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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!

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

Aug 26-27, 2012 ♦ El Dorado Reno "Oh What A Night" ♦ (Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch 408-274-2992 or Mike Console 408-246-1080. Touring internationally since 2009, "Oh What A Night" takes a nostalgic trip down memory lane to celebrate the hit songs of Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons, whose story is told in the musical "Jersey Boys". Tour includes round trip motorcoach, one night stay at the El Dorado, buffet dinner and breakfast, casino stop at the Sparks Nugget and the performance of "Oh What A Night". All taxes, gratuities and luggage handling are included. Cost is \$165 per person double occ (\$24 additional for single occ). Make checks payable to Frontier Travel & Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121.

Nov, 28-29, 2012 ♦ Christmas at The Eldorado, Reno ♦

(Br. 74) Escorts are Allen Daily, 408/265-8140 and Don House, 408/268-1703. The annual Christmas Show during our one night's stay at the ELDORADO will be a captivating performance of ALADDIN. The trip will include our private cocktail party, buffet dinner, reserved seating for the show, breakfast buffet, play time at the Nugget, a \$5 cash and \$5 food bonus, rest stops at the Black Oak and The Nut Tree Plaza, driver's tip and loads of fun. The price is \$185/pp, dbl. occ. and \$15 sgl. supl. Mail your Reservation Form and full payment made out to Cruise Adventures Unlimited, to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

April 10 – 25, 2013 ♦ Hawaiian Islands Cruise ♦ Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Grand Princess

(Br 38) Escorts: Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521 & Hank Clark (408) 223-6466. NO FLIGHTS.....This 15-day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Cruise through the Golden Gate on your way to and from sunny Hawaii. We stop at 5 ports of call: Honolulu (Oahu), Nawiliwili (Kauai), Lahaina (Maui), Hilo (Hawaii) and Ensenada (Mexico). Transportation to and from San Francisco pier from The Villages & Capitol Light Rail station, 1 bottle of wine per stateroom, port taxes, taxes on included items, Travel Guard Group Protection Plan and porter tips for 1 suitcase per person. Prices range from \$2490 to \$3880 per person, double

occupancy, depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$800 per person (reduced to \$300 pp during Special Cruise Sale June 5 – 9, 2012). Higher deposit if traveling as a single. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table. Brochure can also be viewed on SIR 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Deposits payable by check or credit card to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

*******ONE DAY TRIPS*******

July 25, 2012 ♦ “Les Miserables” at Orpheum Theater ♦

(Br. 74) Escorts Allen Daily 408/265-8140 and Don House 408/268-1703. Deluxe coach to Pier 39 with free time for lunch/shopping. We then have reserved seats for a matinee performance of the fabulous “LES MISERABLES” at the Orpheum Theater”. The price is \$124 /p payable to Cruise Adventure Unlimited Trust Fund. Mail with application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Oct. 7, 2012 ♦ Fleet Week ♦

(Br 62) - We will board the Celebration on the Bay motor launch in Jack London Square for a 3 to 4 hour day on the bay. Cost will be \$160/person and include round trip bus from VTA parking lot and a catered lunch while we view the Fleet Week air show (Blue Angels). Although this trip is currently full, an additional cruise on Friday, October 5, is being investigated. This may also open some spaces on Sunday, so if you are interested in either day or have questions, call escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226 or 408-241-4421) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

Dec. 12, 2012 ♦ Beach Blanket Babylon ♦

(Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-528-0746). Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theater history. It's a zany spoof of pop culture and politics, highlighted by extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. After the show (where we have center and side box seats), dinner with wine is hosted at nearby Capp's Restaurant—great food and service. We'll arrive early enough in San Francisco for Christmas sightseeing and shopping. Trip also includes deluxe motor coach transportation and dinner and driver gratuities. Price: \$182 per person. Please send your application and check payable to “Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account” to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose 95135. This one sells out so make your reservations early. Brochure available.

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

August 4-16, 2012 ♦ Switzerland and The Enchanted Rhine River ♦

(Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (528-0746). Start with a 2-night stay in picturesque Zurich, then spend 2 nights in Lucerne, a medieval gem. After a city tour of cosmopolitan Basel, we will embark on the luxurious AMA Waterways river cruise ship MS AMACELLO for a 7-night trip up the Rhine River to Amsterdam. Highlights include COLMAR, the “Capital of Alsatian Wine,” a STRASBOURG canal cruise, historic HEIDELBERG, the scenic RHINE GORGE, with dozens of castles and fortresses (World Heritage Site), and COLOGNE, with its famous 13th century Gothic cathedral. We will also visit The Floriade, a horticultural expo that takes place once a decade. We end with a scenic canal tour of vibrant AMSTERDAM. River cruise includes superb meals and unlimited wine with dinner. Special highlights include musical performances, lectures and folkloric dance programs. Cost is \$6425 to \$8500 for a suite, pp dbl. occ. Group medical insurance, round trip air, port charges, and transfers included. Deposit of \$1000 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.

