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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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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! you want your Bulletin delivered to. You will get your copy of the Bulletin monthly as opposed to the bimonthly mailed copy!

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.

*****OVERNIGHT AND LONGER TRIPS*****

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

December 4, 2013 ♦Beach Blanket Babylon♦

(Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). 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: \$178 per person. Please send your application and check payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Court, San Jose, CA 95123. This one sells out so make your reservations early. Brochure available.

September 15-23, 2013 ♦ARRIBA! CUBA!♦(Br 39) Escorts Neil Jameson (831-336-2476) and Wayne Dawson (408-833-8435). Overnight in Miami. Fly to Cuba. Extensive touring in Trinidad City, then Havana with touring and night time activities. Visit a cigar factory and see historical landmarks; lectures, nature tours, shopping, and restaurants. Brochure and pdf available. 9 days, 19 meals. US government approved tour. Fares from San Jose VTA. Cost is \$3999 double or \$4399 single occupancy.

Oct. 10 – 15, 2013 ♦Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Santa Fe♦

(Br 38) NOTE: This trip is now first come, first served by the travel agency. Call Now! Escorts, Bill Rodman (408-274-4521) & Hank Clark (408-223-6466). Coach departs The Villages & possibly Capitol Light Rail station. Fly from San Francisco to Albuquerque, NM. Highlights..... Balloon Fiesta, Old Town Albuquerque, Nuclear Science & History Museum, Indian Cultural Museum, Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe, Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe School of Cooking with optional excursion to Taos. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table. Brochure can also be viewed on SIR 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org>. Mail deposit and registration to: Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA 95135.

Oct. 15-26, 2013 ♦Cruise Canada & New England♦

(Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). This 12 day trip begins and ends in San Francisco. The first day is a flight from San Francisco to New York with an evening and the next morning in New York City. Then board the Emerald Princess for a 10 night cruise up the New England coast and into Canada. Ports of call are Newport, Boston, Bar Harbor, Saint John, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown and Quebec City. Costs range from \$2985 to \$3890 depending on cabin selection. This price includes home pick-up and return, roundtrip air transportation, 10 nights aboard the Emerald Princess, all shipboard meals and entertainment, luggage handling, pre-night in New York City, all transfers between airport, ship and pier and hotel, all applicable taxes, including air, government and port taxes, all driver & porter gratuities, pre-trip orientation and a Talbot Tour gift. A retired military onboard credit of \$100 is available. Deposits are payable by check or credit card to Talbot Tours Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct., San Jose, CA 95123.

November 13-25, 2013 ♦Paris, Rhone River, and

Provence♦ (Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). This is a less expensive version of the Rhone River cruise previously listed. We fly from San Francisco to Nice for an overnight stay and short exploration. The next day a motor coach takes us to Arles, with a stop at the Rhone American (WWII) Cemetery. At Arles, we board the Grand Circle 5 star rated cruise ship "Provence," and after touring Arles (Roman sites, Van Gough, optional "Afternoon in Provence" tour), we depart for an 8 day (7 night) cruise of the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with stops, day tours, and free time in Avignon (Papal Palace, famous bridge), Viviers (medieval village walking tour), Tournon (visit & dinner in French home), Lyon (UNESCO World Heritage site, Basilica of Fourviere, tour of Beaujolais region, discussion of WWII resistance in Rhone Valley) and Macon (recently renovated old town), also an overnight stop in Trevoux. After disembarking in Macon, we board a bus for Paris, with a stop and walking tour in Beaune en route. We have three nights in Paris at the Moderate First Class Novotel Paris Eiffel Tower (or similar) hotel. Our stay in Paris includes a panoramic tour, passing by the Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame and other landmarks, and a guided tour of Versailles. Another day will feature an optional tour of the Louvre and a half day free. The cost is \$4510 or \$4710 (lower deck), or \$5210 (upper deck) pp/dbl occupancy, or \$5355 single, including air fare, transfers, accommodations, taxes, cruise meals, and breakfasts, Paris and Versailles tours. For those wanting to explore further, there are extensions available, a three night pre-trip in Nice for about \$650 and a three night post trip in Paris for about \$700. Brochures are available from Jim or Roy, or from your branch travel table.

