in May will likely depart on schedule since the vaccines are rolling our quickly. We are to talk to the tour operator again in mid-January. The tour operator for the Greek cruise trip has successfully completed a financial restructuring and has emerged from bankruptcy under Chapter 11 1 of the US Bankruptcy Code. We are waiting for them to get back to business to make sure our trip is still scheduled for the current September dates.

The Zion/Grand Canyon adventure has one opening for a single male. It is domestic, outdoors and 9 months from now so I think all those people can expect to be on a great trip next September. New Zealand is in October, so it has been getting lots of interest. It is now full but get on the wait list if you are interested -

the trip is 10 months away. That ends the year of 2021 travel– unless you count the start of the next ski season with the usually annual Vail trip. Three of our members that are regular Vail trippers went there this month on their own. They were the first to experience skiing with COVID rules and unfortunately the snow was pretty thin. But they were just glad to get out of Houston for a week and see the slopes!

The TSC trips selected at BidFest for 2022 are in Park City, Telluride and Mammoth. I mentioned I am thinking of a club trip to Steamboat and Big Sky and Vail will be back in December 2021. Now we know we have Breckenridge in 2022. Seven ski trips is like the old days. It may be one too many but we should have lots of interested parties since there ended up being only two ski trips in 2021 Please let me know if you are interested in being a trip coordinator for any of these TSC or club trips. Luckily the 2022 trips should be more like what we are used to!

Happy New Year and here to a much happier 2021! Yay - more travel coming soon!

Marsha



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Gala Participants Barbara Carlson, Gayle Dale, Deb Cini

Below is the 2021 trip slate. All prices listed are credit card prices. Write a check and save 2.99%.

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2021 Ski Trips				
Destination	Trip Coordinator	Dates	Full	Land
Snowmass, CO – TSC Traditional	Cindy Moore	1/16 – 1/23/21	CANCELED	
Breckenridge, CO	Susan Stanley	1/23-30/21	CANCELED	
Jackson Hole, WY	Rene Reed	2/13-20/21	\$1628	\$1085
Snowbird, UT	Ann Dorn	2/27 -3/6/21	\$1947 (incl. lift tickets)	\$1615 (incl. lift tickets)
Purgatory, CO- TSC Winter Shootout	Check with Lone Star Ski Club	2/20-27/21		
Lake Louise, Canada – TSC Final Showdown	Canceled-border still closed	3/13-20/21		
2021 Adventure Trips				
Bike & Boat – Bruges to Amsterdam	Rita Cardenas/Leyla Ozkardesh	5/17 -5/25/21	\$3621	\$3024
Greek Isle Cruise	Thuy Rocque	08/26 -09/05/21	\$4759	\$3445
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

thanks for Your Memories

Please send me a picture...

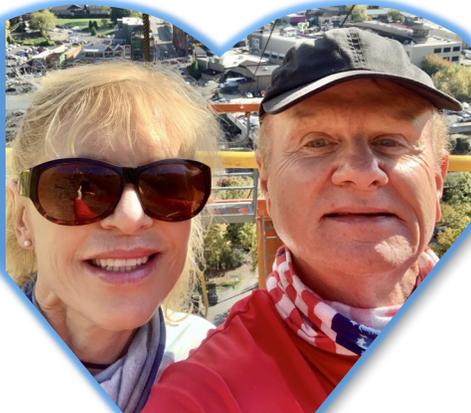
of you and your sweetie and it will be published in our February Sitzmarke. Please get it to me no later than *January 15th*.

Send it to: dop@spacecity.org

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Selfie—Ross and Diane Baker



Gala Participants Sharon Simandl and Bill Bomberger

Melinda Hughes, Director of Publications

Having a Blast



Lynn Burch,
Vice President
of Activities

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We had the December meeting at Sun & Ski on Westheimer where 21 members attended. The manager of Sun & Ski talked to us about new jackets and clothes they had plus some amazing new goggles. Their door prizes were men's ski gloves, goggles, a very pretty wrap and a leopard print neck gator. Pictures of the winners are in this issue.

