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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!

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

July 8-12, 2014 ♦ Oregon Shakespeare Festival ♦ (Br 54 & 32) Escorts Mike Console (408-246-1080) and John Pletsch (408-274-2992). In Ashland, Oregon a five day bus tour featuring two lite comedy productions (Cocoanuts & 2 Men from Verona), and a Cabaret show "Ain't Misbehavin." Tours of Harry & David's Country Store and Kitchens in Medford, OR, Lille Belle Farms Chocolate Shop, National Historic Village Town of Jacksonville, and the Blue Ox Millworks in Eureka, CA where we will spend one night at the Bear River Casino Resort. We will also make other stops on the way both going and coming back, such as a hosted lunch in Redding, and a stop in Napa Valley at the V. Sattue Winery, where we will enjoy a Tour followed by a Wine Tasting and Box Lunch before returning to San Jose. Costs include, insurance, tickets to shows, 9 meals, bus driver and guides tips, baggage handling, and four nights of deluxe accommodations. Cost is \$1375 pp, dbl occ or \$380 additional if single. Deposit of \$300 pp to secure your reservation. Make checks payable to: **Cruise Adventures**

Unlimited/Trust Account and mail to Mike Console, 3527 Parkland Ave., San Jose, CA 95117.

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

December 7, 2013 ♦ All Aboard! For the Santa Cruz Holiday Lights Tour ♦ (Br 21) Escorts Ron Berube (408-829-5588) vinter101@gmail.com and Dick Kohl (408-268-0428) dakohl@pacbell.net. SOLD OUT! However, we are still accepting standby reservations. Pick up a brochure at your Travel Table for complete tour description or contact Ron or Dick for more details.

April 2, 2014 ♦ MAMMA MIA! ♦ (Br 21) Escorts Ron Berube (408-829-5588 - vinter101@gmail.com) and Dick Kohl (408-268-0428 - dakohl@pacbell.net). Lunch at Pier 39 followed by afternoon performance of Mama Mia! At the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. Make sure and pick up a brochure at your travel table for complete instructions on how to register. Don't delay! This one sells out fast! Special tour price of \$153 pp. More information available at your travel table for complete tour description or contact Ron or Dick for more details.

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

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 Villa Getty, view the monarch butterfly sanctuary; overnite w/dinner at Pismo Beach and additional stops on the way home. Trip is FULL. Currently taking Standbys.

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.

April 6-13, 2014 ♦California Coastal Cruise♦ (Br 141)

Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). This 8 day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Home pick-up and delivery so no driving is required. Ports include Santa Barbara, San Diego, Los Angeles (Long Beach), and Ensenada, Mexico. Trip cost includes home pick up, all meals and entertainment on board the Grand Princess, luggage handling of one suitcase per person, one bottle of wine per cabin, all taxes and fees. Costs range from \$1095 to \$1545 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Captain's circle members may qualify for a discount at time of booking. Princess Cruises has certain dates available where only a \$100 deposit is required which qualifies the traveler for a \$325 onboard coupon book as well. Also retired military will receive an onboard credit of \$100 by completing the application and returning it along with the appropriate military discharge paper. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table or contact one of the Br. 141 escorts. 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.

May 17-25, 2014 ♦Columbia & Snake River Cruise♦

(Br 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). We fly from San Jose to Portland and return from Spokane. Overnight in Portland with breakfast and transfers to the AMERICAN EXPRESS for 7 days of spectacular scenic cruising and complimentary shore excursions at Astoria, Sacagawea State Park and Clarkston.

Prices range from \$4,790 to \$6,270 /p dbl. occ. and includes all meals, wine, drinks, insurance, air and much more. See brochure for details. Deposit of \$850 /p is payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited and should be mailed to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

June 3-14, 2014 ♦Alaska Cruise, Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Star Princess♦

(Br 38) Escorts Bill Rodman (408-274-4521) and Hank Clark (408-223-6466). NO FLIGHTS....This 11 day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Cruise through the Golden Gate on your way to and from Alaska. We stop at 4 ports of call: Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway & Victoria, B.C. We'll also cruise beautiful Glacier Bay. 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. Plus...one cocktail party on board. Prices range from \$2185 to \$3785 per person, double occupancy, depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$550 per person. Higher deposit if traveling as a single. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table. Brochure is also available 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.

July 21-24, 2014 ♦Festival of the Arts Featuring "Pageant of the Masters"

(Br 32 & 54) Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and Mike Console (408-246-1080). Pageant of the Masters is a performance of "living paintings" re-creations of classical and contemporary works with real people posing to look exactly like their counterparts in the original pieces. In addition to the pageant the trip also includes cruise to **Catalina Island**, a visit to the Hollywood Museum and the **Space Shuttle Endeavor**. Tour includes home pickup, round trip air to Southern California, 3 nights at the Buena Park Holiday Inn, 5 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 dinners). Cost \$1335 dbl occ (\$1530 single sup). Deposit \$385 with insurance, \$300 without insurance. Final payment due May 5, 2014. Send application and payment check or credit card payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave., San Jose, CA 95121.

