

Happenings Travel Bulletin

September 19-27, 2015

Upper Mississippi River Steamboat Cruise

We will fly to Minneapolis/St. Paul for an overnight stay 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, and a private cocktail party. Prices vary, with stateroom selection, from \$4,875 to \$5,765 PPDO. Offered by Branch 74 Travel. Contact Allen Daily at 408-265-8140 or Don House at 408-268-1703.

October 9-23, 2015

Eastern Mediterranean Cruise

This is an eleven-day round-trip, Rome to Rome on the luxurious Celebrity Reflection. The trip includes, 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. The trip includes air, all shipboard meals, entertainment, group cocktail party, and one bottle of wine per cabin. Costs range from \$5380 to \$6100 PPDO, depending on stateroom category. Offered by Branch 114 Travel. Call Jim Stoner at 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson at 408-238-0746.

November 5-23, 2015

Crossroads of Turkey

This land tour of Turkey begins with 3 days in Istanbul and then continues to Asiatic Turkey, with a stop at the WW I battlefield of Gallipoli. Stops will include many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites, as well as fascinating geological features and museums, showing history back to the Hittites. The cost per person is \$3795, either single or double, and includes air fare from SFO, tour transportation, all hotel accommodations, and 35 meals. An optional 5 day pre-trip to Athens is available for \$1295. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765.

The Editor of SIR Happenings failed to recognize Past State President and Publisher of SIR Happenings, Dwight Sale, as the author of the article in the Spring edition of SIR Happenings describing the proper use of SIR-SIR Inc.-SIR's-Sir-Sirs-Sir's or Sirs'

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September 30-October 11, 2015

Canada & New England

This is an 11 day cruise on the Caribbean Princess. The cruise starts in Quebec City with 8 stops including: Port Saguenay, Graspe, Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor and ends in New York. Prices range from \$2990 to \$3389 PPDO depending on accommodations and includes r/t air, and much more. Offered by Branch 58 Travel. Call Derlin German, at 707-763-6162.

December 26, 2015-January 3, 2016

New Year's Celebration

A New Year's Celebration on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Prepare to enjoy a better than usual way to greet the New Year. The event includes a one night stay in New Orleans and then boarding the Norwegian Dawn for seven days of freestyle cruising and visiting the following ports of call: Cozumel (Mexico), Roatan, Bay Islands, (Honduras), Harvest Caye (Belize) and Costa Maya (Mexico). Prices range from \$2350 to \$3530 PPDO. Price includes home pick up, roundtrip air fare to New Orleans and all shipboard meals. Offered by Branch 1 Travel. Call Philip Manriquez at 650-871-5009.

January 9-19, 2016

Mexican Riviera Trip

This is a round trip cruise from San Francisco. The ports of call will be: Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas. Some of the attractions include: Splendid beaches and lush jungles, early architecture and towns, wildlife, Mexico's largest turtle sanctuary, kayaking, snorkeling or scuba diving, zip-lining and other outdoor adventures such as, dolphin encounters and whale watching. Costs range from \$1455 to \$1995 PPDO, depending on cabin selection and includes home pick up to & from the San Francisco Pier and all shipboard meals & entertainment. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226.

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