MAY/JUNE 2021

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NEWSLETTER



General Meeting:

May 10th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

To join us, please register on our website

Location:

Warehouse 72

7620 Katy Fwy Suite 305

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From Mission Control



Beverly Roberts, President

Hello Friends

Spring is here! To my amazement, just about everything obliterated by the February freeze has resprouted. My roses are just going crazy! It makes me happy and hopeful to see regrowth and beautiful blooms. And it also made me really happy to see sooooo many people turn out for the April club meeting. I saw dear friends that I haven't seen at all, or only on Zoom, for almost a year. Most people are 'vaxed up' and happy that their antibody superpowers are fully kicked in.

Well, speaking of Zoom, I am pretty 'Zoomed-out' after the TSC virtual Bidfest sessions on Friday, Saturday

and Sunday, April 9-11. But it was worth it — we are excited about the TSC selection of wonderful ski and adventure trips for 2022 and 2023. Check out Marsha's article for the particulars. And you already know about the full roster of 2022 trips. Our 2022 trip leaders will soon begin planning and advertising for their trips. Information will be posted to the website as details are nailed down. I am so ready to restart travel, and the first steps are underway!

I'm also so ready to enjoy the dinners, activities, and happy hours that Lynn has scheduled. She is busy helping us restart the socializing that we have all missed so much.



South Africa: Tom Hogle (past president), Roberta Rambin, Ron Rambin

From Mission Control Continued

This information will also be on the website and will be included in the weekly eblasts. Be sure to check both for all the updates.

In the meantime, go out and smell your roses!

Beverly





South Africe: David Stotz, Diane Stotz, Joan Waddill

Countdown to Lift Off



Marsha Lutz, Vice President of Trips

Hi there!

Last month I wrote about the 50 or so SCSC lucky participants that were able to ski in either Jackson Hole or Snowbird. I have one more person to add to the list of skiers. Yours truly. I know there were several others that managed to get to the slopes on their own, but I was pleasantly surprised that I was able to go to Breckenridge for 4 nights over Easter weekend. They still had the 2 household per condo limit so not everyone in our group was

able to go, sorry to say. Other than that rule, along with wearing masks while in the lift line and eating outside for our ski day lunches on the mountain (reservations only for indoor tables), the rest was mostly the same as usual. It was so nice to be out on the slopes and we had great spring weather- blue skies, warm temps, no wind, and amazingly good snow. Breck and many resorts have decided to stay open into May so some of you may still find an opportunity to go on a trip.

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South Africa: Jill Nanney, Melinda Hughes, Marsha Lutz

Countdown to Lift Off, Cont'd

Asf ar as SCSC trips, the 3rd and remaining trip of 2021 is the Grand Canyon/Zion adventure. Those 30 participants will enjoy the beauty of the American West for 4 days. Currently there is one opening for a female and one opening for a male. Just a reminder due to the uncertainties of international travel the Bruges to Amsterdam bike/barge and the Greece trips have been postponed to similar timeframes in 2022. The New Zealand trip had to be canceled. Check with the TCs for details whether you are carrying forward your participation or are newly interested now that we have new dates.

The trips in the table below were listed last month but now they all have a Trip Coordinator. These TCs <u>will have more</u> info for you soon. The trip to Vail and to Yosemite are in the proposal phase so stay tuned.

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Destination	Dates	Trip Coordinator
Grand Canyon/Zion National	09/25-09/29/2021	Arlen Isham
Parks		
Vail, CO – the SCSC annual	Dec 2021 -plans in pro-	Ann Dorn
event	gress	
TSC Traditional- Park City, UT	01/08 – 01/15/22	Rene Reed
TSC Winter Expedition - Zell-	01/21 -01/29/22	Anne Thomas
am-See, Austria –Extension to		
Prague/Vienna		
Breckenridge, CO	01/29- 02/05/22	Joe Zurfly
TSC Winter Shootout -	02/05 – 02/12/22	Cindy Moore
Telluride, CO		
Steamboat, CO	2/19 -2/26/22	Steve Ying
Yosemite, CA	Under review – May	Arlen Isham
	2022	
Bruges to Amsterdam -Bike/	06/06 – 06/14/22	Rita Cardenas,
Barge		Leyla Ozkardesh

Countdown to Lift Off, Cont'd

As announced on the website and the last couple of weekly email blast updates, the Texas Ski Council trips were selected on April 11 in a virtual BidFest.

- Fall Expedition 2022: Russia, Sept. 2022 (Exact dates to be determined
- Traditional 2023: Snowmass, CO, Jan 14-21, 2023
- Winter Expedition 2023: Ischgl-Samnaun, Austria, Jan 21-28, 2023, (date may be moved to prevent overlap with Trad)
- Winter Shootout 2023: Steamboat, CO, Feb 11-18, 2023
- ♦ Final Showdown 2023: Lake Louise, Canada Mar 11-18, 2023

I am sure many of you that were on Jill Nanney's planned trip to Russia in June 2020 were disappointed it got cancelled but now you have a chance to do it in Sept. 2022 with Jill at the helm again.

I won't be looking for TCs for the 2023 ski trips yet – it is just too far out to plan. TSC started planning 2 years out for two reasons – so preferred lodging could more likely be secured since many councils plan 2 years out and to allow the clubs to plan trips the year before without repeat destinations if so desired. So that is done and now we wait a bit while we plan for and enjoy the rest of 2021 and 2022.

Yay – the travel world is coming back and that is a path I will definitely be on! Hope to see you along the way.

Marsha

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Rhino with horn is an unusual sight. Usually they are removed to prevent poaching.



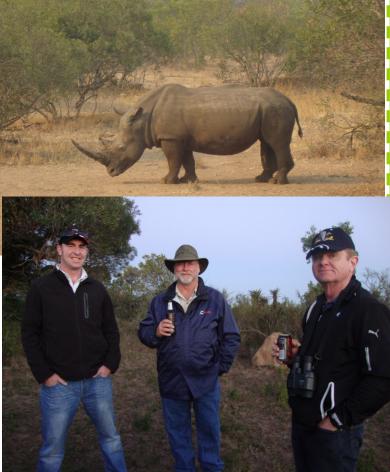
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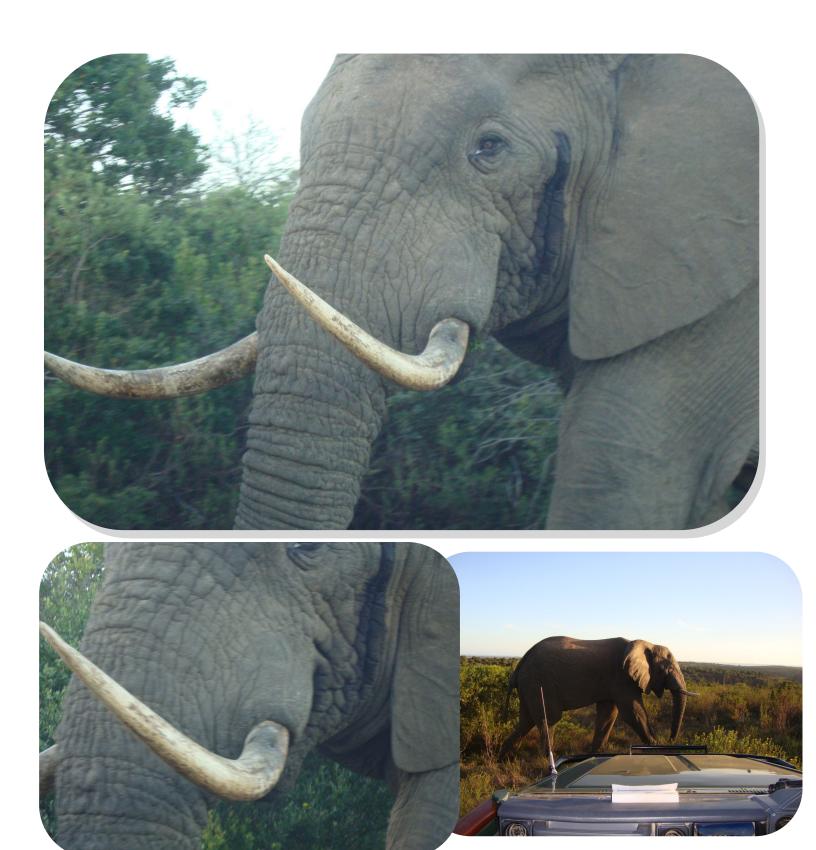
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Memories of
South Africa
By Melinda HughesVP of
Marketing

