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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.

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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!!!

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*****PRESENTATIONS*****

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 for the October 9-28, 2011 **"Exploring New Zealand".**

At The Villages Clubhouse Sunset Room, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Bill Rodman (408-274-4521) or Tom Lamp (408 274-0666).

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

July 11 - 23, 2011 □ Denali Explorer Cruise Tour(13 days) □ (Br 62) The trip begins with a flight from San Jose to Anchorage, Alaska where we will be at the Captain Cook hotel for a welcome dinner. Next morning it's on to the Princess Lodge at Mt McKinley (2 nights, 1 dinner). We then take the Midnight Sun Express (Featuring Ultradome windows and open platforms) to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge for two nights, with the "Music at Denali" dinner show the first evening and a full day guided natural history tour into the Denali Wilderness the next day. It's on

to Whittier and the Diamond Princess Cruise ship by the Midnight Sun Express. The 7 night return cruise begins with scenic cruising past Glaciers (Hubbard and Glacier Bay National Park) with stops at Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan and a day of Inland Passage cruising before arriving in Vancouver for our flight home. The costs range from \$3792 for an interior cabin to \$4695 for a balcony cabin. Costs include all transfers and air travel, all fees, taxes and land gratuities; all cruise meals; all land breakfasts, 3 land dinners, the "Music at Denali" show and the Denali Nature Tour. For questions or a brochure, call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

August 11, 2011 □ SF Bay Model □ - (Br 62) Tour of the Army Corps of Engineers model of the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento River, and Delta Regions followed by lunch in Sausalito before returning to the South Bay. Trip will be \$115/person. If interested call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

October 20, 2011 □ USS Potomac □ (Br 62) Bus to Jack London Square in Oakland for a cruise on the USS Potomac. In 1934 the US Coast Guard Cutter Electra was converted into the USS Potomac, the Presidential Yacht for FDR, serving in that capacity from 1936 until FDR's death in 1945. She changed ownership several times during the years since then, one owner being Elvis Presley. She was briefly

used as a front for drug smugglers when it was confiscated by the government. She fell into disrepair and sank. Restoration was completed in 1995 and now 3 hour Bay cruises are offered from her mooring near Jack London Square. Lunch is planned at Jack London Square after the cruise. Trip will be \$160/person. If interested call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

November 5, 2011 □ Mexican Riviera Cruise –(8 days) □ (Br 62) Short, inexpensive and relaxing before the holidays. Cruise is a round trip out of San Diego with stops in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, and Cabo San Lucas. Price ranges from \$1389 (interior), \$1529 (outside window), and \$1619 to \$1799 (balcony). All meals and transportation (round trip from San Jose Airport) are included. Details at trip presentation, 1 PM May 12, 2011. If interested call Roy Jordan 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421

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

May 6, 2011 □ Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields □ Branch 32 Escorts John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Come and enjoy a full day of thoroughbred racing while enjoying a luncheon buffet in the Turf Club. Enjoy the races as you watch your horse flash across the finish line (hopefully in first place). More info to follow including price.

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

Apr. 23-May 4, 2011 □ THE LEGENDARY DANUBE □ (Br 141) Escorts, Brian Serpa - 408-227-7658 & Rollo Parsons - 408-268-5245 Fly from San Francisco to Prague, Czech Republic for 3-night stay, then drive to Nuremburg, Germany where we board our luxurious home on the Danube River, the Avalon Tapestry for a 7-night cruise to Budapest, Hungary. As we cruise the river we stop each day for included tours of historic cities, towns, and villages, including Vienna, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Passau, Melk, and Budapest. Special features of this trip include Home Pickup in greater SJ area, beer tasting in Regensburg, wine with dinner on cruise, plus much more. Prices range from \$4395 - \$4995 pp, dbl occ, depending on stateroom category. Includes round-trip air transportation, all transfers, tips for drivers, guides, & skycaps, and travel gift. Deposit is \$600 pp, payable to Talbot Tours Trust Account. Send registration and deposit to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct, San Jose, 95123

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. Passengers will be picked up at their home and at the conclusion of the trip returned home. 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