For the rest of December and all of January we will not have a meeting, dinner or any activity. Hopefully in February we can start over with a meeting, dinner and a bike ride.

To have some sort of contact, we are still having Zoom Happy Hours every other Thursday night. The Zoom get together is fun but only 10 to 12 people are joining us each time. Please

dial in and join us. Most of the time Bill comes up with some type of questions or topics to talk about. Our dates in January are the 7th and the 21st.

This year our Holiday Gala on December 5th was at the Post Oak Grill on S. Post Oak. The food was delicious from the appetizers to the sit down dinner. After dinner we had a few different play list to use for dancing. The one Cindy Moore had got everyone up dancing. At the end there was about 10 people left when I left at 10:30. From what I heard the manager kept coming in to see if he could get them to leave. Finally he had to turn the lights up to let them know it was time to go. A great time was had by the 31 people that came.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE !

Lynn



Gala Participants Rowena Roche and Elise Cross

Extracurricular Activities—January 2021 Upcoming Events

December 7 & 21

Virtual Happy Hour every other
Thursday



Fun at the Gala

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Gala Participants Bill Bomberger, Gayle Dale, George Sargent

2020 GALIA



2020 GALA



Fun at the Gala



Membership Desk



Bruce Lowther,
Vice President
of Membership



CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

Trip sign up is happening. Make sure your membership is current so you will not miss out on trip sign up. Some trips fill up quickly, so don't wait.

Check your membership status by:

First, log in to spacecity.org.

After logging into the website, put the cursor on your name in the upper right hand of the Space City home page.

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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Gala Participants Tom Danowski And Ellen Eastham

Sun & Ski Meeting Participants



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**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
THE 2021-22 SCSC SUPER SEVEN
(Officers)**

2020 has been tough but we are optimistically gearing up for a super 2021-22...hopefully COVID will become a dim memory.

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for a team of seven officers to lead SCSC through another year of skiing, trips and activities.

Do you enjoy working with other enthusiastic club members? Planning events or travel? Motivating and coordinating others? Preparing eye catching emails and publications? Using financial or software skills or just learning something new?

If so, please consider helping YOUR club by volunteering! Below is a brief description of the responsibilities for each position:

PRESIDENT: principle executive officer of the club, coordinates general meetings

VP-ACTIVITIES: coordinates all non-ski activities

VP-TRIPS: coordinates all ski trips

VP- MEMBERSHIP: performs all membership duties (computer skills needed)

VP-MARKETING: coordinates publicity, outreach and the monthly Sitzmarke publication

SECRETARY: records official business of the club, schedules meetings, prepares emails

TREASURER: handles financial and accounting functions of the club (computer skills needed) to members,

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All officers are allowed to use other volunteers for assistance.

Requirements: "The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been SCSC members in good standing for the twelve (12) months preceding the annual meeting (March 31). Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee."

If you wish to volunteer or learn more about a position please email your application or questions to NomComm@spacecity.or or contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

With appreciation,

Anne Thomas, Committee Chairperson

Ross Baker

Sandy Fowler

Joan Waddill

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**ELECTIVE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM
SPACE CITY SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB**

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel#: _____ **Alt #** _____

Occupation: _____

Office(s) of interest: _____

Club Participation

with dates: _____

Date Joined: _____ **Best SCSC Friend** _____

Past Officer(s) _____

TC, ATC or Activity

Coordinator _____

Trips _____

Activities _____

Additional qualifications and experience (i.e., managerial, computer skills, community service and volunteer work.) relevant to Officer position:

Note: No portion of this Nominating Committee Guidelines shall be reproduced outside Space City Ski Club without the expressed written permission of the Space City Ski Club Board of Directors.
Nominating Committee Manual Revised 09-2017

ASPEN SNOWMASS.



