



April 2025

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From the President ...

We've all heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers," but I believe it also ignites our wanderlust. I'm excited to announce some upcoming adventures that promise to satisfy your travel cravings. Join fellow Sun City Travel Club members traveling together for some wonderful journeys:



St. Augustine and Amelia Island Bus Trip: Join us **May 6-7, 2025** for an enriching journey to the historic cities of St. Augustine and Amelia Island. Explore the rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture of these beautiful destinations.

10-Day Classic Portugal Tour (May 31 - June 9, 2026): I'm thrilled to announce a private, custom tour exclusively for our Travel Club members. In collaboration with *Gate 1 Travel*, we've crafted a 10-day Classic Portugal itinerary, departing on May 31, 2026. To secure the best possible pricing, we aim to gather a group of 30 travelers. Specific pricing details are forthcoming and will be available by early April.

14-Night Japan Intensive Voyage (March 27 - April 10, 2026): As previously announced, limited cabins remain for the 14-night Japan Intensive Voyage aboard the *Azamara Pursuit*, scheduled from March 27 to April 10, 2026.



Embark on these incredible journeys alongside your fellow Travel Club members! Traveling together not only enriches our experiences but also fosters lasting friendships.

For more details on these trips and other exciting opportunities, please visit our Travel Club website at:

www.travelclubsuncityhh.com .

Happy Travels! *Dianne*



Looking Ahead

TRAVEL CLUB OF SUN CITY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings are 2:30 to 3:30 pm at **Pinckney Hall Ballroom**
unless otherwise noted.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

at 2:30 pm in Pinckney Hall Ballroom

International Travel with Your iPhone

Mark Davis



Navigating the world of technology while traveling can be confusing and daunting. Our very own Sun City resident, Mark Davis will share his expertise on iPhone settings to avoid expensive charges, carrier plans for International Travel, and using a VPN (Virtual Private Network). During this insightful presentation, Mark will give us his recommendations on using email, searching the internet, and sending/receiving texts while out of the country. Please join us for this informative presentation on "Traveling Internationally with your iPhone" on Wednesday, April 9th at 2:30 pm at Pickney Hall Ballroom.

Coming Up!

Wednesday, May 14 **Comparing Cruiselines: Azamara vs. Oceania**

Bob and Carol Kennedy

PLUS: Traveling Safely

Joannie Welsh





TRAVEL BUZZ



Before You Travel: Navigating New Security Measures

As global travel protocols evolve, it's crucial to stay informed about new security measures both in the United States and abroad. Notably, the European Union is set to implement significant systems in 2025 and 2026.

EES - Entry/Exit System: This electronic system will automatically record border crossings of non-EU nationals, including Americans, entering and exiting the *Schengen Area*. It replaces traditional passport stamps and stores information such as names, dates of birth, fingerprints, facial biometrics, and details of border crossings.



ETIAS – European Travel Information and Authorization System: Starting in 2026, American citizens traveling to most European Union countries must apply for an ETIAS authorization. If you plan to travel to Norway, Cyprus, or any of the Schengen Zone countries, you need to understand the entry requirements. Use this link for the guide: <https://etias.com/etias-requirements/etias-for-american-citizens>.

ETA – Electronic Travel Authorization for United Kingdom: A new requirement for

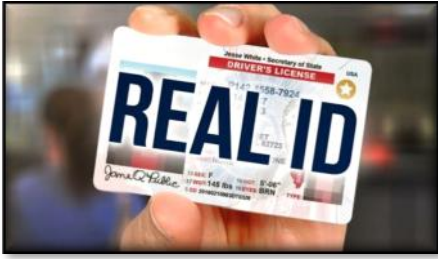
citizens of countries who can visit England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland with a visa for short trips. This includes U.S. citizens. You do not need an ETA if you are *transiting* through a UK airport, and you will not pass through border control. Check with your airline if you are not sure. You will usually get a decision in 3 working days. Your ETA lasts for 2



years or until your passport expires. The cost is approximately \$13. You can apply online at: <https://uk-eta.com/eta-eligibility/uk-eta-for-american-citizens-everything-travellers-need-to-know/>. Or go to the App Store and download: **UK ETA**. You will take a photo of yourself, the passport you will use, and a credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

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Acceptable Identification at the TSA Checkpoint



Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., make sure it is a **REAL ID** compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies with REAL ID, check with your state department of motor vehicles. (A weapon permit is not an acceptable form of identification, nor is a temporary driver's license accepted). If you arrive at the airport with acceptable identification, you may still be allowed to fly. **Don't go home but go to the TSA Checkpoint** where you may be asked to complete an identity verification process.

Can you pack your meds in a pill case and more questions answered

Can I travel with my medication? The answer is yes, with some qualifiers. Here are a few tips that you might find helpful.



