

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



A member of the Far West Ski Association
and the National Ski Council Federation,
representing direct members and
19 ski and snowboard clubs

August, 2026

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BAC Meetings:

August 10 — general meeting @
6:30pm — Zoom only

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Vlasveld
President

It has been a busy and exciting summer so far. The FWSA SkiCon was extremely successful because of the changes including an online auction and Travel Expo. I hope everyone who attended had a great time.

General and Board meeting

The General meeting will be August 10, 2026 at 6:30pm.
Here is the Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81620380000?
pwd=evyg21GVnGFZUdwPM07bSfwr5r6ZMb.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81620380000?pwd=evyg21GVnGFZUdwPM07bSfwr5r6ZMb.1)

Travel

Even though it is summer, do not forget to start planning your next travel trip by signing up for one of the following fantastic Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) and FWSA trips coming in 2026 and 2027.

BAC International Trips:

2026 -- Christmas Markets Cruise Austria from Nov 30 – Dec 8, 2026.

2027 -- Costa Rica

2027 – France – Bike and Barge

FWSA Ski week – Jan 23-Jan 30, 2027 – Big Sky, MO. See the newsletter for all the details.

Go to www.skibac.org or [Travel Landing - Far West Ski Association](#) for BAC or FWSA trip details.

We would like all suggestions for other mini trips from the clubs.

94th Annual FWSA SkiCon

Stay Tuned for information about the 94th Annual FWSA Convention in 2027. Location is TBD.

Racing

The 2027 racing season schedule is TBD. I encourage all club members to try racing and encourage new members. It is a fun way to meet other club members

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Open league -- <https://sites.google.com/site/openleagueraising/race-schedule>
Singles league -- <http://slracing.org/index.html>

Club Events

Rusty Bindings Ski club – Partial Lunar Eclipse Watch Party – Aug 27.

<http://www.rustybindings.com/>

Apres Ski Club – BAC Club member event – Aug 29 -31

<https://apres.clubexpress.com/>

Modesto Ski Club – Summer BBQ and Meeting – Sept 8.

<https://mskic.clubexpress.com/>

Castro Valley Ski Club – Trips to Poland and Mississippi in 2027

<https://www.cvskiclub.org/Travel/Travelinfo.htm>

Nisei Ski Club – Trip to Snowmass in Jan 2027.

<https://www.niseiskiclub.org/events-ski-trips/>

As always, I would like to thank all the volunteers and board members that contribute to the continuing success of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

Remember Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (BAC) is your Council.

Paul Vlasveld

Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

Calendar of Activities

AUGUST

(no events posted)

SEPTEMBER

9/26-10/3 FWSA Dive Trip, Cayman Islands

OCTOBER

(no events posted)

THINGS TO COME

For more info/details go to skibac.org
[Calendar of Events]

11/30-12/8 BAC Christmas Markets Along the Danube

2027:

1/23-30 FWSA Ski Trip to Big Sky, MT

DIRECTOR REPORTS

BAC Club President and Representative Meeting
Zoom meeting
July 13, 2026

President **Paul Vlasveld** called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance on Zoom. Nine clubs were represented. A quorum of 7 clubs was established.



Karen Davis
BAC Secretary

Introductions were made all around. Welcome to all!

Secretary: Karen Davis – Dennie Warren made a **motion** to approve BAC general meeting minutes of June 8, 2026; seconded by Harry Davis. Motion approved.

FWSA 93rd SkiCon June 11-14, 2026 at Mission Valley Marriott, San Diego CA

Hosted by San Diego Council. Paul thanked BAC members who did the Scavenger hunt at Balboa Park during the Convention. The Harbor Cruise was great. The golfing was a pitch and putt affair but everyone had a good time. There were lots of exhibitors and the on-line auction was successful. Claudia Fernandes BAC Volunteer of the Year represented BAC very well. Check the FWSA website for information about all FWSA awards. FWSA has great Public Affairs seminar leaders each year. Paul's Charity video will be posted on the BAC and FWSA websites.

Travel: Karen Albrecht -

- **BAC Grand Circle Cruise Line** – BAC's Christmas Market Danube River Cruise trip will be Nov 30 -Dec 8, 2026. Reservations are available for the cruise Vienna, Austria to Nuremberg, Germany on the Danube River. Group air with the tour group is available through Grand Circle Cruise Lines. A few spots are available. Book directly with Grand Circle. Contact Gail Burns for information.