August 18-25, 2014 ♦Canadian Rockies♦

(Br 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-528-0746). We will be traveling in the world famous Rocky Mountaineer for two days, a sightseeing train that passes through pristine wilderness, inaccessible by any other means. You'll see towering mountain ranges, waterfalls, snow-capped glaciers and big game animals. The train travels only in daylight, so guests don't miss a thing. Renowned for its service and food, the Rocky Mountaineer is an experience of a lifetime. In addition, we will be visiting

other scenic sites, such as Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff, staying at deluxe Fairmont Hotels (Jasper Park Lodge, Chateau Lake Louise, and the Banff Springs Hotel). Tour includes 7 breakfasts, 5 at hotels and 2 on train, 2 lunches on train and dinner at the Chateau Lake Louise. Also included: GRATUITIES and TRIP INSURANCE, transfers, baggage handling, Canadian taxes, National Park passes and AIRFARE. Costs range from \$5265 pp dbl occ (Red), \$5735 (Silver) and \$6150 (gold). Substantial savings in each category for the first 10 couples that sign up: see brochure for details. Send application and \$750 deposit per person, payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Court, San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available.

Sept. 5-12, 2014 ♦Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Rhode Island Mansions in the Fall♦ (Br 21) Escorts Dick Kohl (408-268-0428) and Bill Kurtz (408-268-8830). This trip to New England includes visits to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Rhode Island Mansions. There are many other sights and events too numerous for this announcement. All the details are shown on the brochures at your monthly meetings. Tour price includes gratuities, many meals, hotel accommodations, tour guides, motor coach, airfare and all attractions. You also only have to unpack twice! Complete trip cost is only \$2676 pp dbl occ. SPECIAL NOTICE to SIR Members – Book by January 31, 2014 and save. Contact Dick for more information.

Oct. 12-Nov. 8, 2014 ♦Cruise the Islands of Spain & Portugal♦ (Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Princess has combined two cruise segments to make this a Grand Experience you will never forget. The first is 12 days covering the Island of Madeira Portugal, three ports in the Canary Islands and Santiago Spain. If you choose this segment you will fly San Francisco to London and cruise round-trip from Southampton. On the full 25 day cruise you will also enjoy the exciting ports of Le Havre France for Paris and the "Beaches of Normandy" then Lisbon Portugal, the Azores Islands, and finally a Tran-Atlantic crossing to Bermuda, before arriving in Ft Lauderdale for your flight home. Home pick-ups, pre-night in Southampton, Sabatini's Dinner Cover charge, cocktail party, and bottle of wine per cabin are included in the cost. Also included are roundtrip air transportation, all nights aboard the Emerald Princess, all shipboard meals and entertainment, luggage handling, all transfers between airport, ship and pier, and hotel; all taxes including air, government fees and port taxes, and all driver and porter gratuities. Costs range from \$3895 to \$4925 pp/dbl occ for the 12 day trip depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Costs for the full 25 day cruise range from \$5395 to \$6995 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Captain's circle members may qualify for a discount at time of booking. Princess

Cruises has certain dates available where only a \$100 deposit is required which qualifies the traveler for a \$325 onboard coupon book as well. Also retired military will receive an onboard credit of \$100 for the first segment, and \$250 for the full cruise, by completing the application and returning it along with the appropriate military discharge paper. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table or contact one of the Br. 141 escorts. 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 3-17, 2014 ♦Spain (13 days)♦ (Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). We plan 13 days to experience historic and culturally diverse Spain. We arrive in Madrid (5 nights) with a city tour and day trips to Segovia and Toledo. Then we proceed to Valencia with a stop en route at Cuenca. From Valencia we have scheduled day trips to Manises, and Lake Albufera. Next it's on to Barcelona with a city tour and day trips to the Llado Museum, Montserrat, and Codornia Winery. The cost is \$4195 pp/dbl and \$4395 sgl. The cost includes all air fare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities, all breakfasts, some other meals, and transfers between cities. There is also an optional pre-trip to Basque Country (Bilbao and San Sebastian) and an optional post-trip to Malaga. Each optional trip is for 4 nights and costs \$795. Brochures will be available later from Jim or Roy, or from your branch travel table.

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

January 2015 ♦Cruise between San Francisco and Hawaii♦ (Br. 74) Escorts Allen Daily and Don House. This will be a round trip Princess Cruise with no flights involved. Watch for brochure and details in the near future.

February 2015 ♦Panama Canal Cruise♦ (Br 141) Escorts Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). Details will be coming.