TC: Cindy Moore
snowmass@spacecity.org

January 16-23, 2021



ATC: Steve Ying
ATCsnowmass@spacecity.org

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CANCELED DUE TO EXTREME COVID RESTRICTIONS. SCSC OFFICERS, TRIP LEADERS AND TOUR OPERATORS WORKED VERY HARD TO SAVE THE TRIP.



January 23 – 30, 2021



TC: Susan Stanley
(832-477-4436)

POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 2022 DUE TO EXTREME COVID RESTRICTIONS. DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF LOTS OF PEOPLE, GROUP TRAVEL IN COLORADO IS BEST DONE IN 2022.

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TC: Rene Reed
JacksonHole@spacecity.org



February 13—20, 2021

Package Prices

Full Package: \$1,628

(air, transportation, lodging, transfers)

Land Package: \$1,085 (no air)

Single Supplement: \$995.00 (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: 10/30/2020

Total Participants: 26

Resort Pass Affiliation: IKON

Lift Tickets

Days	Adult (18-64)	Senior (65+)
3	\$293.00	\$238.00
4	\$380.00	\$306.00
5	\$462.00	\$444.00
6	\$553.00	\$517.00

Flight Information—American Airlines (Subject to Change)

February 13: IAH-DFW 6:35am-7:51am DFW-JAC 9:30am-11:37am

February 20: JAC-DFW 3:27pm-7:30pm DFW-IAH 8:40pm- 9:51pm

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Jackson Hole

Why Choose This Trip

Space City Ski Club hasn't taken a trip to Jackson Hole since 2014, so you can consider this your once in a seven year opportunity!! Jackson Hole retains a very pure and authentic ski experience. Its scenery and wild vistas are meant to be enjoyed and photographed.



Tom Thomas

The Mountain



Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Base elevation is 6,311. There are 133 named trails that include 50% Expert, 40% Intermediate and 10% Beginner. Plenty of challenging terrain but also some good groomed slopes and corduroy for cruising! **The Tram is literally steps away from our hotel. No shuttle needed to get on the mountain.**

If Teton Village isn't enough to keep you busy, the town of Jackson is a 25 minute, cheap, bus or taxi ride away. The town has tons of galleries, shopping, dining and cowboy bars. Yeehaw!!

We are also close to Yellowstone National Park and various tours are available into the park—just be prepared for an all day excursion. Let me know if you need additional information. Shorter Snowshoe, snowmobile and dog sled tours are also available in closer proximity....a few have stops at Granita hot springs for soaking weary muscles!

Lesson, Mountain Tour and Rental information to be provided closer to date.

Accommodations

Our accommodations at the historical and intimate 42 room Alpenhof Lodge, are located just a few steps from the Tram. All the Bavarian rooms have either one king or two double size beds and daily housekeeping is included!



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Jackson Hole

There is a FREE expanded continental breakfast to power you up for the day. The Alpenhof Bistro will be an easy and festive spot for our group to gather for lunch or après ski and live music. The Alpenrose, the lodge's fine dining restaurant, is open in the winter for cozy Austrian/German cooking. You will also find a heated pool, hot tub, sauna and the availability to book a massage at the full service spa. A full trip guarantees us a fondue reception by Alpenhof Lodge and we will receive all our mountain information.



Tom Thomas

Lesson, Mountain Tour and Rental information to be provided closer to date.

Transportation

Roundtrip transportation is via American Airlines though Dallas. Once we arrive in Jackson, the shuttle drive is approximately 30 minutes to the Resort. We will make a stop in Jackson for necessary "provisions" along the way. Yup, our flight to Jackson Hole is early, but we can acclimate earlier and start the party sooner!!!

We can all get to know each other better at our Mountain Party and an optional dinner or wine tasting along with our lunch and après ski gatherings. I can hardly wait and I know you will be excited about joining this adventure, too! SpaceCity.org is the place to get updates!!