- **FWSA Ski Week 2027** will be to **Big Sky, Montana** on January 23-30, 2027. Big Sky is on the IKON pass. BAC has 35 participants signed up. Lodging will be at the Huntley and the Summit. If anyone would like to go please sign up. Credit card payments go through Sports America, tour operator, on their website and checks come to BAC trip leader. The few unclaimed room spots will be returned in September.

- **FWSA** is planning a trip to **Alyeska, Alaska** February 28 – March 7, 2027. This trip will include skiing

Alyeska and into Anchorage for the start of the Iditarod race. Contact Sandy Gaudette at SkiGroup.net. **BAC** has announced a **Mammoth** Mini-Ski trip for March 14-19 with lodging at Juniper Springs Resort (ski in and ski out at Eagle Lift). This trip has been sold out.

BAC has announced an Immersion trip to **Costa Rica** on May 14-21, 2027 with OAT (Overseas Adventure Travel) with about 13 participants. Karen will check about the number of spots that are available. Note that some solo rooms may be the same price as double occupancy rooms. Contact Karen Albrecht.

BAC – Karen reported the **BAC September 16-23 2027, eBike and Barge trip** has been sold out with a waiting list. The changed route is rated as level 3 or a challenging ride and is to Paris and the Heart of Northern France. Contact Karen Albrecht. The **FWSA Ski Week 2028** could go to **Beaver Creek** or **Snowmass**. Karen would appreciate club responses about the destination choice and needs input by July 16.

FWSA International Ski & Snowboard Week, Val Gardena Italy Feb 27-March 6, 2027 with Extension to Puglia & Rome March 6 -13, 2027

FWSA – Dive trip **Cayman Brac** 9/26-10/3, 2026 **BAC** is looking at a Mini Ski Trip to **Silver Star** in BC, Canada in 2028.

BAC Travelers – Travel insurance is recommended. Note for travelers to check travel insurance coverage and requirements when purchasing a trip.

Membership: Benelia Terry –

Benelia will be sending 2026-2027 renewal information to member clubs. Clubs are reminded to renew in July and August to get each club's current information which will be sent to the FWSA Skiers' Guide. Club renewal is due September 30. Please notify BAC of club Board updates or changes. The FWSA Skiers Guide club information for BAC will be sent to FWSA at the end of August.

Industry Liaison: Brad Hart – Brad reported that **Silver Star** is on the Ikon Pass. **Palisades** is offering a Weekday Pass (for Alpine Meadows and Palisades) beginning at \$699 with \$629 for skiers aged 13-22 and seniors 70+.

The **Snow Pass** will be released Sept 8 by Snow Partners. Last year, the company launched Triple Play, which offers three days of access to 16 Northeast resorts for \$199. Snow Pass is expanding upon the Triple Play pass by keeping the 16 resorts and adding a Midwest version.

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Break even on season passes

P as s	B re a k- E v e n
In d y P as s	2. 8 4 d a ys
M t C ol le ct iv e	3. 2 8 d a ys
S n o w P as s	3. 9 4 d a ys
E pi c P as s	4. 0 7 d a ys
Ik o n P as s	5. 2 3 d a ys

U.S. SKI INDUSTRY REPORTS VISITOR DATA FROM 2025-26 SEASON

52.6 million, 9.1% less than 10Y average, 9 million less than last season for 32 out of 48 seasons on record

NSAA divides the country into six regions. In 2025-26, the Rocky Mountain region led with 20.1 million visits, followed by the Northeast (12.9 million), Midwest (5.8 million), Pacific Southwest (5.7 million), Southeast (4.8 million), and Pacific Northwest (3.2 million).

Season passes remained the dominant access product

at 49% of visits nationally, while daily and multi-day tickets made up 31%.

Brad noted that **Homewood** is adding a new gondola. The Homewood Gondola will take guests just above the existing Madden Chair to the location of the future Mid Mountain Lodge.

Public Affairs: Harry Davis –

Harry asked BAC club reps to look in their own club for next year's BAC Volunteer of the Year. The Volunteer is not required to go to the FWSA Convention. BAC would like to honor those Volunteers within BAC at a luncheon in Feb or March. BAC will be changing the scoring format next year to more accurately reflect current BAC club volunteer activities in order to encompass all activities including racing and/or skiing. Paul thanked Dennie for her time judging the Volunteers in other Councils and representing BAC. BAC will provide more information in the Fall for the 2027 Volunteer of the Year process. Big White has long been the sponsor of the FWSA Volunteer of the Year program.

