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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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TRIP PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, 2:00 pm at Mike Console's house, 3527 Parkland Ave., San Jose. The trip ♦Great American Waterways, June 4-19, 2016♦ will be presented. Refreshments will be served. No obligation. Please come and bring a friend or two or more.

Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, 2:30 pm at Mama Mia's, 200 E Hamilton Ave., Campbell. The trip ♦Alaska's Ultimate Fishing Adventure, August 3-7, 2015♦ will be presented. No obligation. Refreshments will be served. ____

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

AUGUST 3-7, 2016♦Alaska's Ultimate Fishing Adventure♦ (Br. 114) Tour escorts Larry Martinson (408-528-0746) and Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) 4-night Fishing adventure in Ketchikan, Alaska at the Salmon Falls Resort. GUIDED EXCURSIONS DAILY, four people to a cabin cruiser going for Salmon, Halibut and Lingcod. Fine dining back at the Lodge with renowned Chefs and menu service. For those of you that have had an ultimate Alaska Fishing Trip on your Bucket list, this is a trip of a lifetime for you.

Bring your Fishing Buddies, (wife, children, grandchildren and/or friends) for an unmatched bonding experience. Salmon Falls Resort offers world class fishing, magnificent scenery, abundant wildlife, gourmet meals and unrivaled Alaskan hospitality. For those non fisherman, enjoy excursions to see Bears catching fish with Eagles flying above among other wondrous sites. (See Brochure for all that is included). Cost is \$3795 per person double occup. Single supplement \$600. Price includes round trip air for you and your vacuum packed boxed Fish. Please send your application and \$700 per person deposit payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Larry Martinson, 9029 Village View Dr., San Jose, 95135. Detailed brochure available at your SIR Travel Table, or call Larry or Jim. Trip presentation on 9-11-15 at Mama Mia's.

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

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). If you might be interested, please call Jim as soon as possible.

Dec. 9, 2015 ♦Beach Blanket Babylon♦ (Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Take a deluxe coach to San Francisco for brief shopping time at Pier 39 before taking your reserved Box Seat in the Balcony, for this famous, zany musical show. Then we're off to the FIRENZE BY NIGHT RESTAURANT for a hosted dinner, followed by a short tour of Christmas Lights if time permits. The price is \$190/person. Make your check payable to Cruise Adventures Unltd. and mail to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125-5018 with your completed Application.

*******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.

Nov. 24-25, 2015 ♦Christmas at The Eldorado, Reno♦ (Br.74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Our Annual overnight trip to the Eldorado will include "EBENEZER, A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL" as well as our private cocktail party, buffet dinner, buffet breakfast, and playtime at the Nugget with \$5 Food Credit and \$5 gambling credit. Always a fun start to the Christmas season. Price is \$215 pp/dbl occ. or \$232 single occ. Make check payable to Cruise Adventures Unltd. and mail with Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125-5018.

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. **Note** – there has been a **cost reduction** for this trip. Costs are now \$1350 (interior cabin), \$1595 (Oceanview), \$1825 (balcony) (all are pp. dbl. occ., 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.

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.

March 12-31, 2016 ♦South America Cruise (18 Day Cruise)♦ (Br 141) Escorts: Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). Fly to Santiago, Chile and after a restful night in a hotel board the Star Princess for a cruise along the west coast of South America, and Central America and ending in Los Angeles. Many interesting ports of call along the way. Costs range from \$3660 to \$5260 pp. dbl. occ. depending upon cabin selection. Costs include home pick up transfers to the airport, meals and entertainment aboard ship, all departure and port taxes, all driver and porter gratuities, pre-trip orientation and a Talbot Tours gift. Pick up a brochure on your SIR Branch Table or call one of the Escorts.

May 11-21, 2016 ♦Alaska Cruise, Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Grand Princess♦ (Br 74) Escorts: Don House (408-268-1703) and Allen Daily (408-265-8140). **NO FLIGHTS**This 10 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: Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan & Victoria, B.C. We'll also cruise beautiful Glacier Bay. Included: Transportation to and from San Francisco pier from Capitol Light Rail Station, 1 bottle of wine per stateroom, port taxes, taxes on included items, Traveler Group Protection Plan and porter tips for 1 suitcase per person. Plus...two cocktail parties on board. Prices range from \$2150 to \$3270 per person, double occupancy, depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$700 per person. Higher deposit if traveling as a single. Brochures

available at your SIR branch travel table. Deposits payable by check or credit card to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Don House, 6770 Crystal Springs Ct., San Jose, CA 95120.

