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

December 3, 2014 ♦ Beach Blanket Babylon ♦ (Br 38)

Escorts Hank Clark (408-223-6464) and Bill Rodman. 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: \$189 per person. Please send your application and check payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Hank Clark, 9052 Village View Loop, San Jose, CA 95135. This one sells out so make your reservations early. Pick up a brochure at your branch travel table. This information will also be available on our Branch 38 website:

<http://branch38.sirinc2.org>.

*****OVERNIGHT AND LONGER 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 (Cocanuts & 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.

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.

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 4-17, 2014 ♦Spain (14 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, including 6 UNESCO World Heritage sites, but we only have to pack three times. We arrive in Madrid (4 nights) with a city tour and optional day trips to Segovia and Toledo. We then proceed to Valencia (4 nights) with a stop en route to explore the breathtaking Cuenca. In Valencia we have a city tour and a visit to the Lladro museum, and an optional day trip to Manises and Lake Albufera. Next it's on to Barcelona with a stop in Tarragona. In Barcelona (4 nights) we have a panoramic tour and an optional day trip to the Codorniu Winery and the jagged Montserrat Mountains. **The cost has been reduced to \$3395, and that is either pp/dbl. occ. or single.** The cost includes all air fare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities; all breakfasts, ten other meals, and transfers between cities. A four night post-trip to Malaga is also available for \$795. Call Jim for a brochure or pick one up at the next branch meeting.

Nov. 19 & 20, 2014 ♦The Spirit of Christmas at the Eldorado, Reno ♦ (Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Our annual Christmas trip to the Eldorado, Reno will feature Santa & his helpers taking us on a nostalgic musical Christmas journey with old favorites such as White Christmas, Winter Wonderland, Silent Night, and many more. The price is \$199pp/dbl occ including coach, driver's tip, dinner and breakfast buffet, theater, annual cocktail party, playtime at the Nugget with \$5 cash and \$5 food credit and usual rest stops. Always a fun way to begin the Holiday Season! Make your check out to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Fund and mail with your Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Jan 13-28, 2015 ♦Hawaiian Islands Cruise♦ Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Star Princess (Br 74) Escorts, Don House (408-268-1703) & Allen Daily (408-265-8140). NO FLIGHTS....This 15-night 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: Hilo (Hawaii), Honolulu (Oahu), Nawiliwili (Kauai), Lahaina (Maui), and Ensenada (Mexico). Special features

include transportation to and from San Francisco pier, driver and stevedore tips for 1 suitcase per person, 1 bottle of wine per stateroom, two on-board cocktail parties, port taxes and Government fees. Also included Travel Guard Protection Plan to cover pre-existing medical conditions. Prices range from \$2420 to \$3875 pp/dbl occ depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$900 includes insurance. (Ask about reduced-deposit promotions from Princess Cruises). Deposits payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Send deposit and application to: Don House, 6770 Crystal Springs Ct., San Jose, 95120.

Feb. 4-19, 2015 ♦ Panama Canal Cruise♦ (Br 141) Escorts Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). This 16 day cruise starts in Los Angeles and ends in Ft. Lauderdale. It will highlight the 100 year anniversary of the canal and the completion of the canal third lane that accommodates the large ships of our time. Home pick-up and delivery so no driving is required. Ports include Cabo San Lucas, San Juan del Sur in Nicaragua, Puntarenas in Costa Rica, Cartagena and Aruba. Trip cost includes home pick up to the San Jose Airport and return from Ft. Lauderdale, 15 night luxury cruise aboard the Island Princess, all shipboard meals and entertainment, luggage handling of one suitcase per person, one bottle of wine per cabin, all taxes and fees. Costs range from \$3270 to \$4080 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Captain's circle members and retired military may qualify for discounts 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. 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: Rollo Parsons, 5987 Via Madero Drive, San Jose, CA 95120.

March 19-25, 2015 ♦ Azaleas, Plantations & Cajuns♦ (Br 32 & 54) Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) & Mike Console (408-246-1080). 7 days in Cajun country includes home pick up, round trip air, 3 nights Drury Inn in Baton Rouge and 3 nights Royal Sonesta in New Orleans, 13 meals (6 breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 dinners). Tours include New Orleans School of Cooking class w/lunch, National WWII D-Day Invasion Craft Museum, Evangeline State Park (Acadian House, Evangeline Statue), Antebellum Homes in Natchez MS, Houmas House Plantation & Gardens and Gator Farm Tour. City tours: Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Natchez and New Orleans. Price: \$2630 (dbl occ) \$3080 (single). Deposit of \$250 with final payment due January 10, 2015. Optional insurance available (\$206 dbl occ or \$249 single). Deposits payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct. Send deposit and application to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121.

April 6-12, 2015 ♦ National Cherry Blossom Festival and Historic Virginia Tour♦ (Br 21) 6 days/15 meals - includes special premium reserved seating for National

Cherry Blossom Parade, visits to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery and many more great historical attractions. Brochures available at your Branch travel table or have a brochure emailed to you in pdf format. Make sure and ask us about the early application deposit discounts now available. Escorts: Ron Berube (sir21travel@gmail.com) 408-829-5588 and Dick Kohl (dakohl@pacbell.net) 408-268-0428.

July 1-16, 2015 ♦ European Historical and Cultural Tour♦ (Br 21) 15 days - Roundtrip SFO – Frankfurt, Germany, includes 22 meals, home pick up and return. FIRST CLASS tourist accommodations and Professional Tour Manager throughout the trip! Brochures available at your Branch travel table or have a brochure emailed to you in pdf format. Make sure and ask us about the early application and deposit discounts now available. Escorts: Ron Berube (sir21travel@gmail.com) 408-829-5588 and Dick Kohl (dakohl@pacbell.net) 408-268-0428.

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

April or May, 2015 ♦ Springtime in Yosemite. ♦ (Br 74) Escorts Don House (408-268-1703) and Allen Daily (408-265-8140). We are planning our bi-annual, four day, Spring trip to beautiful Yosemite for next year. Watch for details of this popular trip within a month or two.

Sept. 2015, ♦ Fall Colors on the Upper Mississippi River. ♦ (Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). We will fly to Minneapolis/St. Paul for an overnight prior to boarding the elegant American Queen paddle-wheeler for a seven night cruise along the Upper Mississippi River. Details are currently in the planning stage.

October 11-23, 2015♦Eastern Mediterranean Cruise♦ (Br 114) Escorts Jim Stoner and Larry Martinson. Round-trip Rome to Rome on the state-of-the-art *Celebrity Reflection*. Two nights in Rome; 11-day cruise visiting legendary cities such as Istanbul, Athens, Ephesus, Naples/Capri, Mykonos and Santorini. Brochure available soon.

January 9-16, 2016 ♦Mexican Riviera Cruise (11 days) ♦ (Br 62) Escorts Roy Jordan (408-735-8765) and Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226). Round trip from San Francisco – no flights. Ports of call – Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas. Features – Splendid beaches (both popular and pristine) and lush jungles, colonial and 19th century architecture and towns, wildlife (birds, iguanas, crocodiles) and Mexico's largest turtle sanctuary, kayaking, snorkel or scuba diving, zip-lining and other outdoor adventures, dolphin encounters and whale watching. Watch for more information in future Travel Bulletins.