

SIR State Travel Opportunities 2011/8

Aug 18-28, 2011: Alaska with Princess Crises. (Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Victoria, BC and Glacier Bay. 11 day cruise for \$1890 to \$2590. Dale Prior, Auburn, Br 37, 530-878-9089.

Sep 12-22, 2011: The Enchantment of Lake Michigan, (Detroit, Mackinac, Green Bay, and Chicago) features: Greenfield Village, Ford Museum, House on the Rock, and Frank Lloyd Wrights Home School, Chicago Mercantile and Sears Tower. 10 day trip for \$ 2885. Bob Hagler, Walnut Creek , Br 8,925-934-7620.

Sep 16-26, 2011: West Coast Swing (Seattle, Kelowna, Whistler and Vancouver plus 2 night cruise to San Francisco) 10 day trip for \$2980 to \$3220, Allen Daily, San Jose, Br 74, 408-265-8140 or Don House 408-268-1703.

Sep 24-29, 2011: (Custer State Park, Rapid City South Dakota) for annual buffalo roundup staying at Palmer Gulch Lodge, includes stops a Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial, 6 day bus trip for \$1480. Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br. 20, 831-465-6590.

Sep 13-20, 2011: Wild West, Cowboys & Buffalos (Grand Teton Nat'l Park, Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Cody, Black Hills, Crazy Horse monument, Mt Rushmore Hill City and Bear Country USA) 7 night for \$1550 to \$1995, Henry Puccinelli, San Rafael, Area 6, 415-457-3990.

Oct 1-11, 2011: Canada & New England Cruise (Montreal, Quebec, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and New York) 10 day cruise for \$4720 to \$6057. Bob Spellman, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-934-8428.

Oct 2-13, 2011: Grand Tour of Italy (Montecatini, Rome, Sorrento, Venice, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, and Capri.) 11 night bus trip for \$4115, Joe Guerrero, 510-326-4196 or Emile Lassalle, Castro Valley, Br 26, 510-538-7463

Oct 4-15, 2011: National Parks of the Southwest (Bryce Canyon, Zion, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde, Arches and Canyonland Park, and Mormon Tabernacle Choir) 15 days for \$1975, John Thomason, Santa Rosa, Br 92, 707-538-1016

Oct 5-11, 2011: Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. (2 nights Albuquerque, 2 nights Santa Fe and 2 nights Taos. Complete trip from your home. Cost \$2590, Jerry Wisenor, Lodi, Br 145, 209-334-5181.

Oct 9-28, 2011: Exploring New Zealand (Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound and Mt Cook) 20 day trip for \$5329, Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Tom Lamp 408-274-0666.

Oct 14-22, 2011: Great Smokie Mountains from Petaluma. (Atlanta, Cherokee, Gatlinburg, Nashville. 2 rail excursions, Biltmore and Blount Mansions, Jack Daniels Distillery, Grand Old Opry for \$2545. Derlin German , Petaluma, Br 58, 707-763-6162

Oct 16-22, 2011 Southern Charm. (Georgia, South Carolina and Florida) highlights include visits to Charleston, Boon Hall Plantation, Beaufort ,Savannah Jekyll Island, And St Augustine) 7 day trip for \$2269, John Pletsch, San Jose Br 74, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Nov 5-12, 2011: Mexican Riviera, (San Diego, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas) 7 night cruise for \$1389 to \$1799 includes air from SJC. Roy Jordan, Br 62, San Jose, 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt, 408-241-4421.

Jan 21-27, 2012: Florida Keys Adventure (Enjoy a prime time visit to Miami, Key Largo, the Florida Keys, and 4 nights in Key West. Trip includes home pick up, all transfers, air and motorcoach transportation, tours, hotels, 13 meals and all taxes, 7 day cost is \$3380 to \$3975. Roy Jordan, San Jose, Br 62, 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt, 408-394-7226.