November 14-19, 2013 ♦ Branson Holiday♦

(Br 32 & 54). Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and Mike Console (408-246-1080). Six day tour to America's Entertainment Capital featuring the Osmonds, the Lennon Sisters, The Miracle of Christmas, the Twelve Irish Tenors, Shoji Tabuchi and much more holiday magic. Round trip airfare Bay Area/Kansas City, Deluxe motor coach, five night accommodations (Embassy Suites Kansas City – 1 night, Raddison-Branson – 4 nights). Ten meals (4 breakfast, 1 brunch, 5 dinners, admission to 7 shows, all gratuities and trip cancellation insurance. Price: \$2270 pp dbl occ (+\$320 single supplement). Deposit \$400 per person to secure reservation. Checks or Visa, Mastercard, Discover accepted. Payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Call for brochure or pick up at your branch travel table.

November 20-21, 2013 ♦CHRISTMAS ICE FANTASY at THE ELDORADO, Reno♦

(Br 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Our annual Christmas show at the Eldorado will be an Ice Fantasy where Cirque meets the Ice combining the excitement of figure skating with the thrill and wonder of cirque acts on ice. We will include our private Cocktail Party, buffet dinner and breakfast, casino time with \$5 cash and \$5 food bonus at the Nugget, plus no-host rest stops at the Black Oak and Nut Tree Center. The price is \$199/p dbl. occ. (\$16 Sgl. Suppl.) payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited. Mail check & Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Dec. 29, 2013 – Jan. 3, 2014 ♦New Year's Extravaganza 2014♦

(Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). We will travel by deluxe coach to the Hyatt Regency, Long Beach with a hosted lunch at Harris Ranch. After viewing the decorating of the Floats, lunch at Lawry's, have a guided tour of Space Shuttle ENDEAVOUR. Tour Universal Studios; enjoy New Year's Eve with dinner/champagne/dancing/Monte Carlo Casino, etc. View the Rose Bowl Parade from your reserved seat with cushion and program. Watch football on the large screen, followed by a teppan-vaki style dinner. Tour the Getty Villa, view the monarch butterfly sanctuary; overnite w/dinner at Pismo Beach and additional stops on the way home. Price is \$1845/p dbl. occ. with \$373 sgl. suppl. and includes Insurance. Deposit of \$200 is due with Application and payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited. Mail check & Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Feb 23-26, 2014 ♦USO SHOWS OF BOB HOPE♦

(Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 & Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Palm Springs, Ca. Home pick up and transfers, RT air Palm Springs, 3 nights hotel accommodations at Comfort Inn Palm Springs, three breakfasts & 2 dinners. Tour Highlights: Tribute to the USO Shows of Bob Hope, with a live orchestra and The Girls of Company "B", M*A*S*H* Night at the Palm Springs Air Museum, and Vegas-style stage show featuring The Rat Pack. Trip concludes with a performance of the fabulous Palm Springs Follies. Cost: \$1205 dbl occ (\$1435 single supp). Deposit \$200 without ins or \$285 with ins. Final payment due December 15, 2013.

November 2014 ♦Spain (11 to 14 days)♦ (Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). We are now considering a couple of options for a visit to historic and culturally diverse Spain. The tours may be 11 to 14 days, and will feature 3 to 5 nights in Madrid and 2 to 4 nights in Barcelona. Depending on the actual choice of trip, we may spend 4 nights in Valencia or 2 nights in Seville and a night in Grenada. The actual choice of trip, detailed itinerary, and the costs will be available shortly, but the cost should be under \$4100 pp/dbl. occ., including airport transfers, airfare, hotel accommodations, and several meals. There may be a 4 night pre-trip option to the Basque region and a 4 night post-trip option to Malaga, Spain. Please call Jim or Roy if you are interested or have a question.

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

October 2014 ♦Cruise to Madeira and Canary Islands♦

(Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Details will be coming.

February 2015 ♦Cruise the Caribbean♦ (Br 141)

Escorts Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). Details will be coming.

*******STATE 55th SIR Anniversary Cruise*******

August 28-September 7, 2013 ♦ Cruise to Alaska♦

SIR celebrates its 55th anniversary with an 11 day round trip cruise from San Francisco to Alaska. The celebration is on board the Grand Princess of the Princess Cruise Line. Ports of call include Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan and Victoria, BC. This will be a great opportunity to relax and spend some time getting to know your fellow SIR members while enjoying the wonderful Alaska scenery. Costs range from \$1,579 to \$3,300 pp double occupancy depending on cabin selection. The cost includes most ship gratuities, transportation to and from the pier, ship board credit of \$25, cocktail party, hospitality suite, wine and gift, and an exclusive all SIR Alaska Salmon Bake and Gold panning excursion. For more information and brochures see your Branch Travel Chairman at the travel table or call him at home.