Communications: Dennie Warren –

BAC club members are invited to share club event photos, flyers, and club news in the BAC newsletter.

Treasurer: Cathy Wilson –Cathy reports that the transfer of information from the previous Treasurer is complete. Cathy has access to the bank accounts and has reconciled the accounts with the bank data as of the end of June. Cathy has also updated the accounts with any information that came in after the fiscal year ended, so those accounts are current.

Paul noted that he is renewing the post office box for another year.

Racing: No report

Webmaster: Ashkan Ahari – No report

Club Activities:

MONTEREY – Greg Robinson reported that Monterey is year round with 75 members with strong social connections and activities. Members will volunteer at the Big Sur Marathon and Big Sur Half-Marathon in September. The club has the annual Poinsettias sales and donates to local charities. The club donates a large amount to local charities through local volunteer opportunities. The club was recently acknowledged in the Monterey Herald newspaper. 40 members attended a BBQ on July 5. The club recently had Board elections and there are some new Board

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Auction was successful and those activities happen in the summer. One group is rafting in the Truckee area.

CASTRO VALLEY – The club has about 80 members and the club is having the usual monthly board and general dinner meetings. A member is hosting a luau at their home. Members enjoy various travel destinations.

SNOWCHASERS –Members meet once monthly at Denny's and once monthly at Rodgers Smith Park in Pleasant Hill for BBQ during summer months. Snowchasers has 45 members.

National Ski Club Federation information and discounts are available at www.FWSA.org. Click on Members' Corner. To travel with other ski organizations, Google the calendar for all travel opportunities. In addition, go to Skifederation.org. The National Ski Club Federation's 28th Annual Summit Meeting will be August 20-23, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday) at **The Silver Legacy in Reno, NV**. Please plan to arrive early on Thursday to get settled in and prepare for the festivities to begin on

Thursday evening and enjoy the evening reception.

The Mountain Travel Symposium is usually held in April and was in Whistler in 2026. The next Symposium is planned for South Lake Tahoe, April 5-10, 2027 per website.

OLD BUSINESS – Speakers and/or presentations at General Meetings?

BAC Meetings -

August 10, 2026 – BAC General meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm, Zoom

September – No meetings

October 12, 2026 - BAC General meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm, Zoom

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis, Secretary

Travel Time:

2026 BAC Christmas Market Cruise – ONLY A COUPLE OF CABINS LEFT...RESERVE NOW!!!

2026 BAC Christmas Market Cruise on the Danube River from November 30-December 8th, 2026!

Contact Gail Burns to coordinate a roommate, if needed, before contacting Grand Circle. Grand Circle Cruise Line river ship will embark in **Vienna**,



Karen Albrecht
BAC Travel

Austria & disembark in Nuremberg, Germany. Join us to visit colorful Christmas markets, meet with local experts & walk along the historic streets. Cruise includes three meals daily, beer/wine and daily sight-seeing in smaller groups with our dedicated guide in addition to visiting the Christmas Markets! Activity level is rated as 1-easy. Sign-up via phone with the **Grand Circle Cruise line at 1-800-221-2610** using code: **G6-29997** with a \$750 deposit. Book Land Only or book with Airfare Included. **Gail Burns** is the Trip Leader (650 255-7883) & she's happy to answer any of your questions!





BIG SKY – FAR WEST SKI WEEK – JANUARY 24-30, 2027

Flyer with registration link below.

To register for Big Sky: <http://FWSA27BigSky.sat.tours/3689>

Lodging options include the Huntley Lodge (\$1,815) or Summit Hotel (\$2,450)
Group Air and Ground Transportation available.



BAC Mini-Ski Trip – Mammoth Mountain Resort – March 14-19, 2027

Flyer with registration link - <https://tri.ps/fAQoa> - below!