June 3-19, 2016 ♦ GREAT AMERICAN WATERWAYS♦

Branch's 54 & 32 Escorted by Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992. A 15 night Cruise on a small Boat (88 passengers). This classic adventure starts in Chicago, Ill from the famous Navy Pier and will sail across four of the great Lakes, down the Erie Canal, to the Hudson River, through New York Harbor, past the Statue of Liberty and finally disembarking in Warren Road Island. We will explore many charming towns, such as the Victorian era Mackinac Island. Other port stops include: Cleveland OH, Erie PA, Buffalo, Rochester, Oswego, Sylvan Beach, Troy, Kingston and West Point (all in New York). Optional tours include: Niagara Falls, Baseball Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Roosevelt Home & Museum, Ford Museum, and West Point Military Academy, plus others. The Blount Small Ships Cruise Lines features a relaxed Cruising Adventure, has excellent food with Beer & Wine included at lunch & dinner. They have a BYOB policy if you want the hard stuff. There are four cabin categories and prices range from \$5560 to \$7890 per person/dbl occ, plus Insurance. Costs include: round trip home pick-up, R/T Air Fare, all port charges and taxes, cabins and all meals on board ship. A deposit of \$500 plus insurance per person is required to reserve your cabin. Make Checks Payable to: TALBOT TOURS TRUST ACCOUNT. Mail checks to: Mike Console, 3527 Parkland Ave., San Jose, CA. 95117. **Note 1.** The above prices are a reduced price from the original announcement. Through renegotiation we were able to obtain this reduction Plus add one day to the schedule, Plus an incentive to add an even greater savings. Blount Small Ships is offering an early booking discount of about 15% off their price (the cruising cost) if a Deposit is made prior to Oct.1, 2015. With this early booking savings, a person could include insurance and the savings still would range from \$407 to \$1045 per person. The savings In Categories # 2-3-&4 would also be enough to cover the costs of all Shore Excursions and the Crews Tips, and still leave you with money in your pocket. **Note 2.** TALBOT TOURS WILL CONDUCT A SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE GREAT AM. WATERWAYS TRIP ON WED., SEPT. 9, 2015 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. AT MIKE CONSOLE'S HOME, 3527 PARKLAND AVE., SAN JOSE, CA. (WEST S.J.). CALL MIKE AT (408) 246-1080 IF INTERESTED AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO, REFRESHMENTS.

July 11-23, 2016 ♦ Eastern Europe to Black Sea (13 days)♦

(Br 62) Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). After 2 nights in Budapest, Hungary we embark on a cruise down the lower Danube to Belgrade, Serbia, through the Iron Gates, transit the Danube—

Black Sea Canal to Constanta on the Black Sea and then by bus to Bucharest, Romania. We will make stops in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. There will be included and optional tours at various stops along the way. There are also optional extensions to Vienna (3 nights) or Prague (4 nights) and Transylvania (3 nights) or Istanbul (4 nights). The price ranges from \$4670 to \$5670 pp/dbl. occ. including air fare, single supplement (limited availability) is \$595. Deposit is \$500, but early sign up discounts up to 3% are available for full payment in advance. Contact Jim or Roy for a brochure, information, or to sign up.

September 6-17, 2016 ♦ Colors of Canada & New England♦

(Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and (408-504-1255) and Mike Console (408-246-1080). 10 day cruise from New York City to Quebec City aboard **Holland America's ms Zuiderdam** plus one night in New York City. Enjoy stops in Gloucester Mass, Bar Harbor Maine, Halifax and Sydney Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and Quebec City. Cruise the scenic Gulf of St Lawrence and the sights of Saguenay Fjord. \$3325 to \$4125 depending on cabin choice. Deposit \$600 w/o insurance or \$921 to \$1011 with insurance. Final payment date is May 6, 2016. Send Deposit along with application payable to "Talbot Tours Trust Account" to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121.

November 12-23, 2016 ♦ Panama Canal Cruise & Panama (12 days)♦

(Br 62) Escorts: Roy Jordan (408-735-8765) and Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226). This trip is centered on Panama itself with visits to Panama City, Chitre, and the Gamboa Rain Forest, but includes a two day 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. Optional extensions to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia are available. The price is \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. or \$5315 single, including air fare. Deposit is \$500, but early sign up discounts up to 7% are available for full payment in advance. Contact Jim or Roy for a brochure, information, or to sign up.