



The Frequent Flier

Travel Club of Sun City Hilton Head
<https://www.travelclubscityhh.com>

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From the President ...

As we witness the changing of the leaves, fall invites us to explore the beauty of the season. It is my favorite time of the year mainly because I love the colors of fall and the cooler weather. By now we all appreciate some cooler weather so that we can enjoy our



lanai. There are less crowds so we can take the planned fall trip. So, whether you're venturing out to see the vibrant foliage of the Blue Ridge Mountains, sipping wine in your backyard, or taking a cozy cabin retreat in the mountains, autumn offers many adventures. The cooler weather and fewer crowds make it an ideal time to travel and immerse yourself in the charm of our area. Make sure you check out some of our Fall day and overnight bus trips.

Also, we can't wait to celebrate with you at our upcoming December 13th holiday presentation featuring Switzerland, as we indulge in some seasonal delights. Mark your calendars!

Happy Travels! *Dianne*

NEW VICE PRESIDENT... Introducing **Shelly Clarke.**

Hello Fellow Travelers...

I'm very excited to be stepping into the role of VP of the SCHH Travel Club. My desire in taking this role is to use my passion for travel and personal skillset to assist the existing travel admin team and you the Sun City traveler.

While I'm sure I will have plenty of opportunities in the coming months to share my personal travel experiences with you, here is a snapshot...

I've traveled to 6 different countries, cruised both the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean, toured the US in an RV and my love for National Parks has resulted in visits to over 30 of the 63. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to me and ask me any travel questions you might have... I love sharing "all things" travel.





Program Notes



Join us For our **October 23rd Program, 2:30 pm, at Pinckney Hall Ballroom**

Around-the-World Cruise

Presented by Marcia Corenman

Many dream of exploring the world, but few take the leap. Instead of planning trips one at a time, why not consider an extraordinary *Around the World Cruise*? Marcia Corenman shares her captivating experiences from a 180-day journey aboard *Oceania's Insignia* in 2019. Discover the wonders of circling the globe and be inspired to embark on your own adventure



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: Tuesday, November 13, 2024,
at 2:30 pm in Pinckney Hall Ballroom**

Topic: ***Australia and the South Pacific*** by *Perry Samowitz*

Coming Up:

Dec. 13 ***Switzerland***, by *Ruth Dexter (Holiday Party)*



SOME SAVVY TRAVEL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VACATION



Ask The Locals

The locals can advise which are the best restaurants, awesome spots to watch the sunset, the best coffee shops, etc. Fortunately, the vast majority of people you will meet will be both kind and generous, especially if you make it clear that you're a traveler, since everyone knows how challenging it can be to be away from home.

- Use [Meetup](#), social media networks like Twitter, Instagram, or even LinkedIn, and hospitality websites to meet locals.

These websites will help you get an insider's perspective on your destination by connecting you with locals in the places you visit. Social media has changed the way people travel allowing you to meet locals, get off the tourist travel, and save mega money! Many cities have dedicated **Facebook**

groups, where you can post travel-related questions or let locals know that you're coming and that you'd like to hang out.



- **Book A Stay With A Local.**



There may be no better way to meet locals—and truly experience their lifestyle—than staying with one. [Homestay.com](#), offers spare rooms to travelers with an emphasize on the connection between visitor and host. Unlike AirBnB, which can sometimes feel like a hotel, staying with a Homestay host is supposed to be a fully-immersive experience, where you live and sleep like the locals.

- **Learn the Local Language and Know the Local Culture.**

Nothing helps you to stand out from other travelers more than learning a bit of the local language and knowing something about the local culture. Making an effort to order in Dutch or follow custom when boarding the Subway—these efforts show locals that you respect their way of life.

- **Chat with those around you when traveling from place to place.**

You never know when your seat mate on a flight, bus, or train will be a local who's happy to give you their personal advice on what to see and do, or perhaps even invite you to hang out.



Armchair Traveler

Armchair travel is the act of exploring a place, learning about a culture, or going on an adventure without leaving your home. It's the perfect way to learn about new cultures and destinations, and it can be a great way to escape your everyday life for a little while.



Travel podcasts can be a wonderful way for someone who can no longer travel to stay connected with the world. They offer a chance to explore new places and cultures from the comfort of home. Listening to travel stories and tips can be inspiring and educational, keeping the mind engaged and curious. Many podcasts feature interviews with locals and travelers, creating a sense of community and shared experiences.