TRIP IS SOLD OUT. WAITLIST IS AVAILABLE

\$655 per person – 4 persons per condo

Juniper Springs Condos - Ski in & Out at Eagle Lift

2 BED/2 BATH Deluxe Condo for 4 people per condo with 1 king and 2 twins

Includes:

- 5 NIGHTS LODGING & ALL TAXES + RESORT FEES
- WELCOME BREAKFAST BURRITO 1st morning
- FREE MOUNTAIN TOUR
- \$100 RESORT GIFT CARD PER PERSON

BAC group get-together



Heart of Costa Rica: Rivers, Rain Forests & Arenal Volcano May 14-21, 2027

Join BAC on a small group adventure to enjoy the natural beauty, vibrant culture and exciting adventures waiting for you in Costa Rica!

Flyer and trip details below.



E-BIKE & BARGE - Paris & Heart of Northern France – September 16-23, 2027

JOIN 24 BAC cyclists on an 8-day premium E-bike and boat tour. Discover Paris and the beautiful river regions just beyond the city: a world of elegant châteaux, quiet forests, historic towns, riverside cafés, and landscapes once painted by the Impressionists. You'll visit grand French landmarks such as the Château de Chantilly, the story-book Château de Pierrefonds, and the graceful Château de Champs-sur-Marne. You'll also spend time in places closely connected to beloved artists, including Auvers-sur-Oise, where Vincent van Gogh spent his final days, and the Île des Impressionists, which inspired painters such as Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Flyer below.



NOTE; PRIMARY WEEK IS SOLD OUT. HOWEVER, WE WILL BOOK THE PREVIOUS WEEK (SEPT 9-16) TRAVELING THE REVERSE ITINERARY ONCE THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST.

Have a travel suggestion for BAC Travel? Let us know!
Time goes quickly...don't hesitate to live life and travel!



Friday, October 16, 2026

Join us for another intimate evening of fine dining and exceptional wines at The Timbers at Old Greenwood in Truckee, CA, as we host a special Vintner Dinner to support Achieve Tahoe.

Enjoy a welcome reception featuring appetizers and premium wine. Then, indulge in a crafted four-course meal by Executive Chef David Smith in collaboration with Chef Garrett Rosman, with each dish expertly paired with specialty wine hosted by Ridge Vineyards.

Harry Davis, BAC Public Affairs

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL

P. O. Box 5936

San Jose, CA. 95150

July 16, 2026

Dear BAC Club Presidents and Representatives,

It is time to update your BAC Club Membership Forms for 2026-2027 with your current officers, club information, and time to pay your club membership dues. The renewal form is attached. Please return the renewal form to me via email, benelia@usinternet.com; or mail it to me at Benelia Terry, 6321 Quartz Place, Newark, CA. 94560.

The annual dues are \$75.00 and are due on September 30, 2026. Please submit payment with your renewal form to the address above.

The renewal form is due as soon as possible, but no later than **September 30, 2026**. If you return the form prior to August 15, 2026, your updated club information will be available for the Far West Ski Directory. If not returned by this date, the club information I have on file will be included in the Directory.

The club renewal form and dues payment link are available on the BAC website at www.skibac.org. Click on Club Renewal link on the right side and it may take you to a PayPal link or Zelle link which you can use to submit payment. If the link is not active, please submit via email or mail.

Please review the BAC Newsletter for the exciting events and upcoming trips for both BAC and Far West Ski Association that are available to your members through your club membership.

Last year Far West Ski Association implemented a virtual membership card. Once your club membership renewal forms and payments are submitted the link will be forwarded to the club president to distribute to club members.

Remember to check out the BAC website at www.skibac.org for links to membership benefit discounts.

Thank you,

Benelia Terry

BAC Membership Director



BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL

Club Membership Application 2026-2027

Please complete all requested information applicable to your club.

Dues of \$75

Due September 30, 2026

TYPE OR PRINT (Please)

Club Name:	Race League	Number of Membe
Club Mailing Address:	City, State Zip:	Web URL:
*Club Contact for Inquiries – Name and email address	Meeting Location – City Only:	Election Month:

CLUB OFFICERS CURRENT TERM

Position	Name	Mailing Address	Email Address	
President				
BAC Representative				
Newsletter Editor /Webmaster				
Treasurer				

Notes: *This information will be published on the BAC website along with your club name and location if there is no web URL. All other email addresses will not be published.

This form is required to record your dues and report your club to the Far West Ski Association. The Club information is used in the BAC web site to help promote your club.