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2012: The Wonders of Costa Rica (Costa Rica is Central America's greatest hidden gem, Includes Air, Motor Coach, Hotels, Professional Naturalist and Guides) 9 days for \$2579, Mike Console, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Mar 19-Apr 3, 2012: Hawaiian Islands Cruise (Round trip from San Francisco aboard Star Princess, Will visit 5 ports of call, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada) 16 day cruise from \$2140 to \$3090, Brian Serpa, San Jose, Br 141 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

Mar 22-26, 2012: Giants Spring Training (Fly San Jose to Phoenix for Giants Spring Training. Trip includes home pick up/return air fare, transfers, accommodations, all breakfasts, 1 dinner). Cost is \$1295 (dbl) and \$1745 (sgl.) Jim Hohenshelt, Br62, Santa Clara, 408-241-4421 or 408-394-7226 for questions

Apr 11- 16, 2012: National Cherry Blossom Festival (Tour includes reservations at Cherry Blossom parade, tram tour of Arlington, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Space Shuttle Enterprise, Mt Vernon and Potomac River cruise) 6 day trip for \$2170, John Pletsch, San Jose, Br 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console- 408-246-1080.

Apr 12-20, 2012; Ama Waterways Tulip Time Cruise, (Discover the beauty and history of the Dutch and Belgian waterways in the springtime aboard the new 160 passenger ship Amaverde, ports include Antwert, Ghent , Amsterdam, and Bruges). 9 days cruise for \$2546 to \$4445 plus air. Richard Small, Pleasanton, Br 34, 925-4621204.

Apr 13-28, 2012: Cruise Hawaii. (15 night Cruise aboard the “Star Princess” sailing RT from SF to Hawaii. Excursions in Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Ensenada. Cost \$1928 to \$2949, David Abrahams, Livermore, Br 101, 925-447-9386. or Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590 or Henry Puccinelli Br. 22, 415-457-3990.

May 18-24, 2012: Southern Sights & Southern Lights. (This 7 day trip features the lovely Southern cities of Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort and Charleston. The tour includes a riverboat ride in Savannah and a narrated carriage tour of downtown Beaufort) Cost \$2695, Bill Kurtz, San Jose, Br. 21, 268-8830, or Dick Kohl, 268-0428.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012: Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. (cruise begins in Basel with stops at Strasbourg, Baden-baden, Speyer, Boppard, Koblenz, Issel, Trier, Bonn, Kinderdijk and Antwerp.) 16 days \$3895 to \$5295, includes meals, wine W/ dinner, 12 guided tours , cruise director, wireless internet, personal head sets, and experienced program director. Ken Richter, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-689-6217.

Jun 15-23, 2012: Harbor Hopping in New England. (2 nights in Boston, 6 nights aboard the American Star. Ports include Providence, Newport, Bristol, New Bedford, Fall River, Martha’s Vineyards and Block Island.) 9 days for \$4408-\$5268, Ralph Hunt, Mt View, Br153, 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore 408-867-4197.

Jul 13-22, 2012: Bermuda Plus 2 nights in New York. (2 nights at the Best Western President Hotel at Times Square with guided tour of New York. Then set sail for Bermuda aboard the Holland America’s MS Veendam for 7 night cruise. Ports of Call include, St George, Hamilton) Cost is \$2995 To \$3775. John Pletsch, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Aug 4-16, 2012: Switzerland & the Enchanting Rhine. (Cruise up the Rhine River from Basel to Amsterdam. Includes stops in Zurich, Lucerne, Colmar, Strasbourg,

Heidelberg and Rhine Gorge) 13 days for \$6425 to \$8500. Jim Stoner Br.114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 528-0746.

Aug 18, 2012: Castles Along The Rhine & Danube. (16 day cruise thru Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and the Netherlands. Board the River Boat in Budapest, Hungary on Aug 18th 2012.) Cost from \$4699 pp to \$6599. Earl Nelson Br.172 Twain Harte 209-586-5661 or Wil Reich Br. 77 Sonora, 209-533-2626.

Aug 13-30, 2012: Walking in Switzerland and Cruising the Romantic Rhine. (Lucerne with public transportation excursions each day plus a 8 day river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam) Werner Schlapfer , Br 121, Livermore, 925-443-8291.

Sep 1-14, 2012: Paris, Rhone River, and Provence. (Trip starts with a 8 days cruising the Rhone River with stops in Arles ,Avignon, Viviers,Tournon, Lyon and Chalon-sur-Saone. Then on by bullet train to Paris for 5 more days of sightseeing, including the Louvre, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, and the Gardens of Versailles) Cost \$5500 to \$6500. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, Santa Clara, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month.

Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed