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AREAS 5 & 20

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→→→→ PLEASE READ! ←←←←

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS - FIRST Contact the Tour Escort!, then send him your check made **payable** to the **listed travel agency**. Make sure your phone number, address and branch number are on the check. Reservations are on a **first paid, first served** basis. Your reservation is firm only when the Tour Escort has received your Payment.

BROCHURES - Brochures are available for most trips ask your Branch Travel Chairman for a copy.

REFUNDS - Refunds are made as outlined in the brochures.

RESPONSIBILITY - All travel events and other activities arranged for and by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of participants or passengers, or their property, in any manner pertaining to said travel or other activities.

YOUR TRIP NOT IN THE BULLETIN? - Trips that are full or are not available for sign up are not included in the Bulletin.

HANDICAPPED? Notify Tour Escort, **before** signing up, so suitable arrangements can be made.

DEPARTURE - Unless otherwise specified, trips depart from the South Light Rail Parking Lot G, located at Highway 87 and Capitol Expressway in San Jose. **Check Brochure for your trip!**

Please Note!!!

If you are not interested in travel get your name taken off our mailing list by contacting Bob Shields at (408) 268-4975, email rwshields@Comcast.net, or your branch Travel Chairman.

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*****PRESENTATIONS*****

**Friday, August 6, 2010 for the June 11-23, 2011 ♦
RUSSIAN WATERWAYS ♦** At Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., at 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) or Larry Martinson (528-0746).

**Thursday, July 8th at 3 PM. for the Feb. 14-28, 2011
♦MAGNIFICENT MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY♦**
At Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., at 3 p.m. Please RSVP to Bill Kurtz (408) 268-8830 and Dick Kohl (408) 268-0428.

**Thursday, July 15th for the Mar 5-15, 2011 ♦The
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ♦** At Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., at 3 p.m. Please RSVP to Ralph Hunt (650-967-8467) or Alan Patmore (408-867-4197).

*****NEW TRIPS*****

Dec. 15, 2010 ♦ BEACH BLANKET BABYLON♦ (Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry

Martinson (408-528-0746). Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theater history. It's a zany, musical spoof of pop culture and famous worldwide for its extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. Trip includes dinner and shopping time in the Union Square area, deluxe motor coach, and all gratuities. Send application and payment of \$160 per person payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose 95135. Brochure for this holiday performance available. Hurry, this one fills up fast!

Nov. 17-22 10, 2010 ♦ BRANSON HOLIDAY ♦
(Br. #94) Escorts: Ernie Bode (408) 264-2077 and Bud Souza (408) 340- 0082. A 6-day tour of the Entertainment Capital of America--Branson, MO-- is designed as a joyous introduction for your mind and heart to the Advent Season. Six shows of music and comedy by talented performers. Four additional selected points of interest are scheduled. Ten hosted meals (4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 dinners) and comfortable accommodations throughout. Daily activities and included features are detailed in our brochure, now available. Price is \$2089 pp dbl. occ. (add \$320 sgl. supp.) Deposit \$200 per person--checks only-- made payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Ernie Bode, 2533 Malaga Drive, San Jose, Ca 95125. Final payment due August 27, 2010.

Feb.14-28, 2011 ♦ MAGNIFICENT MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY♦

(Br. #21) Escorts: Bill Kurtz (408) 268-8830 and Dick Kohl (408) 268-0428. Our fifteen day adventure begins in Venice and includes visits to exotic ports in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Cyprus, and Croatia. We begin with a leisurely two day stay in Venice and then embark on the Mediterranean adventure of a lifetime. As in all SIRS trips, gratuities, airfare, hotels, transfers, tips, taxes, most meals and group insurance are included. The cost for this exciting trip into history begins at \$3510 per person for an inside stateroom. The ocean view rooms are \$3700 per person and balconies start at \$3850 per person. Send checks for the deposit of \$700 per person made out to 'Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account'. Mail those checks to Bill Kurtz at 1115 Olive Branch Drive San Jose, Ca. 95120. Sign up quickly these state rooms will sell quickly and we only have a limited number available. Remember your deposit, less group insurance premium, is totally refundable unless you wait beyond the contract date stipulated by the travel agent.

May 10-17, 2011 ♦ ROCKY MOUNTAINEER WESTERN EXPLORER♦

(Br # 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. An 8 day tour of the Canadian Rockies, with one night in Calgary, one night Banff, Lake Louise, two nights in Jasper and then all aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train Red Leaf Service Jasper to Kamloops, with an overnight in Kamloops, with the train continuing the next day to Vancouver, with an overnight in Vancouver before flying back home. Daily activities and included features are detailed in our brochure. Price is \$2999 pp dbl occ (single supp is \$3626 pp). Deposit is \$400 per person w/o insurance or \$652 w/ insurance. payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Final Payment is due March 1, 2011. Brochure available

Jun. 11-23, 2011 ♦ RUSSIAN WATERWAYS ♦

(Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (528-0746). An upscale, all-inclusive 11-night luxury cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow on the newest, best equipped riverboat in Russia: AMA's MS Amakatarina. The boat features extra large staterooms, available balconies, modern bathrooms and an elevator. This cruise is the best available; wine with dinner, gourmet meals, exemplary service and great excursions, such as a ballet performance at the Hermitage Theater. Prices range from \$5895 to \$7695 for a suite, pp dbl. occ. All meals, all gratuities, port charges, visas and transfers included! Deposit of \$740 pp payable to Around the World Travel/YTC Trust Account should be mailed with applications to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available for this incomparable cruise adventure.

Mar 5-15, 2011 ♦The GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ♦ (Br 153) Tour escorts Ralph Hunt (650-967-8467) and Alan Patmore (408-867-4197). A visit to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands that will include the Otavalo Indigenous Market, the Andes Mountain Train, the "Middle of the World" Quito and a 5-Day Galapagos cruise with stops at six (6) enchanted islands. Eleven days with 23 meals are included ! Also covered are air taxes and fees/surcharges of \$100, Hotel transfers, gratuities and Round Trip Air from San Francisco. Priced at \$6,469 per-person, double occupancy. First deposit of \$250 pp due upon reservation, payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS and addressed to Ralph Hunt, 13158 Diericx Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040.

******* ONE DAY OUTINGS *******

Jun. 18, 2010 ♦WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM AND SF BAY MODEL VISITOR CENTER♦

BR 32 Escorts: John Pletsch (274-2992) and Mike Console (246-1080). Located in the Presidio of San Francisco the Museum is dedicated to the life and history of Walt Disney. Also included is a visit to the SF Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito. Cost: \$52. Send application and check payable to Frontier Travel & Tours Trust Fund to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Deadline is May 28.

Oct. 10, 2010 ♦ Fleet Week on the Jeremiah O'Brien ♦

Br 62 Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226 and Roy Jordan 408-735-8765 Spend the day cruising the bay on the last operational World War II Liberty Ship, SS Jeremiah O'Brien. The trip is Fleet Week every year. The cost is \$260 per person, and includes round trip transportation from the South Bay, the 6 hour cruise (10 PM to 4 PM) , a BBQ lunch, drinks (beer, wine etc), live music, a tour of the historic ship, and the Bay Area's best view of the Blue Angels Air Show. Also included in the cost is a mandatory donation of \$150, for the care & maintenance of the Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum requires that the tickets be paid in full reserve a spot on the ship and they give no refunds. Therefore, full payment for this trip is required by July 1, 2010 to assure a spot. A least 20 need to be signed up for their trip to happen. Call Jim or Roy for details.

*******OVER NIGHT AND LONGER TRIPS*******

Aug. 24 - Sept 1, 2010♦Austrian Delight with Oberammergau's Passion Play♦

Escorts: Brian Serpa 227-7658 & Rollo Parsons 268-5245. Fly to Innsbruck, Austria to begin your memorable experience. A panoramic tour of Innsbruck, a tour of Bavaria, a tour of Salzburg (birthplace of Mozart) are just some of the highlights before we enter the Oberammergau region for the Passion Play, a powerful once-in-a-decade event. Costs are \$4099 pp/dbl occ, and \$4499 single. Price includes round-trip transportation, all transfers, air

taxes/fees/surcharges of \$330, and all gratuities. Deposit is \$500 payable to Collette Vacations. Send reservation and deposit to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct, San Jose, 95123.

Sept. 7-18, 2010 ♦ PORTUGAL and SPAIN RIVER

CRUISE♦ (Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner 238-8458 and Larry Martinson 528-0746. Spend 3 nights in Lisbon touring the area and then drive north to Porto to board the MS Amadouro where a luxury 7-night cruise awaits us. We will enjoy the beautiful countryside and rich vineyards of the Douro River Valley, stopping at picturesque towns along the way. Prices range from \$5280 to \$5860 pp dbl. occ. All outside staterooms. Group medical insurance and all gratuities included! Deposit of \$500 pp payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account should be mailed with applications to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available for this unique scenic adventure.

Sept 25-30, 2010 ♦ Custer State Park Buffalo

Roundup♦

(Br. 153) Tour escorts Ralph Hunt (650-967-8467) and Alan Patmore (408-867-4197). A visit to southwest South Dakota that will include stops at the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park and many other notable features in the area highlighting the romantic Old-West. Five nights (...unpack only once) and eight meals are included. The Tour provides transfers/airfares from San Jose to Rapid City, SD. All applicable taxes and Gratuities for Drivers and Guides are included. This event will be a 'guaranteed-departure' and as a final attraction will include a Group Photo at Mount Rushmore. Cost \$1,407 dbl. and \$1,647 single. Deposit \$415 with Insurance or \$300 without payable to TALBOT TOURS TRUST ACCT. and mail to Ralph Hunt 13158 Diericx Dr Mountain View, CA 94040

Oct.1-9, 2010 ♦ ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA & GRAND CANYON♦

(Br.74) Escorts, Allen Daily 265-8140 Don House 268-1703. Fly San Jose to Albuquerque for 3 nite stay. See Balloon Glow, Dazzling Fireworks, and Mass Ascension of hundreds of hot air balloons. Visit Santa Fe; tour Canyon de Chilly by jeep; spend 2 days touring Grand Canyon; stay at Sedona and tour Verde Canyon by Railroad. Fly home from Phoenix. Price is \$2,925 pp, dbl. occ. Includes 18 hosted meals, all attractions, flights, tips and professional guide. Deposit of \$300/p is payable to Cruise ADVENTURES UNLIMITED TRUST ACCT. Mail with Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Nov. 17-18, 2010 ♦ The Spirit of Christmas at The Eldorado, Reno ♦

Br.74; Escorts: Allen Daily 265-8140 & Don House 268-1703. Deluxe Coach to Reno for an evening extravaganza show of Christmas music, high kicking chorus girls and glittering costumes. Enjoy a private Cocktail Party, hosted dinner and breakfast. We will

stop at The Nugget for fun and an \$8 cash bonus, Price is \$163 /p. dbl. occ. Make check payable to GGT Trust Acct. and mail with Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

****COMING ATTRACTIONS*******

Thurs Sep 30, 2010. ♦Charles Schulz Museum and Canine Companions♦

John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Guided tour of the Charles Schulz Museum featuring the life and works of the 20th century's most influential cartoon artist featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang. Hosted lunch at the Warm Puppy Cafe and after lunch we will visit the Canine Companions for Independence for a tour of their facility and learn how they train dogs to be of service with persons of disabilities. Brochure available soon.

Jan. 2011 - ♦Caribbean Triangle Cruise♦

Phone Tom Lamp (408) 274-0666 or e-mail lighthouselamp@att.net to get on special list for brochure and cabin selection. Pricing for Balcony is under \$3,000 p.p.dbl.

Jan. 11-13, 2011 - ♦15th annual Reno Amtrak♦

Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476 and Wayne Dawson (408) 972-1054. Brochure available soon.

Jun. 2011 ♦ASHLAND, OREGON & N. CALIFORNIA♦

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Aug. 15, 2011 - ♦ Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour ♦

To include Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476. Brochure available soon.

Thurs Aug 26, 2010. ♦S.F. Moving Movie Tour♦

John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Motor coach tour of San Francisco, with host Craig Smith featuring the movies made in and about S.F. Hosted Lunch at the Fog Harbor Fish House and following the tour a stop at Mel's Drive In for ice cream sundae or milk shake. Brochure available soon.

Sept. 2011 ♦ SEATTLE, VANCOVER, WHISTLER PLUS 4 NIGHT CRUISE TO DAN DIEGO♦

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