In 2014, the club embarked on a trip of a lifetime. We flew to South Africa to experience the Garden Route. I never thought that I would see the majestic animals of this country in my lifetime. Space City made it possible and the friends we made along the way was an amazing bonus. This issue will be dedicated to this trip.



South Africa: Kariega guide, Dennis Hughes, Ross Baker (TSC VP 2014)



South African elephant. Actual distance!!



Bummer of a birthmark when you hang out with lions!



Having a Blast

Lynn Burch, Vice President of Activities

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YAY!!! I think we are getting closer to back to normal with more people getting their vaccine shots and ready to get out. At the end of April, we started back with In-person Happy Hours and I have a date for the Volunteer Party.

Our 3rd shot at Trivia at Warehouse 72 was on March 20 and they won several of the games, thanks to Jeff Cross and Craig Campbell. I am planning on it becoming a monthly event and it will be on Friday night instead of Saturday from now on.

The March Dinner at Mia's Table on Gessner had a good turnout and we got a separate room with a waitress which made it nice that

we each did not have to go to the counter and order.

The April meeting had 60 people show up with a few new faces. One couple had just moved to Houston and found us on Facebook. They are skiers, so I talked to them about our activities and Marsha talked to

them about the ski trips. We had a moment of silence for Debbie Moser's passing. She will be greatly missed especially by me for all the help she gave me on varied activities thru the last few years. Marsha gave an update on trips and what trips were selected at Bid fest. I handed out a calendar of activities through June. There are still a lot of things in the planning stages so, at the May meeting, I will hand out a





Dennis Hughes capturing the action!

calendar

Having a Blast

for the summer through August.

Trivia was on Friday April 23 and our April Dinner was at Blue Agave on April 24. Our first live Happy Hour in a year was at FM Kitchen on Shepherd. They offered a Rib Eye Steak Dinner with twice baked potato for \$20. I have to order and pay in advance for how many we want so I collected money for those interested at the meeting.

Our last meeting until September is on May 10 at Warehouse 72, be sure and attend to see what all is planned for the summer. Bil Cusack is having a Disc Golf game on May 22 and that same date is the monthly Dinner which will be at George's Pasteria. This is owned by George and Rene Reed who are members of our club so be sure and come to support them. Karen Leeson is going to have a bike ride along White Oak Bayou on May 23.

Our Happy Hour is on May 27 at Bungalow Heights and they will also be offering a Steak Dinner that night along with all the rest of their menu.

Linda Kuper and I have come up with a date for the Volunteer Party of June 12. Invitations have gone out. If you volunteered and did not receive an invitation, call Lynn.

I am still looking to set up more activities for this summer. If anyone has a suggestion of where would be fun to go, please let me know.

Please keep signing up for activities early and don't wait until the last minute. Several places, I have to let know days in advance of how many are coming.

Lynn

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Extracurricular Activities—May 2021 Upcoming Events

May 10 Monthly meeting at Warehouse 72

May 21 Trivia at Warehouse 72

May 22 Monthly Dinner at George's Pasteria

May 27 Happy Hour at the Bungalow Heights

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Helmets, Goggles, and Ski Rental

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Ellen Eastham Vice President of Membership

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Membership Desk



RENEW NOW

Greetings to Space City present and future members,

You may know me from past years in the club. I joined in 1999 and was an officer, trip and activity coordinator for many years. I look forward to serving the club for the upcoming year, and growing membership. Make sure to share club email, information, trip details, and activities with your friends, so they can join you by attending activities, meetings, going on a trip, and become a member.

Membership rates are discounted until May 31, 2021! If your membership has expired, renew it NOW!

SCSC dues structure effective April 1, 2021:

Single 1 year - \$35; 3 year prepay \$88 Family 1 year - \$65; 3 year prepay \$163

Effective June 1, 2021 - Dues for all levels of membership increase:

Single 1 year - \$40; 3 year prepay \$100 Family 1 year - \$70; 3 year prepay \$175

After logging in to spacecity.org, hover the cursor over your name in the upper right corner of the Space City home page. If your membership has expired, a renewal link will appear in the drop down, then click on it to begin the renewal process.

Follow the payment instructions to renew, or go to the Membership tab for New Member Sign Up. Make payment with Visa and Discover Card as our preferred cards. Or save 2.99% and follow the application steps to generate an invoice and mail a check to:

SCSC, PO Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227

I will see you at the club meetings at Warehouse 72 and future activities!

The next meeting is May 10. The dinner there is gourmet and delicious!

Ellen

Hiking and Sightseeing







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zion@spacecity.org

September 25—29, 2021

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Zion & Grand
Canyon Tour

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Land Package Price \$617 * Final Payment – 7/11/2021

Deposit-15%

Total Participants: 30

*All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.

Two nights at Springdale, Zion National Park, hiking and scenic views

Scenic drive - Zion National Canyon

One night at the Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge

Scenic drive to Point Imperial and Cape Royal on the North Rim

Scenic drive to the south rim Grand Canyon including many view stops.

One night at the Yavapai Lodge, Grand Canyon South Rim

Rt. 66 & Hoover Dam on the return to Las Vegas

Optional extra time at Las Vegas

Why Choose This Trip?

My wife and I first went to the Grand Canyon in 1969. About 15 years later, we visited Zion and



both the North and South rims with our children. That started a long association with the Grand Canyon, where I organized 14 adventure trips with almost 400 people over the next 30 years. Many SCSC members have been on those Rim to Rim hiking adventures. You may have been to Zion and the Grand Canyon, but you missed what I will show you, including the amazing North Rim.

This is your chance to join me on a trip with SCSC next September, 2021. Travel with me as I show you the best way to maximize your experience on this scenic trip with the chance to hike a little bit of two of the top ten adventure hikes of the world. If you are not a hiker, you will still be able to see and enjoy these two great National Parks. There will be lots of opportunities to stop and gawk at amazing sights.

What is the Plan?

We fly to Las Vegas on an early Saturday morning flight via an early Southwest Airlines flight; but you can choose your own airline with an early arrival to Las Vegas. We will pick up our four 15 passenger vans with 7 or 8 people in each van. The drive to Springdale is only about 170 miles, so we will arrive in time for an afternoon visit to Zion to hike or sight see. You can join me as I lead a hike up into the famous Zion Narrows for a short distance on the next afternoon as one of the several options.

After our two nights at Zion, we leave Zion on Monday through the east side with more view stops. A stop at Kanab will acquaint you with that area of lower Utah on our drive to the North Rim.



Be in this picture, Monday, September 27, 2021 on the back patio of the North Rim historic lodge.

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Zion & Grand Canyon Tour

The North Rim has spectacular views and is surrounded with forest of Ponderosa Pines. It averages 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher than the South Rim! It is isolated from the crowds of the South Rim and provides for a great laid back and relaxing afternoon and evening. We will eat dinner at the famous North Rim Lodge and also enjoy what many people say is one of the best Bloody Mary's in the world. An optional afternoon drive to Point Imperial is often considered the greatest viewpoint on the North Rim. We will continue to Cape Royal to see Angels Window and great views of the Canyon and the south rim.