Here are some great travel and adventure podcasts to inspire your next journey:

[Not Lost](#)

Not Lost is a podcast where the host invites strangers to dinner and explores their culture and stories. It is a travel escape and a reflection on the changing world, not about being lost.

[The Armchair Explorer](#)

Armchair Explorer is a multi-award winning documentary podcast that takes listeners to every corner of the globe, from tracking Grizzlies in the Gobi Desert to kayaking the entire length of the Amazon River. The world's greatest adventurers tell their best story from the road. Each episode is cut documentary style and set to music and cinematic effects to create an immersive storytelling experience.

[The Amateur Traveler](#)

A podcast about travel destinations intended for travelers, helping you to decide where to go next. The show, targeting a North American traveler who only has 1-2 weeks of vacation, usually features an interview with a destination expert or with a traveler who has been to the destination recently.

[We Travel There](#)

Sharing insider tips and tricks from locals who know the city best, interviewing local experts from around the world to uncover the hidden gems that most travelers never get to experience; to go beyond the chain restaurants and common tourist attractions to get to the heart of the city; sharing the best things to do, eat, drink, and see from a local's point of view so you can travel like a local.

TRAVEL CLUB EXCLUSIVE TRIPS

The Travel Club is pleased to offer these exciting, club-endorsed trips. Act quickly to reserve your spot and travel with other Sun City Club members. If you are interested in any of these trips, don't delay in securing your spot!

AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS

Ken Burns American Journey

October 10-17, 2025

*Price per person: **\$5,990**; Insurance Req'd: \$349 pp; Deposit: \$350 pp
Additional discounts may be applied **

Price does not include airfare

Explore 3 National Parks - Zion, Bryce & Grand Canyon with Tauck

Hear insider stories about the national parks during filmed narratives by filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan

Champagne welcome & private yacht dinner cruise on stunning Lake Powell

Inside-the-park accommodations at three national parks – Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion

Flightseeing over Lake Powell and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Insights into the Grand Canyon's ecology from a geology expert

To Book:

- Use Group # CY5A10 (exclusive # for Travel Club members)
- Tauck # 001915674 • Phone: 800-241-1365

More information from Tauck: <https://www.tauck.com/tours/american-canyonlands-grand-canyon-escorted-tour?tcd=CY2021>,

or Call Lori Fritsky, Club Trip Manager, 203-506-8117



- Exclusive SC Travel Club Trip
- 8 Days – begin in Phoenix & end in Las Vegas
- Stay at premier resorts & wilderness lodge at the Grand Canyon
- Lake Powell cruise
- Flightseeing Grand Canyon
- Monument Valley option
- Activity level 2/Pace level 2

A Day Away for Shopping, Dining & Theater in Jacksonville FL



Whether you are a shopper or a looker, **St. Johns Town Center**, an upscale, open-air Simon Mall, is a fascinating place to spend a few hours. There are 175+ stores strategically located in a lovely outdoor setting with *Dillard's* and *Nordstrom* looming larger than life and small boutiques like *Gucci* and *Tiffany & Co.* easily accessible. Check out the latest books at *Barnes and Nobles* or settle into one of the comfortable seating areas scattered throughout the 51.2-acre property and enjoy "people watching."



Dining opportunities at St. Johns Town Center are endless from ***Maggiano's***, ***Cheesecake Factory*** and ***Seasons 52*** to ***Pinera Bread*** and ***Chicken Salad Chick***. For more info, go to www.simon.com.

St. Johns Town Center, at the intersection of J Turner Butler Boulevard and Interstate 295 East Beltway, is only 11.3 miles from the **Moran Theater** in the Jacksonville Center for Performing Arts where the FSCJ Artist Series brings Broadway touring shows such as *Tina Turner*, *The Musical* we saw earlier this year and *Ain't Too Proud*, *The Life and Times of The Temptations* we look forward to seeing on December 7th. The full FSCJ Artist Series schedule can be found at www.fscjartistseries.org.



A day away that includes shopping and dining at St Johns Town Center and a performance at the Moran Theater feeds all our senses and just makes us happy! Scottie Davis loves both venues and her tour company, **Weekend Get-Aways on a Tank of Gas**, frequently plans bus trips that include St. Johns Town Center and the Moran Theater.



BUS Trips, One-day & Extended

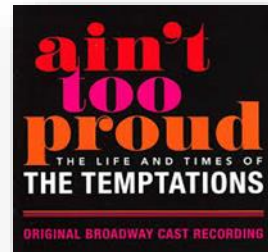
Weekend Get-Aways

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

***AIN'T TOO PROUD: LIFE AND TIMES
OF THE TEMPTATIONS***
plus St. JOHN'S TOWN CENTER – JACKSONVILLE

Saturday, December 7, 2024 (\$244 pp)

Deadline – Oct. 3, 2024



A great holiday gift to give yourself, a significant other or friends! This fantastic day includes an orchestra seat for the Broadway production of “our kind of music” at the Moran Theater and free time at St John’s Town Center to enjoy a wonderful lunch, knock out holiday shopping or find that perfect dress and shoes to shine at holiday events. On the way home, we will have a wine party to end a very special treat.

Trip includes: transp., orchestra seat for the show, wine and snacks, bus driver’s tip. Trip picks up in Sun City at 8 am and returns by 8 pm that evening.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IN CHARLESTON

Saturday, December 14, 2024 (\$234 pp) Deadline – October 5, 2024



A festive, memorable day with a holiday lunch at **High Cotton**, **Moranz Christmas Show** at the *Charleston Music Hall* with uplifting songs, dances and skits followed by the magnificent **Holiday Festival of Lights** display on James Island, along with wine and snacks for a very full, fun day.

Trip includes: transp., lunch at High Cotton, Christmas show, James Island lights, wine, snacks, bus driver’s tip. Trip picks up in Sun City at 8 am and returns around 8:30 pm.





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THE MAGIC OF BILTMORE AT CHRISTMAS PLUS CHIHULY EXHIBIT

Wednesday, December 4 - Thursday, December 5, 2024

(\$979 pp single; 749 pp dbl occ; \$679 pp. triple)

THE TRIP IS FULL. SIGN UP TO BE PLACED ON THE WAIT LIST.

Spend a magical 24 hours on the Biltmore Estate grounds; stay at the elegant Inn on Biltmore Estate with a wine tasting, dinner, and Biltmore House candlelight tour. On day 2, tour the Estate grounds with a step-on guide and see the Chihuly Exhibit.

Trip includes: transp., wine tasting, candlelight tour, Estate tour, Chihuly exhibit, accommodations at Inn; 2 meals, bus driver's tip, snacks.



TRANSATLANTIC CRUISES...Are they for you??

By Lori Fritz



Transatlantic cruises are unique and can be a great value. Cruise lines need to reposition their ships from the Caribbean to Europe in spring, and back to the Caribbean in fall. The prices are lowered so that the ship produces revenue for the repositioning. Also, the fact that there are usually very few ports of call means fewer costly port charges. The ports that are included,

however, are very interesting. Given the length and itinerary of repositioning cruises, the demographic is basically seasoned travelers, usually older than on shorter cruises, and very few children (unless you go over a holiday break).

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There will be about 6-8 or more sea days in a row on a transatlantic cruise. All the cruise lines make sure there are enough activities to fill your days (when you are not eating or relaxing!). Each cruise line has its own personality, and that is reflected somewhat in the activities offered. But there will always be the usual trivia, pool games (covered climate-controlled pools in most cases), enrichment talks, casino, sauna, spa, gym, salon, dancing/fitness classes, movies, shopping, etc., etc., etc. It is a good idea to research the character of the cruise line when making your selection. Whichever cruise you pick, it is a great way to unplug and unwind. Explore...get to know and enjoy the ship, staff and fellow passengers; it's something we rarely have the opportunity to do when there are ports to visit almost every day.



Entertainment is very good, but may not be as opulent as on a shorter cruise with more ports. On shorter cruises, where there are stops with airports, it is easy to rotate entertainers on and off the ships, but that does not work quite as well in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. All the lines do an excellent job of entertaining their guests, though. Along with the shows and other music and dancing venues, there are the “special nights” and parties that are always a great time.



There are several included dining venues on any ship you sail; usually a main dining room, a large international buffet and several casual dining spots. In addition to the included dining, most ships offer specialty dining venues at an additional cost. On a longer transatlantic cruise, it is worth trying at least one of them for a different experience, although the ships do a good job of varying their menus.

Check out your selected cruise’s “all inclusive” packages; they may or may not be right for you. Items you would pay extra for, like drinks, wifi (which is sometimes spotty in the middle of the ocean), specialty dining, shore excursions, etc. are bundled together for one price. If you are going to take advantage of all of these extras, figure out what you would spend purchasing everything separately to see if the bundle is worth it for you.

Something to take into consideration is that the weather during spring and fall can be quite chilly, sometimes with rough seas, which could cause the ship to miss one or more ports of call. It is not always the case, though; and there are medications available, as well as ginger chews and tea for sea sickness. Unfortunately, we can’t predict the weather; it’s a toss of the dice.

Give it some thought; you may be sailing across the Atlantic to exotic ports soon!

Keep on Cruisin'

by Diane Lippa



A Cruise Line Profile



Azamara was founded in 2007 by Royal Caribbean who was interested in diversifying its operations and Azamara became part of the Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises family. In 2009, Azamara underwent a rebranding and was renamed Azamara Club Cruises. In 2021, during the pandemic, Azamara was sold to private investors and reverted to its original name of Azamara.

Azamara operates 4 ships: *Azamara Journey*, *Azamara Pursuit*, *Azamara Onward* and *Azamara Quest* and all are intimate and highly rated ships with a capacity of 690 guests and 400 crew members. Every Azamara ship is a boutique hotel at sea where guests will enjoy a club-like ambiance and a high level of personal service from crew and staff. They pride themselves on the concept of “*Destination immersion;*” with more quality time in every port with more overnights and late departures and an AzAmazing Evening event — a specially custom-built evening on most 7 night or greater voyages. Some of these AzAmazing Event events have included an evening at the **Theatre Campos Eliseo’s** in Bilbao, Spain or a theatrical performance of *Tale of the Sea* at the **City of Arts & Sciences** in Valencia Spain.



Azamara prides itself on the inclusive amenities offered to guests, including gratuities, standard spirits, beers wines, specialty coffees & teas, soft drinks and of course, the AzAmazing evening. An additional fun night aboard the voyages of 7 nights or longer is the **White Night Party**, a signature dinner and entertainment event hosted al fresco on the pool deck. The evening offers an array of delicious food and ongoing entertainment, and guests are joined by the crew and staff of the ship.

The club has several members who frequently travel with Azamara. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to *Diane Lippa* at 843-929-2527.



SOLO TRAVELERS SIG

Our next meeting is Tues., Oct. 22, 2024

*All meetings are at 7 PM in the Lakehouse
Ballroom.*

**A SNAPSHOT INTO THE EXPERIENCE OF A
"SOLO TRAVELER"**

Presented by Jeanne Carmichael



Whether you're new to solo traveling or you've been doing it for a while, come join us Tuesday, October 22nd @ 7pm at the Lakehouse to hear fellow Sun City resident, Jeanne Carmichael's firsthand experience. Jeanne will give us a peek into traveling through Central American, Italy and the United Kingdom as a "solo" traveler and her insight on booking with a tour company that offers single-supplement travel options.

She will also be sharing a special experience she had with her grandchildren through the Road Scholar Grandparent program at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. During this time, Jeanne was able to participate in hands-on educational activities, eco-tours and marine life field studies alongside her grandchildren.

Visitors are welcome to attend; seeing this presentation might be just the encouragement needed to begin your own "Solo" traveling journey.



Join our private Facebook page, [SCHH Travel Club](#), for exclusive travel updates, news, and exciting developments. Connect with like-minded members and stay informed about your Travel Club.



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.

The Travel Club is not just for long trips every once in a while. The WEGO special interest group has something to do all year round! Attend a WEGO meeting to hear about local events, showcasing a diverse range of experiences, including classical performances, festivals, parades, home tours, home and garden tours, concerts, plays, shows, markets, art exhibitions, lectures, lunch with author series, museum exhibits and events, local tours, and many other places to go and things to do. Discover a variety of options – most events are moderately priced and numerous offerings are free.

The WEGO list is in two parts. The monthly list includes events for specific dates. The Ongoing Happenings list contains information about events that occur every month, rather than repeating them all the time. Keep it handy to supplement the monthly lists. Special activities for anything on the ongoing list will be included on the monthly list. Click on the links provided on both lists for more information about the activities and to purchase tickets or register. Since an additional fee is often charged for online tickets, consider calling the phone number given to save some money.

The WEGO lists are emailed to club members and posted on the club's webpage in the middle of the prior month. These lists are for your information to go on your own. The meetings and Facebook page provide an opportunity to get together and arrange to go places with others. The Facebook page also provides last-minute updates and a way to keep in touch with other Travel Club members.