All Jackson Hole photos are courtesy of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort



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Snowbird

Why Choose This Trip :



This trip will be the last trip of 2021 Ski season. The package price includes 6 days lift tickets at Snowbird (What a great deal!). If you already have an IKON pass or are a non skier, you will receive a \$372 resort Gift card valid for Snowbird owned/operated products and services including food/ Beverage, Cliff Spa, Retail, Ski School, equipment rentals and more.

Snowbird offers a 125-passenger Aerial Tram that zooms from an elevation of 8,100 feet to 11,000 feet in about 8 minutes, taking skiers to Hidden Peak and the infamous 2.5 mile Chip's Run. Along the way, skiers are transported into a fanciful world of spectacular scenery, amazing powder and superb customer service.



Alta Ski resort is accessible within minutes and is included on certain IKON passes or available with a dual resort ticket up-charge.

The Mountain

Snowbird has a skiable area of 2,500 acres for all levels of skiers (27% Beg, 38% Int, 35% Adv, total of 169 runs)

As a full-service resort, Snowbird focuses on both recreation and relaxation. A number of diverse restaurants, festivals, and retail opportunities give guests a full mountain community experience.

Travel:

One Stop via Dallas on Southwest Airlines into Salt Lake City airport.

Private Charter bus from SLC airport to Snowbird Lodging. The Cliff Lodge in Snowbird is just 29 miles from Salt Lake International Airport.



Matt Crawley, Snowbird im-
agerelay.com

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All Snowbird images are courtesy of Snowbird resort

Snowbird

Accommodations

The Cliff Lodge at Snowbird is one of North America's most iconic ski lodges and offers a world-class spa, diverse dining and numerous outdoor swimming pools and hot tubs. The majesty of Little Cottonwood Canyon can be explored from the views each room provides whether facing Snowbird's ski slopes or peering down the glacially carved canyons spilling into the Salt Lake City valley below. Enjoy ski-in/ski-out convenience and excellent service with a luxurious resort experience.



An on-site ski rental and repair shop and complimentary ski lockers add to the convenience of the hotel. Other amenities include an exercise room, resort-

wide internet service, room service, and concierge.

What else to expect

To get to know all our fellow skiers Pre Trip Party (Drinks and food are included)

- Welcome party & Ski Après Happy hour and Daily suggested lunch meeting
- Fun activities for non skiers
- Post Trip Party

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Bike and Boat Tour

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

May 17—25, 2021

TC1: Rita Cardenas
bike1@spacecity.org



TC2: Leyla Ozkardesh
bike2@spacecity.org

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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.



What’s included in the package:

Bruges to Amsterdam



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- 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 Antwerp)
- Maid 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

Bruges to Amsterdam

- The tour follows flat terrain routes that has occasional hills. The route is on dedicated bicycle paths about 50% of the time, follows roads shared with traffic about 30% of the time. The remaining 20% of the route follows quiet roads.
- You will have an option to remain aboard if you wish not to cycle some days.

Brief overview of Itinerary:

Arrival – Bruges – Overnight in Bruges @ Radisson Blu May 17 before embarking

Day 1: Arrival and embarkation in Bruges (6 miles)

Arrival and embarkation between 1-2:00pm in the beautiful city of Bruges, also called "Pearl of Flanders." Time to discover the beautiful historical city of Bruges. Overnight in Bruges.

Day 2: Bruges – Ghent (21 miles or 36 miles)

Your cycle tour starts early today on the outskirts of Bruges towards Ghent through the beautiful Flemish landscape. Guided small boat tour through the city before dinner. Overnight in Ghent.

Day 3: Ghent – Dendermonde / St. Amands (24 miles or 32 miles)

Cycle along the tidal Schelde River to Dendermonde to St. Amands. Overnight in St-Amands.