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Canyon Tour

On Tuesday, our 3rd day, we will drive around to the South Rim with several stops, including down at the Colorado River to dip your hands into the 55 degree water coming out of Glen Canyon Dam, and maybe see raft companies launching trips down the 270 mile trip through the Canyon. The stop at Marble Canyon over the Colorado River may include sights of Condors under the bridge. The drive along the south rim of the Grand Canyon will take in the incredible views with stops for pictures.

Our arrival to Grand Canyon Village on Tuesday will be in the afternoon giving everyone a chance to wander the south rim area, including possibly walking down a little bit of one of the two rim to rim corridor trails, Bright Angel or South Kaibab. I will be leading a 1.8 mile round trip hike down the South Kaibab to **Ooh-Aah point!** Remember, down is optional, and up is mandatory. For those that want to see much of the south rim without walking much, take the Hermits Trail shuttle out and back. Most people never get the chance to do that.

On Wednesday morning, you may want to get up early and see the sunrise over the Canyon, then head back for breakfast at the Maswik or even Break-

fast at the El Tovar. However, we will be leaving at 7:00 AM for one last great view of the Canyon at Yavapai point.

Our trip back to Vegas will include stops briefly in Williams, then a quirky stop at Grand Canyon Caverns. We probably won't have time to actually go in the Cavern, but you can find out about it.

Finally, we will do a drive though of Hoover Dam and brief stop to see the Dam and Lake Mead.

Trip Lodging

Our lodging at Zion will be the La Quinta at Springdale, which is less than 1.5 miles from the Park front entrance. From April through October, access into Zion Canyon is by shuttle bus only right outside the La Quinta. The shuttle will take you to 9 stops on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. You can get out at one of the stops depending on which hike you'll be conquering for the day or just to stop and stroll along the Virgin River. The La Quinta is in great walking distance to all of the eateries and shopping in Springdale.

Our lodging at the North Rim will be in the rustic Frontier Cabins. These are conveniently located close to the North Rim Grand Canyon lodge and the amazing views at the Lodge. Plan on relaxing on the back patio looking out to the south rim between Roaring Springs Canyon and Transept Canyon.

The Lodging at the South Rm will be at the Yavapai Lodge, close to the other major "On Rim" locations to sight see and have dinner. The south rim shuttle provides ease of exploration to the "over rim" sights near Grand Canyon Village

We return to Las Vegas about 3:00 PM for our return home or perhaps some of the group will decide to do an extension in Las Vegas (Lost Wages).

This trip will fill quickly, possibly in a couple days. Don't miss out. It is very possible this trip will be full before the publication of the September Sitzmarke. If so, get on the wait list.

Look on the SCSC website for more pictures and detailed information.

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Zion & Grand Canyon Tour

Bike and Boat Tour

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

June 6 through 14, 2022

TC1: Rita Cardenas bike1@spacecity.org



TC2: Leyla Ozkardesh bike2@spacecity.org

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Bruges-Amsterdam Trip Website

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Package Prices

Land Package-Cabin: \$3,024 estimated Deposit: 15% of Package Land Package-Suite: \$3,621 estimated Final Payment: February 8, 2021 All prices are based on payment by credit card. A discount up to 2.99% will be deducted for payment by check.

Why Choose This Trip

Another fabulous boat and bike tour on the schedule! Please Join Us! During this bicycle tour, we will visit some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders (Western Belgium): Bruges, Antwerp, Utrecht and Amsterdam, where you still can feel the charm of the days long gone.



We start in Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders" with its picturesque medieval town center. We will cycle through and discover the Dutch province of Zeeland, essentially one big river delta of the Rhine, Meuse, and Scheldt Rivers famous for its fantastic beaches, water activities and Delta works and the Flanders region of Belgium famous for a reputation for superb food and drink

Bruges to Amsterdam



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We will cross through a beautiful part of the Netherlands, before you bike along the winding Vecht River with its impressive mansions and country houses on its banks. You will visit a real Dutch cheese farm and the 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. Our destination is Amsterdam.