The October list includes classical concerts, many festivals, (including house and garden tours in Savannah and Beaufort, SCAD Film Festival, and Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival), a supper club, contemporary concerts, plays, classes, lectures, special activities at several museums, and much more! Access the list on the Travel Club page of the Sun City website (www.suncityhiltonhead.org under Clubs & Groups/General Interest) or our dedicated Travel Club site (www.travelclubsuncityhh.com).

Meetings are at 1 pm on the third Wednesday of the month (except in June, July, and August). They provide the opportunity to learn more about what is going on, ask questions, tell about places you have gone and things you have done, meet with fellow members, and arrange to go places together. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

THE NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, October 16th at 1 pm in Pinckney Hall (Edisto River Room).

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

Name Badges: Order Yours Soon!



We've received numerous requests for Travel Club name badges, and we're excited to offer them. Even if you already have a name badge from another club, having a Travel Club-specific badge helps you stand out at our meetings and events. You'll have the option to choose between pins or magnets when placing your order. Instructions for ordering are included here and on the club website.



NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Name as you would like it to appear on the badge, (**first name & last name**, printed in all CAPS):

_____ (First Badge)

_____ (Second Badge)

TYPE OF NAME BADGE (please check x):

Magnet Backing (\$4.50): _____

Pin Backing (\$3.50): _____

Plain Back-no pin or magnet (*for those who may already have a magnet from another badge*) (\$2.50): _____

Charge will be made to your Sun City CAM Card.

Name as it appears on your Cam Card: _____

Cam Card # _____

Address: _____

Your Phone # in case we have questions: _____

Drop this form in the mailbox to Kate Silver, 82 Redtail Dr., email the form or your information as shown on this form to: silver0325@yahoo.com

Your name badge will be delivered to you after completion.

Thank you!



ROAD TRIP FUN

Can you identify the Song Titles in each of the following? HINT: All song titles contain at least one place name, both American and International.

Answers are on the last page.



- 1) Hang Ten Across the States _____
- 2) Thoughts of Panthers and Tarheels _____
- 3) Peach State Travel Amidst the Witchin' Hour _____
- 4) Peachy Keen Memories _____
- 5) Windy City Swagger _____
- 6) English Overpass _____
- 7) Jamaican Inlet _____
- 8) Final Metro in Small Southern Town _____
- 9) Sunset Boulevard Female _____
- 10) Tennessee Railroad _____
- 11) Windy City Murder Mystery _____
- 12) Liberty Bell Independence _____
- 13) Party Time in Sin City _____
- 14) Frisco Love Regret _____
- 15) Good Ol' American Roots _____

Special Credit: Moroccan Red City Ride _____

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

Lisa & Terry Mosher Travel

843-929-0775 -lisa.russo11@gmail.com *(Sun City Residents)*

Travel Experts - Carolyn Weber - 843-645-0800 *(Sun City resident)*

AAA - Kelly Brock - 843-815-3775

Expedia Cruises, Diane Lippa, 843-929-2527

(Sun City Resident)

Valerie Wilson Travel - Joan Flynn - Off. 843-757-5888; Cell 843-368-2470

(Sun City Resident)



NOTE: If you are parking for an overnight trip, don't forget to show your Sun City Parking Pass on your car, and park in the appropriate place.

*Both of these documents can be found on the Travel Club website, **Travel News, Helpful Documents**, at: <http://www.travelclubsuncityhh.com>.*



[travelclubsuncityhh.com](http://www.travelclubsuncityhh.com)

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*Indicates voting members

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Road Trip ANSWERS...

Special Credit: Moroccan Red City Ride - Marrakesh Express

Liberty Bell Independence - Philadelphia Freedom

Windy City Murder - The Night Chicago Died

Tennessee Rail Swing - Chattanooga Choo Choo

Sunset Boulevard Female - L.A. Woman

Final Metro in Small Southern town - Last Train to Clarksville

Jamaican Inlet - Montego Bay

English Overpass - London Bridge

Windy City Swagger - Chicago (My Kind of Town)

Peachy Keen Memories - Georgia on My Mind

Peach State Travel Amidst the Witchin' Hour - Midnight Train to Georgia

Thoughts of panthers and tar heels - Carolina on My Mind

Hang Ten Across the States - Surfin' U.S.A.

Good Ol' American Roots - Born in the U.S.A.

Frisco Love Regret - I Left My Heart in San Francisco

Party Time in Sin City - Viva Las Vegas