Day 4: St. Amands – Temse – Antwerp (19 miles or 31 miles)

Cycle towards Antwerp. There are many highlights in the city to discover. Overnight in Antwerp.

Day 5: Cruise Antwerp – Kreekrak locks | Cycle Kreekrak locks –

Tholen | Cruise Tholen –Willemstad – Dordrecht (23 miles or 13 miles)

The boat will cruise this morning to Tholen. From Tholen you will cycle along



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Bruges to Amsterdam

the impressive I Volkerak locks to Willemstad, then to Dordrecht, one of the oldest cities of the Netherlands.

Overnight in Dordrecht.

Day 6: Cruise Dordrecht – Kinderdijk | Cycle Kinderdijk – Schoonhoven – Vianen (19 miles or 36 miles)

We will start your tour with a fast ferry that will take you to Alblasterdam. Cycle to Kinderdijk, a village famous UNESCO windmills. Continue to Vianen. Overnight in Vianen.



Day 7: Cruise Vianen – Breukelen | Cycle Breukelen – Amsterdam (23 miles or 28 miles)

We will start in Breukele through the villages of Nieuwersluis, Loenen, Vreeland to Nigtevecht, where you can visit a traditional cheese farm. Continue cycling through Abcoude and Ouderkerk beside the Amstel River to reach Amsterdam. Overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 8: Amsterdam

After breakfast: end of the tour and disembarkation by 9:30am.

More details on the website! Come along on this trip!

All photos courtesy of BikeTours.com

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Greece Cruise

August 26—September 5, 2021

Post Trip September 5—7, 2021



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.

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 un-

spoiled 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.



TC: Thuy Rocque

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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:

SEE SCSC WEBSITE FOR DETAILED ITINERARY

- 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

713-560-0187

zion@spacecity.org

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.

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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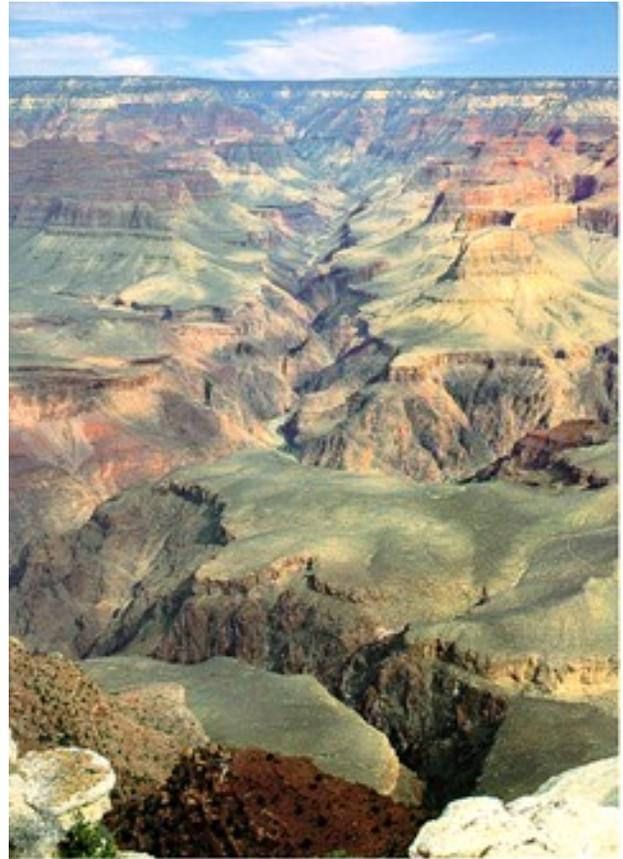
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The North Rim has spectacular views and is surrounded with forest of Ponderosa Pines. It averages 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher than the South Rim! It is isolated from the crowds of the South Rim and provides for a great laid back and relaxing afternoon 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 of 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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New Zealand



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		Sydney Pre-Trip	\$877
Deposit:	15%	Fiji Post-Trip	\$778
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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 of 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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