- It is not necessary to present your medication to or notify an officer about any medication you are traveling with unless it is in liquid form (See next bullet).
- Medication in liquid form is allowed in carry-on bags in excess of 3.4 ounces in reasonable quantities for the flight. It is not necessary to place medically required liquids in a zip-top bag. However, you must tell the officer that you have medically necessary liquids at the start of the screening checkpoint process. Medically required liquids will be subject to additional screening that could include being asked to open the container.
- You can bring your medication in pill or solid form in unlimited amounts as long as it is screened.
- You can travel with your medication in both carry-on and checked baggage. It's highly recommended you place these items in your carry-on in the event that you need immediate access.

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- TSA does not require passengers to have medications in prescription bottles, but states have individual laws regarding the labeling of prescription medication with which passengers need to comply.
- Medication is usually screened by X-ray; however, if a passenger does not want a medication X-rayed, he or she may ask for a visual inspection instead. This request must be made before any items are sent through the X-ray tunnel.
- Nitroglycerin tablets and spray (used to treat episodes of angina in people who have coronary artery disease) are permitted and have never been prohibited.

Many international travelers carry medicines with them to treat acute or chronic health problems. However, each country has its own laws related to medicines. Medicines that are commonly prescribed or available over the counter in the United States might be unlicensed or considered controlled substances in other countries.

Consequences may include authorities taking away your medicine or penalties including jail or prison time. Check with your destination embassy and embassies of countries that you have layovers in to make sure your medicines are permitted. For more information: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-abroad-with-medicine>



SOLO TRAVELERS SIG

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th

All meetings are at 7 PM in the Lakehouse Ballroom.

Stacey Oshrin will present a program about **Exercise for Travel**. She advises to prepare yourself physically for travel, starting months beforehand, and making exercise a part of your normal life.

Walking is always a great way to exercise, and you will walk a lot when you travel. Get into the gym, get a personal trainer, start a fitness class, try small group personal training and do this quite a while before you depart. Give yourself time to get fit before you travel. The good news is that it's never too late to start or improve your fitness routine.

She will give you tips on how to get started with cardio workouts, stretching, walking and more. Join us on April 15th.



BUS Trips, One-day & Extended

Weekend Get-Aways

www.scottiedavis.com Contact: Cheryl Fuchs, 703-887-7793, or Scottie Davis, 843-422-3360

Menopause the Musical 2:

Cruising Through 'The Change'

plus Shopping at St Johns Town Center, Jacksonville FL

Saturday, April 12, 2025

[Deadline – March 5, 2025]

\$199



The girls are at it again! This time, they are cruising through “the change,” and their crazy antics and funny songs will make your face hurt from laughing so hard!

Men are invited.. but warned, “Lethal lyrics! Attend at your own risk!”

The play begins at 3 pm, giving you from 11 am to 2:10 pm to shop and have lunch at St Johns Town Center. The trip includes travel by motor coach from Sun City, orchestra ticket, bus drivers’ tip, wine & snacks on the way home. Full payment reserves your space. Trip closes when full. ETA: Leave Sun City at 8 am and return between 8-8:30 pm. No dinner stop.



St. Augustine & Amelia Island

May 6-7, 2025

(\$489 pp dbl occ., \$469 pp triple occ; \$569 pp single occ)

Deadline – April 10, 2025;

Experience two completely different Florida gems on this two day/ one night trip: St Augustine, dripping in history and the oldest city in the USA and Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island’s charming, historic town where there is something unique and beautiful lurking around every corner.

In St Augustine, tour the Old City on the hop on, hop off trolley tour; marvel at the beauty of Flagler College and the Lightner Museum.

Overnight in Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island with a tour of the charming historic town as well as the iconic Fort Clinch.

This popular trip includes transportation from Sun City, accommodations, breakfast, dinner, two tours in St Augustine, two tours in Fernandina Beach, museum entrance, snacks, bus driver’s tip.

The trip will leave from Bluffton at 7:30 am on day and returns about 7:30 pm on day 2.



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Brevard Music Center, Flat Rock Theater, King Tut Exhibit at Biltmore ... and More!

June 24-26, 2025

(\$897 pp dbl occ; \$828 pp triple occ; \$1,069 pp single occ.)

Deadline – May 15; take a discount of \$10 pp if paid before April 1.

Overnight for two nights at the Hampton Inn in Brevard; attend a performance at the Brevard Music Center and return the next day to observe a rehearsal with Keith Lockhart and the orchestra, followed by free time to explore the charming downtown Brevard and have lunch on your own.