May 15-17, 2011 □ FOLLOW THE RUSSIAN RIVER TO THE PACIFIC COAST 3 Days 2 Nights □

Branch #94 Escorts Bud Souza, 408-340-0082 and John Cabri (408) 356-8863. We will visit Kendall Jackson & Korbel Champagne Wineries and have a deli gourmet lunch. Then to the Dawn Ranch Lodge on the Russian River for 2 night stay. The evening a three course meal at the Roadhouse Restaurant. Next day we travel through small towns and villages and few out of the way places like California River Carnvoves, Kozlowski Farms, Duncan Mills and on to Bodega Bay for another 3 course meal. Next day to Benzinger Family Winery for the Biodynamic Tram Tour. Finishing with docent led tour of Cornerstone Sonoma and eclectic collection of shops, wineries and gourmet cafe and 9 acre gardens. May 16-18, 201 May 16-18, 201 All this for only \$553 per person (Private cottage-two people) Singles add \$150 per person. Call for brochure info: Bud Souza, 408-340-0082 or email: buds2@mindspring.com

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.

July 11 - 23, 2011 (13 days) □ Denali Explorer Cruise Tour □

(BR 62) Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt 241-4421 & Roy Jordan 735-8765. The trip begins with a flight from San Jose to Anchorage, Alaska where we will be at the Captain Cook hotel for a welcome dinner. The following day a scenic motorcoach drive takes us to the Princess Lodge at Mt McKinley (2 nights, 1 dinner). Several day activities are available; a particularly intriguing sounding trip is an all day ATV (all terrain vehicle) wilderness ride. The Midnight Sun

Express (Featuring Ultradome windows and open platforms) then takes us on to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge for two nights, with the "Music at Denali" dinner show the first evening and a full day guided natural history tour into the Denali Wilderness the next day. The following day we re-board the Midnight Sun Express, traveling to Whittier and the Diamond Princess Cruise ship. The 7 night return cruise begins with two days of scenic cruising past Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay National Park. The next four days feature stops at Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan (13.5, 9.5, and 8 hours respectively), followed by a day of cruising through the Inland Passage. We arrive at Vancouver the final morning in time for our flight home. The costs range from \$3792 for an interior cabin to \$4695 for a balcony cabin. Costs include all transfers and air travel, all fees, taxes and land gratuities; all cruise meals; all land breakfasts, 3 land dinners, the "Music at Denali" show and the Denali Nature Tour. Trip details will be discussed at a presentation scheduled for 12 January, 2011 at Mama Mia, 300 E Hamilton Ave, Campbell. For questions or a brochure, call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

Jul. 20-24 2011 □ ASHLAND, OR. & N. CALIFORNIA □

(Br.74) Escorts: Allen Daily 408/265-8140 & Don House 408/268-1703. A scenic tour of Northern California while traveling to Ashland, Oregon for Theatre performances of PIRATES OF PENZANCE, GHOST LIGHT and a DINNER SHOW. Includes 3 nights at ASHLAND SPRINGS HOTEL, ten hosted meals, Wine/Cheese Party, one night at ROLLING HILLS CASINO, wine tasting at Napa, tips and lots of fun. Price is \$1,265 pp. dbl Single Supplement: \$335.. occ. Mail \$200/p deposit payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose 95125 with Application.

Aug. 1 - 12, 2011 □ Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour □

Branch 39 Escorts Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476 and Wayne Dawson (408) 972-1054. 12 Days, 18 Meals Professional Driver / Guide, Ferry from Scotland to Ireland, Scenic cruise on Loch Ness, Whisky tasting and tour of Blair Athol Distillery, Voucher for open-top bus tour in Dublin, Reserved seats for Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Tours of Edinburgh and Belfast with local guides, Walking tour of Derry with a local guide, Minibus excursion to Slieve League Sea Cliffs, Visits and admissions to Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Ben Nevis Highland Centre, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Giant's Causeway, Ulster, American Folk Park, W. B. Yeats' Grave, Strokestown House & Famine Museum and Kilmainham Gaol. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an annual series of Military tattoos performed by British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and International military bands and display teams in the Scottish capital Edinburgh. International military regiments and even African tribes have performed at the Tattoo over the years. The first regiment from outside the UK to take part was the Band of the Royal Netherlands Grenadiers in