Mail the completed form to: **Benelia Terry, 6321 Quartz Place, Newark, CA 94560, or email to bac.membership@skibac.org**

Fire & Ice Ski Club Annual Membership Appreciation



Cuesta Park
615 Cuesta Drive
Mountain View

Saturday, August 15, 2026
11:30 - 4:30

LOOK FOR THE FIRE & ICE GROUP NEAR THE VOLLEY BALL COURT.

BBQ grills are available

Games for adults and children

Bring a dish to share.
*Fire & Ice will provide hamburgers,
links, veggie burgers and water*

BYOB
BEER AND WINE ONLY
No glass containers.



**Come prepared to enjoy good food, games,
music, visit with old friends and meet new ones.**



FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP **Cayman Brac Beach Resort**



September 26 - October 3, 2026

Grand Cayman 2nd Week October 3-10, 2026 Extension Available

BASIC Dive Package: \$2,669 pp (double occupancy)
Non-Dive Package: \$2,244 pp (double occupancy)

Oceanfront Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

Cayman Brac Beach Resort Land Package Includes:

7 Nights Beach View Accommodations (Double Occupancy)

Three Meals Daily & 21 Drink Package (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

Complimentary Wi-Fi

PADI 5-star dive operation

6 Days of Diving - 17 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

Complimentary Nitrox and use of a dive computer

Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities (dive gratuities are not included)

Round trip ground transfer from Cayman Brac Airport



*Incredible world-class
diving in the Cayman
Islands!*



Enjoy a fantastic resort on the beach - perfect for the diver and non-diver to experience!

Contact:

Randy Lew

FWSA Dive Trip Leader

829 SE 11th Place

Battle Ground, WA 98604

Cell: 530/304-0802

E-mail: fwsa13randy@telis.net

Gloria Raminha

FWSA VP of Int'l Travel

12707 Windy Ridge Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Cell: 661/800-8229

E-mail: garski2011@gmail.com

You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

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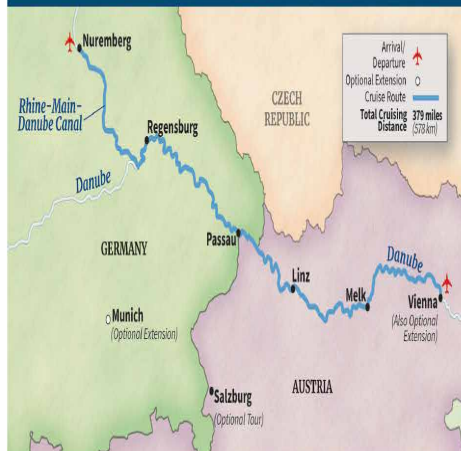
Cruise aboard our privately owned 162-passenger M/S River Adagio

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Germany: Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | Austria: Linz, Melk, Vienna

8 days from **\$2,995**
River Cruise Tour only

9 days from **\$4,445**
with international airfare
from San Francisco



IT'S INCLUDED

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 7 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- **20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks
- **5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 5 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Main-Danube Canal conversation • German language lesson • Regensburg choral concert • Stollen baking demonstration • *Christmas Traditions* conversation • Wachau Valley conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **All port charges**
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure **NOVEMBER 30, 2026**

Return **DECEMBER 8, 2026**

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2 • Vienna, Austria

Embark ship

Day 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley

Included Tour Melk Abbey

Day 4 • Linz

Optional Tour Salzburg

Day 5 • Passau, Germany

Included Tour Passau

Day 6-7 • Regensburg

Included Tour Regensburg

Day 8 • Nuremberg

Included Tour Nuremberg

Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.

Disembark ship

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Vienna, Austria
3 nights pre-trip from \$895

Munich, Germany
3 nights post-trip from \$945



Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Departure **NOV 30, 2026**

Return **DEC 8, 2026**

DECK

A	Serenade w/balcony	\$3,345
B		
C	Sonata	\$3,295
D		
E	Canzatta	\$3,245
F		
G	Prelude	\$3,145
H		\$2,995

AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco	\$1,450
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$750 per person.

Travel Protection: Starting from \$389.

Single Supplement: \$795. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. See www.gct.com/ for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

Travel Protection Plan (Recommended)

Protect your trip with our Travel Protection Plan, administered by TripMate.

- **100% cancellation protection, for any reason**—up to and including the day of departure.
- **Pre-existing condition coverage**—100% cash reimbursement if purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit.
- **Medical benefits and assistance**—including emergency evacuation and more.
- **Comprehensive coverage**—includes trip interruption, trip delay, medical expenses, and baggage protection.

