

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2018/1*

**Jan 12-22, 2018 Cruising the Mexican Riviera.** A 10-night cruise from SF on the Grand Princess with ports of call in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlán, Cabo San Lucas and back to SF. Cost ranges from \$1565 to \$2375 depending on cabin and includes all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers, pre-trip orientation, home pick up and return and all shipboard meals. Rollo Parsons Br.141, 408-268-5245 or Brian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

**Feb 8-16, 2018: Tropical Costa Rica.** Highlights of this trip include, air, insurance, 13 meals, gratuities and guides. You will visit the unique ecosystem of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Doka Coffee Estate, the Arenal Volcano the Cano Negro Nature Preserve and much more. Cost is \$3299. Jim Stoner, Br 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson, 408-528-0746.

**Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland.** A 7-night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stroopwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and river view staterooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

**Apr 18-27, 2018: Spring Tulip River Cruise.** 10-day Cruise featuring Dutch and Belgium Waterways. Highlights include Amsterdam, Volendam, Hoorn. Arnhem. Middelburg, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Kinderdijk windmills. Utrecht and Keukenhof Gardens. Cost \$4376 to \$7176 and includes RT Air, Insurance, Air Taxes, Hotels and transfers. Bill Britton, Br121, 925-443-9913.

**Apr 22-30,2018: Explore the magnificent Northwest.** Cruise about the American Empress from Clarkston WA, Richland, WA, The Dalles, Or. Stevenson, WA, Astoria, OR. and Portland, OR. Highlights include R/T airfare, all port tax, porter gratuities, wine and beer with dinner, complimentary shore excursions in each port. Free stay at famous Davenport Hotel. Lee Suess, Br.96, 408-309-1480

**May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery.** Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

**May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England.** 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (with out Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

**Aug 6 – 12, 2018 Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari**

Tour Highlights: Yellowstone NP , Idaho Falls, Grand Teton NP, Snake River Float trip, Salt Lake City w/Mormon Tabernacle choir and Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center  
Includes: home pickup, transfers, R/T air Salt Lake City, (10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners) all taxes and gratuities. Cost: \$2789 per person dbl occupancy. \$3509 Single.Br. 32 Escorts John Pletsch 408 504-1255 and Mike Console 408 246-1080

**Aug 22-30, 2018: Colors of Provence River Cruise – Lyon to Arles**

Begin your cruise in Lyon, France's gastronomical capital. Cruise through legendary wine growing regions. Enjoy wine tastings at local vintners, marvel at Roman ruins and stroll through medieval villages. See the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Avignon, the city where Vincent Van Gogh lived and Pope's at one time. Post option, three nights in Barcelona. Price \$6349 to \$7350. Larry Yarberry Branch 8 – [yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:yarberry42@comcast.net)  
Phone 925-890-9245

**Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip.** 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

**Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.** 11-day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880. [stmolinari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmolinari@sbcglobal.net)

**Sep 17-25, 2018: The BIG E.** The largest fair on the East Coast. Fall colors, culture, history, entertainment, shopping, food and drink. Highlights include Eastern States Exhibition, Storrowton Village, Springfield Museum, Dr Seuss Sculpture Garden, Big E Circus and Parade, Ben and Jerry Factory, Lunch at Trapp Family Lodge, Quechee Gorge Loon Gondola ride, Portland City Tour and Lighthouse Lovers Cruise. Trip includes R/T air, accommodations, deluxe motorcoach, Meals, admission fees, gratuities. all taxes, and driver, step on guide fees. Lee Suess, Br 96, 408-309-1480.

**Sept 20 – 27 2018 Islands of New England**

Eight day escorted tour. Highlights – Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plimoth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Lobster Dinner, Provincetown, Hyannis, Nantucket. Br. 38 Escorted by Bill Rodman 408 274-4521 or Alan Patmore 408 867-4197 Cost: \$3349 pp dbl occupancy Covered are air taxes & fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, gratuities & R/T air fare from SFO & transfer to/from airport.

**Please note: Spots of this trip are guaranteed only until March 13, 2018**

**Sep 23-Oct 2, 2018: American Queen St Louis to Memphis.** The cruise begins with overnight stay in St Louis and ends with another overnight in Memphis, including tours in each city. The trip includes all transfers, R/T Air, port changes hotel cost, shore excursions, all meals on board ship, complimentary beer and wine. Ports of call include Alton, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover, New Madrid, Ashport Landing, and Memphis Cost is \$3300 to \$5960 depending on cabin. Mike Console, 408-246-1080 Br 32. San Jose.

**Oct 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise.** Enjoy Europe's majesty and history of the scenic Wachau Valley, An Austrian wonderland. Stops include Durnstein, Melk, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. Prices start at \$6485 for deluxe stateroom with large picture window. Crystal's complimentary services includes butler, gratuities, unlimited refreshments, free internet, port charges, and transfers. Larry Martinson, Br 114, 408-528-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

**Nov 5 -13, 2018 Branson, MO Bentonville, Arkansas and Beyond**

Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see beautiful scenery and historic sites of Northwest Arkansas. Price includes home pick-up, professional tour guide, round-trip air fare and transfers, 8 night deluxe hotel accommodations, and more./

Cost: \$2935 per person dbl occupancy – \$3470 Single. Br 141 Co-escorts: Brian Serpa 408 227-7658 & Rollo Parsons 408 268-5245

**Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale.** 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale. Cost ranges from \$3390 to \$4190 depending on stateroom and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all applicable taxes and travel gift .Arkady Belogolovsky, Br. 54, 408-253-3956, or Joe Salamida, 408-767-2838.

Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari at [stmolinari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmolinari@sbcglobal.net) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed