

# BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



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

March, 2024

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### BAC Meetings:

Meetings held at Don Jose's  
Mexican Restaurant, 3430 Village  
Dr., Castro Valley

March —General/Board meetings  
in person & via Zoom 6-9pm



Paul Vlasveld  
President

So far this has been a more normal ski season compared to last year. The snow conditions have been either good or just OK. It looks like we will get some more storms that should bode well for great spring skiing.

### General meeting

**March 11, 2024 – 6:30pm – The meeting will be an in-person and virtual meeting.**

Virtual:

Invite Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378476575?pwd=Qk1GRXpHdStrY010MzJiSWFLemM3dz09>

In-Person:

Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant:

6:00pm-9:00pm

[Castro Village Shopping Center](#)

3430 Village Dr, Castro Valley, CA 94546

During our March BAC General Meeting,

We will announce the BAC Volunteer of the Year

We will continue the nomination process for all remaining Elected BAC Officers. All BAC Elected Offices are open for nominations. This process continues till our BAC General Meeting in April when the elections are held.

Please contact me or any other BAC Officers (complete contact list and last page of this newsletter) with questions about any of the BAC Elected Offices.

We also have a few Appointed Offices. In addition, if you want to volunteer to assist but not hold an office, we'd enjoy having you as a committee member!

### BAC Volunteer the Year

I would like to congratulate all the BAC Volunteer of year nominees. We had a fun event at Don Jose's on Feb 28. We will be announcing the BAC Volunteer of the Year at the March General meeting and in the April Newsletter.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## FWSA Club Awards

Also, consider entering the various Club Awards available at the upcoming Far West Ski Associations 91st Annual Convention. The event takes place in Reno, NV – June 6-9, 2024. The entry deadline for all awards is March 18, 2024. Here is the link to the awards program:

[https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=623165&module\\_id=512157](https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=512157)

Club Reps, if you require the following, contact the membership chair or me.

1. FWSA membership cards. – Membership Chair – Benelia Terry

Far West Skier Guide/90<sup>th</sup> anniversary magazine – I can see if I can order more. Paul Vlasveld

## Travel

Do not forget to start planning your next travel trip by signing up for one of the following fantastic Bay Snow Sports Council (BAC) or FWSA mini trips:

BAC

Bike & Barge from Bruges, Belgium to Amsterdam from May 8-15, 2025.

Go to [www.skibac.org](http://www.skibac.org) on the home page for more details.

FWSA also has several trips – You can visit the below link for details:

[https://www.skibac.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=882946&module\\_id=644708](https://www.skibac.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=882946&module_id=644708)

The next Ski week will be at Banff, Canada Jan 25-Feb 1, 2025. [https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=623165&module\\_id=63230](https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=63230)

## Upcoming events

FWSA Convention – Reno, Nevada – June 6-9, 2024. This should be an exciting and fun convention. There will be optional activities including mini-golf, Tahoe Adventure tour, Pub Crawl, Auto Museum, etc. Registration will open March 15.

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## Racing

We held the first race at NorthStar Feb 15. Every-one had a great time. We just had to remember how to race. The next race weekend will be March 16-17. We have approx. 100 racers competing this season.

Remember, Racing is for everyone from beginner to expert. All ages are welcome. Racing is a great way to meet other club members. If you are interested in racing check the Open league and Singles league websites and your club racing team.

Open league -- <https://sites.google.com/site/openleagueraiding/home>

Singles league -- <http://slracing.org/index.html>

Race results -- <http://www.slracing.org/results/>

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.

The mantra is – We always want more Snow.

Paul Vlasveld

Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

# Calendar of Activities

<b>MARCH</b>		<b>For more info/details go to <a href="http://skibac.org">skibac.org</a> [Calendar of Events]</b>
3-9	BAC Mini Ski Week to Whitefish, MT	
<b>APRIL</b>		
(nothing posted)		
<b>MAY</b>		6/6-9 FWSA 91st Convention, Atlantis Casino, Reno, NV
(nothing posted)		9/28-10/7 FWSA 2024 Africa Adventure Trip Tanzania & Zanzibar
<b>THINGS TO COME</b>		2025:
		5/8-15 BAC Bike & Barge Bruges to Amsterdam

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### BAC Club President and Representative Meeting

Zoom meeting  
February 12, 2024

President **Paul Vlasveld** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance on Zoom. Eight clubs were represented by a club president and/or club BAC Rep; total ten clubs represented. A quorum of 7 was established.

Introductions were made all around. Paul has mailed hard copies of the FWSA Skiers Guide to clubs. Notify Paul if you would like to have a copy and didn't receive one.

**Nominations for BAC Officers** - Nominations were opened.

Nominations for elective offices will be opened at the February general meeting and elections shall be held at the April general meeting. The new Board will assume office on the third Monday in May. The officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

### BAC Board Officer Nominations –

**All nominations will be opened at the March 11 with elections at the April 8 general meeting. Officers take office on May 20, 2024.**

Nominations were opened for BAC **Communications**. Janet Spencer nominated Dennie Warren, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Industry Liaison**. Janet Spencer nominated Brad Hart, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nomi-



Karen Davis  
Secretary  
BAC

nations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Travel Director**. Dennie Warren nominated Gail Burns, who was not in attendance. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Treasurer**. Karen Altridge nominated Kristin Thornquist, who was not in attendance. There were no other nominations. Nominations were opened for BAC **Webmaster**.

Karen Altridge nominated Ashkan Ohani, who was not in attendance but has been assisting Cathy Wilson with website matters. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Secretary**, BAC **Membership Director**, and BAC **Public Affairs**.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

All Nominations were closed and will be reopened March 11.

### Travel: Gail Burns -

**- BAC March 3-9, 2024 Mini-Trip to Whitefish -**

Janet Spencer is trip leader with 13 travelers. One male roommate is needed. BAC may be able to add more participants. A welcome party is planned for Sunday night at the Lodge. Shuttles go daily to the mountain. A farewell dinner is being planned for Friday night. A Glacier National Park tour has been planned for Wednesday.

**- FWSA 2025 Ski Week** will be to **Banff, Canada**. Dates are Jan 28-Feb 5, 2025. Karen Albrecht is the trip leader. BAC has sent a pillow deposit to FWSA. Gail will send information to all about pricing, etc.

**- BAC and Bike and Barge** - BAC has planned a Bike and Barge trip for May 8-15, 2025, Bruges, Belgium to Amsterdam, Netherlands, using Girolibero. BAC will have the entire barge of 34 spots (33 spots available). See info on BAC website in Travel section. The contract is being reviewed and Paul will

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send monies to Girolibero when Karen Albrecht sends the request to Paul.

**- FWSA 2024 Mini Trip** will be to **Copper Mountain** on March 17-22, 2024. Check the BAC website for any updates.

### **FWSA 91<sup>st</sup> Convention: June 6-9, 2024 at the Atlantis in Reno, Nevada (BAC and Sierra Councils)**

The 91<sup>st</sup> Convention in Reno will be co-hosted by BAC and Sierra. The logo is *Altitude with Attitude*. Registration is open now and information is available. Emily Gahn (Maarten's granddaughter) will be the host in the BAC suite and in charge of that suite. Table decorations may be handled by Janice Molina. Volunteers are needed for various activities; Paul will have a list of BAC-designated tasks. Activities include a pool party, Tahoe Adventure, mini golf, pub crawl, Friday night Silent Auction, and a visit to the National Auto Museum. Deadline for all FWSA awards entry to FWSA is March 18, 2024. Deadline is in March for clubs to send high resolution 10-15 second charity videos with logo and verbiage to Paul (15 clubs in 2023 video) for a looping video shown at the FWSA Convention. Value for members includes knowledgeable Sports Academy sessions, the Volunteer of the Year program, and interactions with FWSA clubs and councils. FWSA individual and club awards are available; see all Convention information at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

**Public Affairs: Harry Davis** – BAC's dinner to honor all BAC club Volunteers of the Year (plus spouse or significant other and club presidents) was held on February 28, 2024 at Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley. BAC has six club honorees this year. All are welcome to compete at BAC and/or at FWSA in Reno if they choose to do so. The BAC Volunteer of the Year will receive one night's lodging reimbursement from BAC and one night's lodging reimbursement from FWSA. BAC's 2023 Volunteer of the Year was Tony Baker of Rusty Bindings.

**Membership: Benelia Terry** - Benelia reported that 17 BAC clubs have renewed BAC membership. The BAC website will be updated to list those 17 clubs and info. Clubs not renewing include San Francisco Vikings, Santa Rosa, Snowglers, and SnowDrifters.

**Racing:** The race schedule is available at [www.olrc.org](http://www.olrc.org). A clinic on March 15 and two races (four runs) on March 16 at Alpine Meadows. The FWRA Finals will be at Mammoth on April 3-4,

2024 (Wed-Thurs).

**Communications: Dennie Warren** – Dennie invites member clubs to send news about club celebrations that invite other clubs' members to participate. Send club event articles and follow-up articles to Dennie for the newsletter.

**Website: Cathy Wilson** – No report

**Industry Liaison: Janet Spencer** – No report

**BAC Directory: Dennie Warren** – The newest and updated Directory is available on the BAC website.

### **Club Activities:**

**FIRE AND ICE** - Benelia reported that members are continuing monthly meetings on third Tuesdays of the month and weekly hiking on the Alameda Creek trail in San Jose on Saturdays.

**CASTRO VALLEY** – The club is back to normal with board and general meetings, travel plans and club activities.

**OAKLAND** – Carrie (while in Steamboat) reported that Oakland Ski Club is doing great with 110 adult members. The cabin has 40 beds and received 52 requests resulting in more than could be accommodated in one weekend. Oakland is renewing an old and fun grudge race with local Donner Summit clubs. The race is being planned for March at Donner Ski Ranch. Carrie will share info with Dennie for other clubs if interested in participating.

**INSKIERS** – Karen Altridge reported that Inskiers is adding new members and holding social events at the club's Donner Lake cabin. Weekend and mid-week events are being held. Members restarted Adventures in Dining monthly and have enjoyed restaurants in Los Altos and will go to San Carlos. A social event at the Winter Lodge in Palo Alto with seasonal outdoor ice skating is being planned. The club has weekly general meetings. Someone donated nice 49er gear and that was auctioned off to members.

**MONTEREY** – Cynthia Stormer reported that Monterey Ski and Social Club has Happy Hours every Friday with destinations posted on weekly newsletters. One favorite spot is the top of the Naval Postgraduate School with a great view of the peninsula



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for dinner. A Super Bowl party was held. Monterey is trying to switch their Wednesday evening meetings to Sunday afternoons. Cynthia recommends that club members join other clubs to travel to desired destinations. Look at the FWSA website through all the member Councils and clubs and find their travel plans. Members are welcome to join another club for travel. Check the NSCF website also for member clubs and travel. FWSA has an annual September dive trip and welcomes travelers.

**SUNBURST** – Brad reported the club is functioning. Brad notes that Super Tuesday for IKON at Palisades will be open for nine days with reservations. It is primarily for free parking but must check website often for any updates or cancellations.

**SOUTHBAY** – Pete thanks BAC for all the ski resort information and involvement by corporations. Pete asked about FWSA liability insurance for the club. Southbay has cabin insurance and is researching need for club liability insurance. D&O (Directors and Officers) is available for club officers.

**MODESTO** – Maarten reported the club has 190 members now and is holding monthly meetings. The lodge is being used every day. Note that shuttles out of Truckee are available for anyone wanting to go to the World Cup.

**RUSTY BINDINGS** – Janet reported that Rusty Bindings plans a party each month and had a great Super Bowl party (except for the ending). Monthly meetings are held at a restaurant. Spring and fall camping trips are continuing, really camp and glamp with cabins, is being planned. Members attend a movie or play in Martinez monthly. The annual Cinco de Mayo party is a fundraiser and lots of fun. Members have Monday night bike rides.

**BAC Meetings -**  
**March 11, 2024 - BAC General meeting 6:30 pm;**  
**BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm, In-Person at Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley and Zoom**  
**Nominations of BAC Officers at General meeting**  
**Announcement of and Presentation to BAC Volunteer of Year**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis, Secretary

### Travel Time:

On March 2nd, we launched the Sign-ups for our **BAC exclusive Bike & Barge from Bruges, Belgium to Amsterdam, Netherlands from May 8-May 15, 2025!** We will be offering a **Pre-trip from May 5-8th to the Keukenhof Gardens** area to see the stunning tulip flower displays! We have reserved the entire lovely Magnifique II barge, operated by Girolibero, which accommodates 34 bikers. Please do not hesitate to **reserve one or two spots** in our deluxe **double occupancy only cabins**. The guided tour with two guides will offer short or longer daily bike rides on flat and mostly paved bike paths. All delicious meals, excursions and tour events are included. Manual bikes & helmets are also included. (limited E-bikes \$300 extra) The seven night tour package is **\$2,425 pp based on double occupancy** with either 2 twin beds or one queen bed. Please send your **\$500 deposit check** made payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs to: **BAC Trip Leader Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Drive Foster City, CA 94404**. Please see the Trip Flyer for more info.



Gale Burns  
BAC Travel  
Director

The BAC sign-ups for the **2025 FWSA Ski Week** will be to **Banff Canada from January 25-February 1st, 2025** are coming very soon! We will be offering three types of lodging in the quaint & fun town of Banff. The Ski Big 3 resorts are all accessible by Ski Shuttle buses that will pick up close to our Lodges. We will be sending out an Announcement via email in late March so start planning your 2025 trip schedule now.

There are **4 rooms still available** for the **FWSA Mini Ski Week Trip to Copper Mountain from March 17-22nd, 2024**. Please contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.com](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.com) if you want to hop onto this Ski Trip!

The FWSA International Travel has a **2024 Africa Adventure Trip to Tanzania & Zanzibar from September 27-October 2024** ready for adventuresome BAC Club members to sign up! Please contact Debbie Stewart at [FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net) if you are interested. The Flyer is attached or you can go to the FWSA website for details & prices. Last but not least, the **FWSA 2024 Dive Trip to the Philippines** will be from **October 19-November 2nd, 2024!** This trip is lead by Randy Lew Trip Leader at: [fwsa13randy@telis.net](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.net).

Enjoy the wintry March weather!

## ACHIEVE TAHOE

Buy Tickets - Achieve Tahoe - 2024 "Light of Achievement" Gala ([networkforgood.com](https://networkforgood.com))

Olympic Village Events Center, Palisades Tahoe: 1901 Chamonix Pl Olympic Valley, CA 96146

### Upcoming Events

Feel Good Friday at the [Auld Dub](#)

Date: Every Friday

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Feel Good Friday at the [Auld Dubliner](#) in the Village at Palisades Tahoe is back! Join us every Friday throughout the ski season for a happy hour event with raffle prizes and drink specials to benefit our adaptive recreation programs.



*The window of the Auld Dubliner embossed with the words "The Auld Dubliner" in gold*

### The "Light of Achievement" Gala

Date: May 11, 2024

Tickets: \$250 | Table for 10: \$2,500

The "Light of Achievement" Gala is an evening of dinner and drinks, a silent and live auction, raffle, and heartwarming presentations honoring those who exemplify Achieve Tahoe's mission. Proceeds benefit Achieve Tahoe programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities.



Executive Director Haakon Lang-Ree speaks at a podium with an ASL interpreter on the left, with a blue banner that says "Achieve Tahoe Gala" in gold lettering behind him.

Submitted by Harry Davis  
BAC Charities

## ACHIEVE TAHOE -

<https://www.achievetahoe.org/event/ability-challenge-fundraiser/>

### Join the Ability Challenge!

Join us for the 2024 Ability Challenge, the event that puts the FUN in fundraiser! Rally your friends and family to donate to your personal fundraising page and help raise money for our adaptive programs for children and adults with disabilities. Fundraisers who raise \$500 or more gain entry to our on-hill celebration on March 30, 2024 which includes an adaptive lesson and/or Palisades Tahoe lift ticket, lunch, costumes, games, prizes, and more!



*Two Achieve Tahoe instructors dressed as a cow and an alien wearing orange bibs that say "Blind Skier" are guiding a young participant*

### [Join the Challenge](#)

Rally your friends, family, and networks and join the 2024 Ability Challenge as a fundraiser.

The Ability Challenge is a peer-to-peer fundraiser that raises both funds and awareness for Achieve Tahoe's programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities. The Ability Challenge culminates at the end of March with an "on-hill" celebration at Alpine Meadows.

Step 1: Create your personalized fundraising page and set a fundraising goal.

We'll give you all the tools and support to help you reach your goal. If you have an account from participating in previous years, sign in and set your goal for this year. If you have trouble getting into your account or need help creating it, contact Sophie at [Sophie@achievetahoe.org](mailto:Sophie@achievetahoe.org) or (530) 276-9449.

Step 2: Start fundraising to reach your goal by the end of March 2024!

Share the link to your fundraising page with your network of friends, family, and colleagues through email, social media, and snail mail! Share your passion for this cause along with your fundraising goal. Inspire others to donate and be a part of Achieve Tahoe's mission.

Step 3: Win Prizes!

Raise at least \$500 to receive a lift ticket to Palisades Tahoe and/or an adaptive lesson at the on-hill celebration day, a goodie bag, lunch, and automatic entry to win various prizes including gift cards to your favorite Tahoe area spots.

All funds raised go to support Achieve Tahoe programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities through adaptive sports. Achieve Tahoe is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our EIN tax ID number is 68-0024920. P.O. Box 8339, Truckee, CA 96162.



BAC group at Whitefish, MT





## A Slope Side Memorial

The Nisei Ski Club (NSC) had their ski week at Jackson Hole, Wy, and was joined by members of the Hawaiian Snowriders to honor Lloyd Maeda in a slope side memorial. Lloyd's friends from the Hawaiian Snowriders included Jay Fukuda, Ed Ho, and Wesley Lum. They had traveled from Hawaii to join NSC for a week of skiing at Jackson Hole, Wy. From 27 January – 3 February.

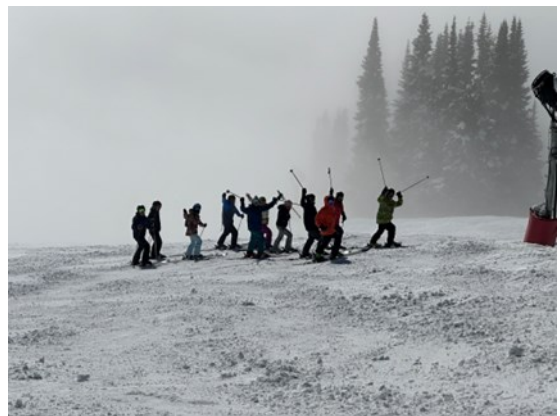
So who was Lloyd? Lloyd loved to snowboard with his friend Roland Kutaka (they were from the dark side) in the club they organized called the Hawaiian Snowriders, with Jay Fukuda, Ed Ho, Beverly Uemura, Randy Chu, Tom Ho, Fran Tone, Stephen Sang, and Dave Lee. Jackson Hole was one of Lloyd's favorite places to snowboard. In November of 2014 Lloyd, aged 59, passed after several years of suffering from the effects of Lou Gehrig's disease. In 2015 the Nisei Ski Club held their annual ski week trip in Jackson Hole, and it was befitting that we decided, with the blessings of his family, to spread some of his ashes here at Jackson Hole off of the Casper chair lift, at the base of the grove of trees between the Sleeping Indian and Wide Open runs.

On Tuesday, 30 January, members of NSC joined the Hawaiian boys to visit with them at the same location, had a toast of Jack Daniels and Fireball and enjoyed each other's company. The 3 days we had been skiing here had been overcast and near whiteout conditions caused by fog, but Lloyd cleared the fog with some blue skies for us today! He watched over us while we are here and to keep us safe from harm. We miss you and will see you again. Aloha and ahui hou.

Jay Fukuda from the Hawaiian Ski Club



Members honoring Lloyd Maeda



NSC Members toasting Lloyd Maeda



The latest news from NSC....

NSC just returned from a week of skiing at Jackson Hole. Board meetings are being held monthly via Zoom. Nominations and elections are coming up starting in April. NSC is having an October sightseeing event titled The Best of Eastern Canada. Signups are in progress and details can be found at the NSC website (<https://www.niseiskiclub.org>). Below is a photo of our Farewell Dinner at the Mangy Moose, a photo of a





"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FWA & FWSA



91<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**Far West Ski Association  
Convention**  
June 6 - 9, 2024  
at the

**Atlantis**  
CASINO RESORT SPA • RENO

Hosted by *Bay Area Snow Sports Council*  
and *Sierra League & Council*



### Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Reservations <https://reservations.travelclick.com/98418?groupID=2016540>

or call 800-723-6500, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —

**\$119 (Wed - Thurs) \$179 (Fri & Sat) + \$17.50 daily resort fee**

**Room Registration Deadline - May 16, 2024**

### Hotel Features

- World Class Casino
- Forbes 4-Star Spa Atlantis
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools & Outdoor Whirlpool Spa
- 8 Award Winning Restaurants; 10 Bars & Lounges
- Atlantis Family Entertainment Fun Center
- FREE Wi-Fi in guest rooms, FREE Parking
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention

### Transportation

- Air transportation is via Reno-Tahoe International Airport, located just 15 minutes from the Atlantis
- The Atlantis offers free airport shuttle service (4:30 am - 12:15 am)

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - Bike Ride along Tahoe River
  - 27th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 17th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Pool Party
  - Club Happy Hour

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit "Achieve Tahoe".

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)





## FWSA 2024 AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR



September 28–October 7, 2024

### Lodging Package:

Double Occupancy \$5865 per person  
Single Supplement \$6585 per person (limited availability)  
Note: Group Air pricing will be available.

### Package Includes:

- 1 night stay in the 4.5 Star Arusha Serena Hotel in Arusha
- 2 nights stay in the 4 Star Ngorongoro Serena Lodge in Ngorongoro
- 2 nights stay in 4 Star Serengeti Serena Lodge in Serengeti
- Game drives & private safari experiences—all meals included during the safaris
- All park fees, government taxes and service charges
- Experienced English speaking driver-guides
- Authentic Bush dinner
- Welcome & Farewell events
- Airport transfers for group air arrangements
- 1 night accommodation in the 5 Star Hotel Zanzibar Stone Town
- 2 night accommodation in the 4.5 Star Neptune Pwani Beach Resort
- Stone town tour plus Spice tour with lunch at The Beach House

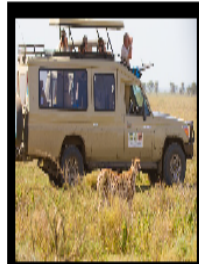


Ngorongoro Crater

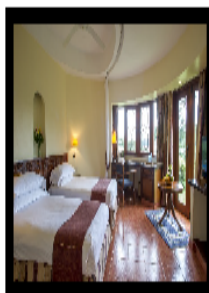
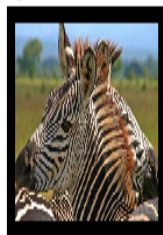
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for an unforgettable  
African experience



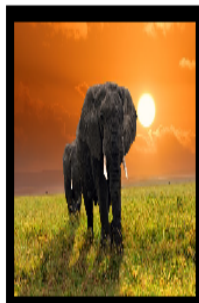
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Safari Cruiser with Cheetah

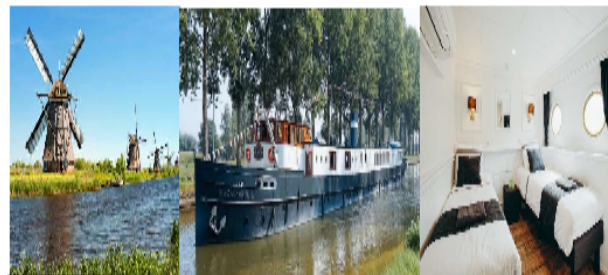


Contact: Debbie Stewart  
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Trip Co-Leader: Gloria Raminha



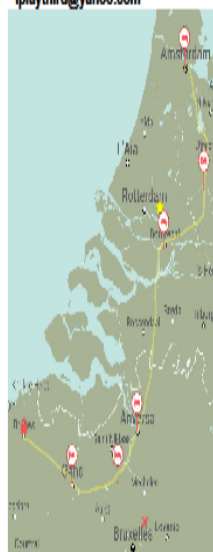
You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. Affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

CST #2036983-40



BAC CST# 2050870  
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## BIKE & BARGE BRUGES to AMSTERDAM MAY 8-15, 2025



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1. Embarkation in Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders"
2. From Bruges to Ghent through the beautiful Flemish Countryside
3. Cycling along the Scheldt: from Ghent to St. Amands
4. Pedaling to the city of diamonds: Antwerp!
5. From Belgium to Holland by bike & boat - Antwerp to Dordrecht
6. Cycling through the mills of Kinderdijk to Vianen
7. Among mansions, castles and villages toward Amsterdam
8. End of tour in Amsterdam

### INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

8 days/7 nights 7 x breakfast 6 x 3-course dinner  
Packed lunches Coffee/Tea/Water on board Welcome drink  
Daily cabin cleaning Climate-controlled cabin Wi-Fi  
Fully guided cycling tours Jacuzzi on Sundeck GPS  
Some short walking tours Use of a helmet Use of Manual bike  
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Entrance Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp  
Tasting Belgium products Canal trip through Ghent

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### NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare 1-dinner (Antwerp or Bruges)  
Bottled/Alcoholic Drinks  
Trip Insurance  
Entrance fees not mentioned above  
Transfers to/from the dock

E-bike \$300 (very limited availability)

**\$2,425\*** per person - double occupancy

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