1952. So far, over 30 countries have been represented at the Tattoo. Popular visiting performers include the Swiss Top Secret Drum Corps. Brochure available. Price \$3995 dbl/4650 single. Deposit is \$300 pp. Insurance is available, (\$370 dbl/459 single) to be paid with deposit. Make check payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct. and send to Neil Jameson, 390 Hallson Lane, Ben Lomond, CA 95005-9411. Email jamesons@pacbell.net

Sept. 16-26, 2011 □ WEST COAST SWING □ (Br.74)

Escorts: Allen Daily 408/265-8140 & Don House 408/268-1703. Home pick up and return. Fly to Seattle for dinner at Space Needle, Underground Tour and more. After two nite stay, take the train to British Columbia. Stay two nites each, at Kelowna, Whistler and Vancouver. Attractions include several Olympic sites, mountain tram ride, Old Town, dinner at winery, scenic touring and Whistler Mountaineer train. Conclude with two nite cruise on the Coral Princess to San Francisco, and home. Price varies with cabin, from \$2,980 to \$3,220/p dbl. occ. Check or Credit Card deposit of \$400/p payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct. should be mailed to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose 95125 with Application.

Oct. 9 – 28, 2011 □ Exploring New Zealand □

Branch 38 Escorts, Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521 & Tom Lamp (408) 274-0666. Twenty day escorted land tour of both New Zealand's North and South Islands, with optional 2 night post tour extension to Fiji. You'll be picked up at The Villages and possibly a second site. Highlights.... Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Tranz Alpine Train, Franz Joseph Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Mt Cook. These are exciting destinations with details described in our brochure - available at your branch travel table or, call Br 38 escorts or, e-mail brodman@sbcglobal.net. Also covered in the \$5329 pp dbl occupancy are Cancellation and Waiver Insurance of \$225 pp, air taxes and fees/surcharges of \$130, hotel transfers, gratuities and RT air from San Francisco. First deposit of \$475 pp (which includes Cancellation and Waiver Insurance) due upon reservation. Make checks payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS and addressed to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

Oct 16-22, 2011 □ Southern Charm □

Branch 32 Escorts John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Experience true Southern Hospitality and charm in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. Highlights include visits to Charleston, Boon Hall Plantation, Beaufort, Savannah, Jekyll Island, St Simons Island and St Augustine. Price is \$2269 dbl occ. (single supp \$2769. Deposit is \$415 with final payment due August

17, 2011. Checks, credit cards accepted. Payable to Collette Vacations Trust Acct. Send application and payment to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. **ONLY 20 SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRIP. COMMITMENT MUST BE MADE BY MAY 16, 2011.**

Nov 7-8, 2011 ☐ A CENTRAL COAST GETAWAY 2 Days 1 Night ☐

Branch #94 Escorts Bud Souza, 408-340-0082 and John Cabri (408) 356-8863. We arrive in Cambria for a hosted lunch at Linn's Fuit Bin (famous for their homemade pies) Then to Covell's California Clydesdale Ranch to see 100 horses and 200 acres of breathtaking views. Check in to La Serena Inn, Morro Bay for overnight stay and the evening we'll enjoy a hosted Yacht Dinner Cruise. WOW! The morning a continental breakfast with free time to explore Morro Bay and the afternoon will take a fun twist with a visit to Tobin James Winery and Clautiere Vinyards. This wine tour is like no other! All this for only \$327 per person double occupancy. Singles add \$70 per person' Call for brochure info: Bud Souza, 408-340-0082 or email: buds2@mindspring.com

Nov. 2011 ☐ (7 to 9 days) ☐

(Br 62) Escorts: Roy Jordan (408) 735-8765 & Jim Hohenshelt (408) 241-4421.

Short, inexpensive and relaxing before the holidays. Departs early to mid November for 7 to 9 days, round trip out of Southern California with 3 or 4 stops including Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Cost and actual itinerary are being finalized by the escorts

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

Jan. 10-12, 2012 - ☐15th annual Reno Amtrak☐

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