What's included in the package:

- Accommodation for hotel in Bruges the night before the boat tour begins
- Accommodation on board the Magnifique III boat (Built 2017). 8 days/7 nights. Climate controlled. The upper deck has salon with restaurant, bar, and lounge with large windows. Large doors open to the partially covered sundeck. The top deck includes a whirlpool/jacuzzi and deckchairs to relax.

Bruges to Amsterdam

- Full board 7x breakfast, 6x picnic lunch during bike tours, 6x three course dinner on board (dinner excluded in Bruges and AntwerMaid service
- Bike tour guides instructions and detailed maps
- Some walking tourist tours
- Limited Free WiFi on board most areas
- Hybird touring bikes 7 speed (ebikes available for extra) with Pannier bag



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Greece Cruise

Dates Pending



Package Pricing is based on your cabin choice. See our website for the price.

TC: Thuy Rocque 281-615-0405 Greece@spacecity.org

Athens Post Trip—\$453

Single Supplement: none

Participants: 30 Deposit: \$300 pp Final Payment Date: 4/13/21

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Greece

Trip Website

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All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

Greece, the name conjures images of magnificent ancient ruins, crystal blue seawater with sandy beaches, white stucco building with colorful rooftops perched on steep cliffs, and of course delightful foods. Now you can turn those images into reality by joining us on this once in a lifetime trip to the Greek islands whether you're looking to relax on picturesque islands with un-



spoiled sandy beaches or stimulate your senses in places that have marked ancient history. Come and be serenaded by the romance of the Aegean Sea and visit the most enchanting Greek island destinations dotted around the Aegean Sea, where culture, history, pristine beaches, and fishing villages suspended in time all await. Set foot on some of the most magnificent ancient ruins in the world when we visit Athens, Greece as part of your adventure.

Greece

Our journey spans 2 countries and starts in the magnificent ancient city of Athens, then we embark on a 7 night cruise starting in Turkey (Kusadasi) then visit some of Greece's most popular islands (Mykonos, Santorini, Ephesus, Rhodes, Santorini, Milos, and Olympia), and finally disembark back in Athens for another half day of sightseeing. There's also the option of extending your journey for another 2 nights in Athens to explore a city that you've read about in history books.







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So, what are you waiting for??? Join me on my "Big Fat Greek adventure" and sign up today. Get your spouse, partner, significant other, friend, sibling or even a parent/son/daughter and sign up together to get the cabin class you want for this Bucket List trip. Cabin types are limited and leaving it to chance to get a cabin-mate who wants your exact choice of cabin price category is risky so find a partner ahead of time then sign up together as cabin mates! Oompah!!

TRIP AT A GLANCE: SEE SCSC WEBSITE FOR DETAILED ITINERARY

- Roundtrip airfare from Houston (IAH) (full package only).
- Airline taxes, fees & fuel surcharges.
- Intra-Greece ground transportation and transfers by air-conditioned motor coach.
- Accommodations pre and post cruise at first class and deluxe Athens hotels
 (1 night before and 1 night after cruise)

Greece

- 7-night "Idyllic Aegean" Sea Cruise aboard Celestyal Cruises Crystal Ship.
- · Port charges.
- 25 meals: 9 full buffet American breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours in Athens, Olympia and Delphi
- Three (3) included shore excursions (numerous additional optional shore excursions are available for purchase onboard).
- Professional guides for included sightseeing tours and tour director throughout trip.
- All tips & gratuities during cruise onboard ship and on included excursions

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OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENTION IN ATHENS INCLUDES:

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Transfer from hotel to airport



cenae and Epidaurus.

Half day tour in Cape Sounion w/ English speaking guide

Optional half day Athens Markets walking tour or full day tour to My-



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