And there is more...attend a performance of Beautiful, The Carol King Musical at the Flat Rock Playhouse, NC's State Theater and be blown away by the performance. To add icing to the cake, there is the new King Tut Exhibit at The Biltmore with true to life artifact replicas of the magnificent ancient treasures.

Included: transp, acc., two breakfasts, two dinners, two performances, Biltmore & King Tut exhibit, snacks, bus driver's tip.

Four GA Islands in Three Days

Cumberland, Jekyll, St Simons & Sapelo

October 28-30, 2025

(\$849pp dbl occ; \$789 pp triple; \$1,099 single occ)

Deadline- Sept 21, 2025 [*\$10 discount if signed up & paid by Aug 5.*]



Experience four completely different islands. Hike Cumberland with private guides; tour Jekyll's historic district, the playground for America's most powerful; visit St Simons and dine in style at a top restaurant; tour primitive Sapelo via bus plus lunch at Lulu's, a treat you will long remember. Overnight for 2 nights on Jekyll Island.

Escorted trip includes travel by motorcoach & ferry, acc., 4 tours, 5 meals, bus driver's tip.

Departs Bluffton at 8 am on day 1; returns by 6 pm on day 3.



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The Magic of Biltmore at Christmas plus King Tut Exhibit December 9 -10, 2025

(\$819 pp dbl occ; \$748 pp triple; \$714 pp quad occ; \$1,064 pp
single occ)

Deadline - October 1, 2025. Take a discount of \$10 pp if paid before
June 30.

There is nothing more magical than spending 24 hours on the Biltmore Estate grounds and staying at the elegant Inn on Biltmore Estate to experience true holiday joy. Wine tasting, dinner, candlelight tour, breakfast, tour of Estate grounds with a step on guide add to this joy and seeing the King Tut Exhibit puts the trip over the top.

Trip includes: transp., wine tasting, Biltmore House candlelight tour, Estate tour, acc. at Inn on Biltmore Estate; 2 meals, King Tut Exhibit, snacks, bus driver's tip.

Elegant Charleston Christmas Trip Saturday, December 13, 2025

(\$249 pp)

Deadline - Oct 5, 2025

A festive, fun day to feed all of your senses! Enjoy a spectacular lunch at *High Cotton*, one of Charleston's finest restaurants; attend the spectacular *Moranz Christmas Show* at the **Charleston Music Hall** filled with beauty and pure holiday joy and then, on to James Island to experience the **Festival of Lights** and ride through the amazing light display singing Christmas carols and sipping wine.

Trip includes transp., fabulous lunch at High Cotton, Christmas show, James Island Festival of Lights, wine, snacks, bus driver's tip.





Keep on Cruisin'

by Diane Lippa



Azamara Pursuit

JAPAN INTENSIVE VOYAGE

Mar 27th, 2026

EXCLUSIVE
GROUP PRICING

P2 - CABIN TOTAL	\$19,458
V2 - CABIN TOTAL	\$18,518
V3 - CABIN TOTAL	\$18,078
05 - CABIN TOTAL	\$11,998

14 NIGHT CRUISE

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Maizuru
Sakaiminato
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What Ever's Going On - WEGO!

The Travel Club's very active special interest group for local events

WEGO meetings are a great way to get together with other members. Click [here](#) to view the WEGO page on the Sun City website. Current and past lists of events are in the Documents section at the bottom of the page.

Celebrate the 27th WEGO Anniversary with cake and ice cream in the Pavilion on Apr. 16!

The WEGO Special Interest Group specialize in local activities (usually within a 45-minute drive). Most are moderately priced, and many are free! April has many exciting things to do. Click on the links or see the [April 2025 WEGO List](#) for information about the following events and many more!

CLASSICAL EVENTS

Apr. 5 World Ballet Company Presents The Great Gatsby, Apr. 6 Pergolesi: Stabat Mater, Apr. 6 USCB Chamber Music, Apr. 6-28 Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, Apr. 11 BravoPiano! Recital Series Finale – Anna Han, Apr. 13 Handel's "Messiah" (Easter Portion), Apr. 26-30 Met Opera: La Nozze di Figaro.

FESTIVALS & HOME TOURS

Now-Apr. 13 The Charleston Festival, Mar. 26-Apr. 12 Savannah Music Festival, Apr. 5 Lowcountry Food Truck Festival, Apr. 11-13 Old Town Bluffton Spring Fling!, Apr. 5 Spring A Palooza, Apr. 12-13 Beaufort Airshow, Apr. 12-13 Strawberry Festival, Apr. 19 Soft Shell Crab Festival, Apr. 25-26 NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens, Apr. 26 SCAD Sidewalk Arts Festival, Apr. 26 Bluffton Sunset Party, Apr. 26-27 Art Market, Apr. 30-May 1 Wine, Women & Shoes.

MUSIC & THEATERS

Mar. 28-Apr. 6 Sheila's Island, Apr. 1-26 Savannah Civic Center (Mean Girls, Pretty Woman: The Musical, and Bonnie Raitt), Apr. 2-30 Savannah Theatre (Menopause The Musical and Million Dollar Quartet), Apr. 4 Movie Night in the Park: Despicable Me, Apr. 4 A Night On Broadway, Apr. 4 Harvest Moon – CSN&Y Tribute, Apr. 10-12 The Country Wife, Apr. 11-12 The Mouse That Roared, Apr. 12 Always Olivia, Apr. 23-June 1 Waitress, Apr. 25-27 An Other Worldly Excursion, Apr. 25-May 4 Grease, Apr. 26 Circle Unbroken: Da' Dreamers, Apr. 26 OPFOB Concert for the Heroes, Apr. 27 Annual Pops Concert, Apr. 29 Spring Pageant.

MORE ADVENTURES

Mar. 25-Apr. 29 Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Events (Field Trip: Waddell Mariculture Center, Brown Bag Lunch: Living with Alligators, and 19th-Century Games), Apr. 2-29 Beaufort County Libraries (Wineglass Terrarium, Beyond Robert Smalls: The Untold Stories of the Freedom Seekers on the Planter, and The American Revolution from the Perspective of Geology and Topography), Apr. 12 Plaid Nation 5K, Apr. 12 Native Plant Sale, Apr. 12-25 Master Naturalist Tour, Apr. 15 Lunch with Authors: Mary Martha Greene and Bren McClain, Apr. 15-20 RBC Heritage, Apr. 17 A Study of Gray's Reef,

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Apr. 19 Fort Pulaski – Free Entrance Day, Apr. 19 Red Shoes Run, Apr. 20 Easter Cruises, Apr. 25 Southern Comforts Quilt Show, Apr. 26 Release & Remember.

MUSEUMS & TOURS

Apr. 9-28 Coastal Discovery Museum (Turtle Time: The Life of a Loggerhead Sea Turtle, Indigo Exploration: Tea Towel Edition, and Behind The Scenes: Sculpture Tour), Apr. 23 Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum (Remember Us Book Launch with Robert Edsel), Apr. 3-12 Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage (Intro to Clay Workshop, Language of Clay Exhibition Tour, Mustering the First South, and Art of Indigo Dyeing), Apr. 5-29 PRSF Maritime Center (Kayak Tours, Tuesday Talk: The History of the Port Royal Sound, Tuesday Talk: Pat Conroy as Nature Writer, and Fly Fishing Film Tour & Salty Dog Boat Cruise), Apr. 3 Telfair Museums (Tideland Exhibit Opening Celebration).

If you are ever looking for something to do, the WEGO list is the place to find it!

**The next meeting is Wednesday, April 16th at 1 pm in the Pavilion.
(Note the change in location.)**

Come starting at 12:30 to see what events others are planning to attend.



Travel Club Members had a fun day enjoying a Savannah Bananas game.





How to Find Out About Travel Club Happenings



NEWSLETTER

- The Frequent Flier Newsletter is filled with valuable information, including details about upcoming meeting dates, times, and speaker topics, as well as listings for endorsed travel club trips, bus/land tours, and much, much more.
- Distributed monthly via email and posted on the Travel Club and Sun City Websites

SUNSATIIONS

- Every edition of SunSations provides an advanced look at the speaker topic for the month. As well as current information on meeting dates, times, and locations.
- Distributed monthly by LifeStyle via email and online

SCHH TRAVEL CLUB WEBSITE

- The ultimate resource to find everything you need to know about the Travel Club at your fingertips. Such as: Meeting Information * Newsletters * WEGO List * Travel Destinations * Travel News * Travel Apps * Travel Tips
- <https://www.travelclubsyncityhh.com/>

SUN CITY WEBSITE

- Upcoming Meeting Dates, Times, and locations
- Newsletters * WEGO List
- <https://suncityhiltonhead.org/Account/Login/46134/Sign-In>

FACEBOOK

- Facebook is a platform for connecting with fellow members of the SCHH Travel Club. It's an ideal place to ask travel-related questions, share club highlights, and learn about upcoming social events. Curious about where other travelers from Sun City are going? This is the perfect spot to share your travel adventures! Keep us updated on your latest trips by telling us where you went, and what you saw and did, and don't forget to share a few photos with us!
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1465934300183864>

FYI: LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS

These are local travel agents. FYI ONLY *Travel Club does not endorse travel agents so do your own due diligence.*



Dream Vacations - Stephanie - 843-816-4083

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Travel Experts - Carolyn Weber - 843-645-0800

(*Sun City resident*)

AAA - Kelly Brock - 843-815-3775

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