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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*****

Feb. 12-March 2, 2016 ♦Australia & New Zealand

Cruise♦ (Br 114 Escorts, Larry Martinson (408) 528-0746 and Jim Stoner (408) 238-8458. Fly out of San Jose to L.A. to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, we go on a guided tour of Sydney including an inside visit and tour of the Opera House. We then board the MV Sydney 2000 for a bay cruise including a Seafood Buffet lunch before we arrive at the Rydges World Square Hotel for a two night stay. Feb. 16th we board the **Princess Diamond** with stops at Melbourne, Hobart (Tasmania), Fiordland National Park in New Zealand, Dunedin (Port Chalmers) N.Z, Akaroa, N.Z, Picton, N.Z, Wellington, N.Z, Tauranga, N.Z, ending this 15 night cruise in Auckland. Trip includes air, transfers, all shipboard meals, entertainment, two group cocktail parties, one bottle of wine per cabin, all port taxes and government fees. **Also included is Trip Insurance covering pre-existing medical conditions.** Prices range from \$6,085 Interior, \$6,625 for Ocean View and \$7,315 for Balcony pp/dbl/occ. Deposit is \$1,400 per person. Send application and deposit payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account to Larry Martinson, 9029 Village View Dr. San Jose, CA. 95135. Brochures available at your SIR Branch travel table.

April 17-25, 2016 ♦AMAWATERWAYS TULIP TIME

CRUISE♦ (Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-528-0746). 8-night river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium. On board the luxurious AmaSerena (new in 2015), discover the beauty of the Dutch and Belgian waterways when the countryside is in glorious full bloom. We will visit Amsterdam, Volendam, Edam, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges (optional), Kinderdijk (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and the famed Keukenhof Gardens. Trip includes air, transfers, GUIDED EXCURSIONS, fine dining with wine and beer, free wifi, informative lectures and much more. Costs range from \$5950 to \$7950, including 4 categories of French and outside balconies. Group insurance covering pre-existing conditions included. Please send your application and \$1400 per person deposit payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose 95135. Detailed brochure available at your SIR Travel Table, or call Jim or Larry.

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

August 20, 2015 ♦Phantom of the Opera♦

Branches 32 & 54, Escorts; Mike Console, (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch, (408) 274-2992. A 2:00 P.M. Performance at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. This one day trip includes: round trip motor coach, hosted lunch at the Fog Harbor Restaurant on Pier 39, admission to Phantom of the

Opera loge seating, and driver tip. Cost: **\$178 per person**. No deposit, full payment due on sign-up. **Checks** preferred, there will be a charge for use of Credit Cards. Trip costs are NON-Refundable—although may be transferred if minimum count has been met and/or there is an active waiting list. Sign-up deadline: July 6th, 2015. We expect an early sell-out, so don't wait until the deadline to sign-up, you'll probably miss the show or we will put you on our waiting list for a second chance, if there are cancellations!! Make Checks Payable to: **Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account** Mail to: Mike Console, 3527 Parkland Ave., San Jose, CA 95117. Meal choices at Fog Harbor Restaurant in San Francisco include several choices so please select from those listed on the brochure.

October 11, 2015 ♦ Fleet Week Air Show Cruise ♦ (Br. 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). Watch the 2015 Fleet Week Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. The price of \$170 includes bus transfer from San Jose (Capitol VTA Parking Lot), the cruise with lunch buffet, sparkling wine, orange juice, soft drinks, coffee & tea (wine, beer & cocktails available for purchase onboard). **Reservation form with full payment is due June 1st**. Check your branch travel display, or call Jim or Roy for a brochure or answers to questions.

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

Sept. 19-27, 2015 ♦ Upper Mississippi River Steamboat Cruise ♦ (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 during the Fall Color season. Each day we will be in a different port with free shore excursions. All meals and evening entertainment are included, as are amenities such as wine with dinner, a Captain's Champagne Welcome Reception, a private cocktail party and Group Protection Insurance which covers pre-existing medical conditions. Price varies with Stateroom selection, from \$4,875 to \$5,765 pp/dbl occ. Deposit of \$900 pp (includes Insurance) payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account should be mailed to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125 with Application. Call for brochure.

October 9-23, 2015 ♦ Eastern Mediterranean Cruise ♦ (Br 114) Escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-238-0746). Eleven-day round-trip Rome to Rome on the luxurious *Celebrity Reflection*. Two pre-cruise nights in Rome (Hotel Ponte Sisto) with two

guided tours—ancient Rome and the Vatican. We will visit legendary cities such as Istanbul, Athens, Ephesus, Naples, Mykonos and Santorini. Trip includes air, transfers, all shipboard meals, entertainment, group cocktail party, one bottle of wine per cabin, all port taxes and government fees. Costs range from \$5380 to \$6100 pp/dbl occ, depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$1000 **includes trip insurance covering pre-existing medical conditions**. Send application and deposit payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Court, San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available at your SIR Branch travel table.

Nov. 5-23, 2015 ♦ Crossroads of Turkey (19 days) ♦ (Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). This land tour of Turkey begins with 3 days in Istanbul, then proceeds to Asiatic Turkey featuring stops at the Gallipoli WW I battlefield, legendary Troy, many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites, fascinating geological features and museums showing history back to the Hittites, and ends in Ankara. The per person cost is \$3795, either single or double, and includes air fare from SFO, tour transportation, all hotel accommodations, all taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers/guides, 35 meals. An optional 5 day pre-trip to Athens is available for \$1295. Call Jim or Roy for a brochure.

January 9-19, 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. Available features – Splendid beaches and lush jungles, early 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. Cost (pp. dbl. occ.) is \$1455 (interior cabin), \$1750 (Oceanview), \$1995 (balcony) (single occupancy rates available) and includes home pick up to & from San Francisco Pier, the 10 night cruise, all taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers & porters, all shipboard meals & entertainment. Call Roy or Jim for a brochure.

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

Nov. 24-25, 2015 ♦ Christmas at The Eldorado ♦ (Br.74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Our annual trip to a show at the Eldorado in Reno. Details to follow.

Dec. 9, 2015 ♦Beach Blanket Babylon♦ (Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Look for details about this trip in the next bulletin.

July 2016 ♦Budapest, Bucharest, Lower Danube♦ (Br 62) Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). This will be a river cruise on the lower Danube; will feature Budapest and a side trip to Bucharest. Watch for more details in future travel bulletins or a brochure on your branch travel table.

visits to Panama City, Chitre, and the Gamboa Rain Forest, but includes a multiday complete passage through the Canal on a 24 passenger catamaran. Tour the Canal Administration building and the Expansion Project Visitor Center and cross the Canal (Gaillard Cut) on the Centennial Bridge. Spend a night anchored in Gatun Lake and see the Gatun Dam and hydroelectric plant. Walk the nature walks and if you choose, explore by kayak. Experience Panama's Spanish colonial heritage, lush rain forest, and local crafts. Become acquainted with the indigenous Embera people, shop, and try local cuisine. Watch for more details in future travel bulletins or a brochure on your branch table.

November 2016 ♦Panama Canal Cruise♦ (Br 62)
Escorts: Roy Jordan (408-735-8765) and Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226). This trip is centered on Panama itself with