Sept.18-23,2012 ♦ Autumn Sierra Adventure ♦

(Br. 74) Escorts Don House 408/268-1703 and Allen Daily 408/265-8140. Three nights in Yosemite Nat'l Park, with Autumn sight seeing tours and lunches at the Tenaya Lodge, Ahwahnee and Wawona hotels; 3 breakfasts and a dinner at Yosemite Food Court. Drive thru Tuolumne Meadows and awesome Tioga Pass for three more days of spectacular sight seeing along the Eastern Sierras including Devil's Postpiles, Mono Lake, Bodie and other Mammoth Lakes attractions, with breakfast & dinner daily. Visit Columbia State Historic Park and have wine tasting, organ music and dinner at the Ironstone Vineyards. Price is \$1,850 pp/dbl and \$450 sgl. supl. A \$425 pp deposit payable to Alamo World Trust Acct. should be mailed to Don House, 6770 Crystal Springs Ct., San Jose, CA 95120 with your application.

Oct. 11 – 23, 2012 ♦ Spain's Costa del Sol & The Portuguese Riviera ♦

(Br 38) Escorts, Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521 & Nick Lickwar (408) 532-6992. Thirteen day escorted land tour of Spain's Costa del Sol & Portugal's Riviera. You'll be picked up at The Villages and possibly a second site. Highlights...Madrid, Prado Museum, High Speed Train, Cordoba, Costa del Sol, Granada, Alhambra, Cadiz, Seville, Cascais, Lisbon, Sintra, Estoril, Obidos, Fatima. These & other optional excursions 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. You can also view the brochure

(without the options) on the Br 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Book by Apr. 11, 2012 & save \$100 per person. Also covered in the \$4244 pp dbl occupancy (\$4144 until Apr. 11, 2012) are Cancellation & Waiver Insurance of \$220 pp, air taxes & fees/surcharges of \$150, hotel transfers, gratuities & RT air fare from San Francisco & transportation to/from The Villages to the airport. First deposit of \$470 pp (which includes cancellation & waiver insurance) is due upon reservation. Make checks payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS or use the Credit Card Authorization Form (included in the brochure) & address to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

Jan. 14-27, 2013 ♦ Tahitian Breeze Vacation ♦

(Br. 114) Tour Escorts Larry Martinson (408-528-0746) and Jim Stoner (408-238-8458). Start with a 2-night stay at the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel in Papeete, Tahiti, breakfast included. Two days of free time to explore the boundless beauty and captivating cultures of this French Polynesian city. Then go aboard the luxurious *Marina*, one of the newest Oceania Cruise Line ships, for a 11-day cruise exploring the islands of Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora, Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, and Rangiroa. We'll also cruise the Tuamotu Archipelago before returning to Papeete. We will get off the ship in the a.m. and check into day rooms at the Sofitel Resort to rest up before our evening flight back to CA. Oceania Cruises offers the finest cuisine at sea, served in a wide variety of distinctive open-seating restaurants at no additional charge. Round trip transfers from the Villages and VTA station to San Jose Airport, Airfare, transfers in Papeete, 2-night accommodations plus day a room, 11 nights on board Oceania Cruise Lines "Marina" including all meals and tips, \$150 shipboard credit per cabin, \$445 per person government fees and taxes are **all included in the price, starting at \$5,850 per person double occupancy, B 4 Balcony cabin.** Deposit of \$1,000 pp, payable to Around the World Travel/YTC Trust Account should be mailed to Larry Martinson 9029 Village View Dr. San Jose, CA. 95135. Brochure available.

Feb. 6-21, 2013 ♦ Panama Canal ♦

(Br. 74) Escorts Allen Daily 408/265-8140 and Don House 408/268-1703. Fly to Fort Lauderdale for an overnight prior to boarding the CORAL PRINCESS for a fourteen night cruise thru the Caribbean Sea with calls at Aruba, and Cartagena before a full day of transit thru the Panama Canal. Stops also include Nicaragua and Cabo San Lucas prior to arrival at Los Angeles and a flight to San Jose. Price for dbl. occ. runs from \$3220 to \$4555 based on cabin selection. All prices include insurance, tips, taxes, baggage handling, cocktail party and much more. Mail completed application and deposit to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

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

January 2013 ♦ ANYTHING GOES - a play in San Francisco ♦ (Br 21) Bill Kurtz (408-268-8830)

March 31-April 10, 2013 ♦ Mexican Riviera Cruise ♦

(Br 141) Tour escorts Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). Eleven day cruise from San Francisco. Details coming.

June 2013 ♦ MACKINAW ISLAND, the GREAT LAKES, CHICAGO, and DETROIT ♦ (Br 21) Bill Kurtz (408-268-8830)

July 10 to 28, 2013 ♦ Baltic Cruise: London to St. Petersburg and back ♦

(Br 62) We board the Crown Princess in Southampton and for the next 14 days we cruise the North and Baltic Seas with stops in Oslo, Gothenburg, Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (2 days), Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Brussels. We are considering a few extra days to see the sights of London. Details will be discussed at the trip presentation at Mama Mia's, August 23, 2012 10:30 AM. Cost will be \$4795 to \$4890 (plus air fare) for a balcony cabin. The travel agent is allowing the use of air line miles for the air fare, if you would prefer. Details are currently being defined. For questions call escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226 or 408-241-4421) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

October 2013 ♦ New England Cruise ♦

(Br 141) Tour escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Details coming.