Learn more at www.gct.com/tpp

Good Buy Plan

The earlier you pay, the more you save
based on a trip value of \$6,500 per person

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in full from a checking account)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 months or more	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 months prior	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 months prior	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780

Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost

For more information, visit www.gct.com/gbd



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

PLEASE MENTION THIS
CODE WHEN BOOKING **G6-29997**

www.gct.com/xms

Reservations & Information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-221-2610

Prices, dates and itinerary are subject to change

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PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING **G6-29997**



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explore Passau on an included walking tour, which includes visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz. After time to admire the remarkable artistry displayed at the festive Christmas handcrafts market, gather onboard for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 6 • Regensburg • Choral concert

Today, you'll arrive and dock around mid-morning in Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Then, enjoy a walking tour of this hidden treasure. Since the city suffered no damage during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved. Your tour features the Old Town Hall, the famous Stone Bridge, Germany's oldest, and the Regensburg *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market) in

Neupfarrplatz. After dinner onboard, join us for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event as we walk to a local church to hear a choral concert featuring festive holiday music.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 7 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion • Stollen baking demonstration • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard today. Your cruise toward Nuremberg begins shortly after lunch. During the afternoon, you'll enjoy two **Exclusive Discovery Series**: a discussion outlining how the Main-Danube Canal's innovative system of locks has made Europe's rivers navigable, and a *Stollen* baking demonstration, where you'll learn how to prepare this traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts, and topped with powdered sugar.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 8 • Nuremberg

Your ship docks at Nuremberg quite early this morning. After breakfast, you disembark for a tour of Nuremberg, one of the most important cities of the Franconia region. Later, visit Nuremberg's famous *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), where you have free time to browse on your own. This is Germany's most famous traditional Christmas market, and it is open throughout the holiday season.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or join the *Munich, Germany* post-trip extension.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach

- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Vienna, Austria.

DAY 2 • Vienna, Austria • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. Mingle with your fellow travelers during dinner onboard this evening. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Vienna, Austria*, you will join your main group today.

D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley discussion

After setting sail this morning, enjoy hot chocolate and relax onboard as your ship

cruises along the Wachau Valley. Your Program Director will provide enlightening commentary about this UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion. Later, disembark in Melk for an excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 4 • Linz • Optional Salzburg tour

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. It offers a wealth of discoveries—from its Hauptplatz, one of the loveliest squares in Europe, to the 17th-century Abbey of St. Florian, where Linz's native son, Anton Bruckner, was the

organist and composed many of his famed masterpieces of church music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Savor hearty Austrian fare over lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 5 • Passau, Germany • German language lesson • German Christmas Traditions discussion

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** German language lesson, where you can learn some German phrases—such as, *Schöne Feiertage* (Happy Holidays)—commonly used during the Christmas season. In mid-morning, disembark to



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FWSA CST#2034983-40



BAC 2027 FWSA Ski Week January 23-30, 2027

Package Includes:

- 7-Nights Lodging
- Welcome Reception
- Giant Slalom Races
- BAC Council Dinner
- Farewell Banquet, Awards and Dance

Available:

See registration form for details.

- Group Air from SFO - \$385
RT SFO to BZN
23JAN27-UA562-SFO/BZN-11:15A/2:35P
30JAN27-UA1702-BZN/SFO-3:40P/5:21P
- Ground Transportation - \$169
- Lift Tickets

Lodging Options

Huntley Lodge



Recently renovated slopeside hotel with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking.

2-Queen Beds - \$1,815 per person/double occupancy
– \$1,360 Single Supplement

Registration Link:

<http://FWSA27BigSky.sat.tours/3689>

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Summit Hotel



4-Star hotel with slopeside access with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking

2-Queen Beds - \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
1 Queen Studio w/Kitchenette – \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
– \$1,995 Single Supplement

FWSA 2027 Int'l Ski Trip to Val Gardena, Italy

BASIC Ski Week: Val Gardena - February 27 to March 6, 2027

Group departs US Feb 25, arrive in Munich, Germany, Feb 26 & spend 1 night at a Munich airport hotel.

On Feb 27th we will depart by bus to Val Gardena and return to US from Munich Airport on Mar. 6, 2027.

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Group air details are in the registration documents. The current airline baggage policy states that the first checked bag is FREE - Round Trip.

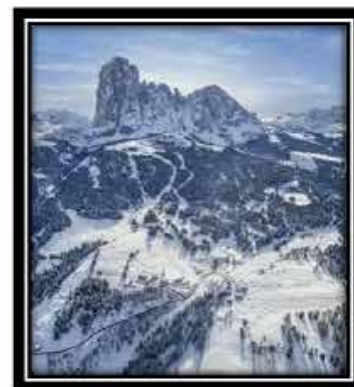
- 4-Star Lodging at the Hotel & Residence Antares in Selva di Val Gardena, Italy.
- Double Occupancy and Single Supplement rooms will be available for both options.
- All prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.18 USD & subject to change.
- Prices will be based on double occupancy.
- Limited number of Single Supplements are available.
- Negotiated special group air transportation sold separately.

Val Gardena stands as a distinguished ski destination within the Dolomites, featuring 112 miles of slopes, world-class lifts, and convenient access to the renowned Sellaronda circuit. Located in South Tyrol, Northern Italy, Val Gardena is part of the Dolomiti region, providing skiers with extensive interconnected slope networks across 12 ski areas. The resort offers a comprehensive range of runs suitable for all levels of skiers and snowboarders.

Dolomite Mountain Resorts are on the IKON Pass!!!

Basic Lodging Package (Selva, Val Gardena) includes:

- Transfer between Munich Airport and Munich Airport Hotel via Hotel Shuttle.
- One-night stay at a Munich Airport Hotel.
- Transfer between Munich Airport Hotel via a private coach to Selva/Val Gardena.
- 7 night's lodging at the 4* Hotel & Residence Antares in Selva di Val Gardena.
- Welcome/Orientation on February 27 with reps, including Val Gardena Tourism Board
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & 5 Dinners at the Hotel & Residence Antares.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
 - WIFI
 - Heated Ski Locker
 - Heated swimming pool & Spa
- Après Ski & Farewell events
- Optional day tour - details to be provided.
- Return transfer from Val Gardena to Munich Airport



Val Gardena

Optional Extension Adventure Tour: Puglia & Rome, Italy

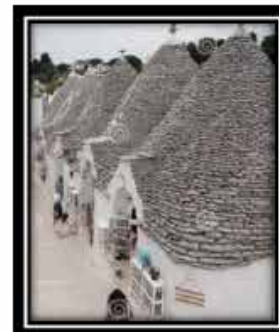
March 6 – 13, 2027



Colosseum, Rome

Trip includes:

- 7 nights lodging – 3 nights in Puglia & 4 nights in Rome
- One way bus transfer from Hotel Antares in Selva to Milano Linate Airport.
- One way flight from Milano Linate Airport to Bari Airport.
- High speed train in private coach from Bari to Rome.
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour.
- Breakfast daily.
- Guided day excursions in Bari, Alberobello, Truilli, Rome, Vatican and more.



Trulli Houses

➤ **Stand Alone Puglia & Rome ONLY (Excludes Val Gardena ski week). Contact Gloria Raminha**

Information provided on the flyer is subject to change!

Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Reference "FWSA 2027 Val Gardena Int'l Trip" on each check.

Basic trip (Val Gardena) pricing starts at: \$2999.00

Extension trip (Puglia & Rome) pricing starts at: \$2989.00

For more information and payment details contact:

Gloria Raminha - FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
12707 Windy Ridge Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93312
Garski2011@gmail.com
Cell: 661/800-8229

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ALYESKA--IDITAROD

Far West Ski Association

2027 Alyeska/Iditarod Trip

February 28—March 7, 2027

Early Bird Package Price \$1,459

Price goes up July 1, 2026

Air & Lift Tickets NOT included

Optional Activities NOT included

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Alyeska Resort is located 40 miles south-east of Anchorage. The Hotel Alyeska is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Optional activities available.

The Clarion Hotel Anchorage is located in downtown Anchorage within walking distance to the opening activities of the Iditarod. Optional activities available.

For information & to sign up: Nancy Ellis, Trip Leader
fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net (530) 414-8261

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Included:

ALYESKA RESORT :
Alyeska Hotel Lodging
Welcome Party
Ground Transfers

ANCHORAGE:
Clarion Hotel Lodging
Ground Transfers
Trolley Tour
Farewell Party

Optional Activities:
Wildlife Tour
Dog Sledding
Glacier Walk
Glacier Cruise
Heli-ski/Cat Skiing
Sleigh Rides
Anchorage Museum
Flightseeing Tours
Northern Lights
And More.....



BAC 2027 Mini Ski Week

March 14-19, 2027

\$655 per person

Double Occupancy per room
4 person condo in King/2-Twin rooms

Registration Link:

<https://tri.ps/fAQoa>

Package Includes:

- 5-Nights Lodging
- All Taxes and Resort Fees
- \$100 Mammoth Mountain Resort Gift Card
- Welcome Breakfast Burrito 1st Morning
- Free Mountain Tour
- Group get-together

Available:

See registration site for details.

- Lift Tickets



Juniper Springs Resort

Premier Ski-in/Ski-out Condominium Resort

Key Features & Amenities

- Accommodations: 2-bedroom (1 king/2 twins)/2 bath units, all featuring mountain views.
- Ski-In/Ski-Out: Direct access to Mammoth Mountain's Eagle Express lift.
- Relaxation: Six outdoor hot tubs and a heated pool.
- Dining/Services: The Daily Grind in the lobby offers coffee and pastries, with a fitness center and secure underground parking available

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Red-eyed tree frog



Local artist, San José

Immersion in Costa Rica: La Fortuna to the Pacific Coast

Costa Rica: San José, La Fortuna, Pacific Coast



7 days starting from **\$2,699**

without airfare

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: MAY 14, 2027

Return Date: MAY 21, 2027

Activity Level:

①②③④ Moderately Strenuous

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Depart U.S.
2-4	La Fortuna
5-6	Pacific Coast
7	San José
8	Return to U.S.

PLEASE MENTION THIS
CODE WHEN BOOKING

G7-29997

Information & Reservations 1-800-353-6262

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E-BIKE & BARGE

Paris & Heart of Northern France

September 16-23, 2027



Day-to-day Program – Lagny-sur-Marne to Soissons

Day 1: Lagny-sur-Marne

Day 2: Lagny-sur-Marne - Paris

Day 3: Paris - Bougival

Day 4: Bougival – Auvers-sur-Oise

Day 5: Auvers-sur-Oise – Beaumont – Pont-Sainte-Maxence

Day 6: Pont-Sainte-Maxence - Compiègne

Day 7: Compiègne - Soissons

Day 8: Soissons

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR: ☐ E-Bike Mandatory and Included ☐ 8 days/7 nights

☐ Difficulty Level 3—requires a higher level of exertion on medium hilly terrain ☐ 7 x breakfast

☐ Packed lunches ☐ 6 x 3-course dinner ☐ Coffee and tea on board ☐ Welcome drink ☐ Wi-Fi

☐ Use of bed linen and towels ☐ Daily cleaning of the cabin ☐ Climate-controlled cabin ☐ Daily briefings

☐ Fully guided cycling tours (2 tour leaders, 2 groups) ☐ Some short walking tours ☐ BBT cycling map

☐ GPS tracks ☐ Use of a helmet ☐ Use of a waterproof pannier bag ☐ Biodegradable water bottle

☐ Fees for ferries ☐ Entrance to Chateau de Chantilly, Chateau de Pierrefonds and The Armistice Carriage

JOIN 24 BAC cyclists on an 8-day premium E-bike and boat tour. Discover Paris and the beautiful river regions just beyond the city: a world of elegant châteaux, quiet forests, historic towns, riverside cafés, and landscapes once painted by the Impressionists. You'll visit grand French landmarks such as the Château de Chantilly, the storybook Château de Pierrefonds, and the graceful Château de Champs-sur-Marne. You'll also spend time in places closely connected to beloved artists, including Auvers-sur-Oise, where Vincent van Gogh spent his final days, and the Île des Impressionnistes, which inspired painters such as Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare

1-dinner

Bottled/Alcoholic Drinks

Gratuities (at your discretion)

Trip Insurance

Entrance fees not mentioned above

Transfers to/from the dock

\$3,195* per person – double occupancy

Deposit: \$500 – to secure your spot

\$1,500 Due Feb 15, 2027

Balance Due June 30, 2027

Checks payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs

Mail to: Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Dr., Foster City CA 94404

*Trip cost is based on 2026 currency conversion rates. Any major change in currency conversion rates that impact trip cost will be passed on to participants.



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