

Summer is finally here and it's sort of crazy that I'm working on winter trips now-- There are a few fun summer activities if you are in Chicago- we have a **pizza fest** and we also have a volunteer opportunity for the **Lymphoma walk** at Montrose Beach. Not in Chicago? There is also a special celebration happening in **Rwanda** (yes, I said Rwanda) at Red Rocks Rwanda- the location we visited when we did our virtual trip and learned to drum. Read the info below and see who's ready to go.

Also included in this newsletter is a discount for our very special trip to Crete, Greece and information about our two ski trips. Switzerland in January and Steamboat in March. We are also working on a potential trip to Cuba during the Havana Jazz Festival (Jan. 14-22) and possibly a New Year's Eve trip in Belize if we get the interest.

Once again, thank you all for your patience as I worked through the last few months taking care of my dad's business. One of the many things I learned from my dad was how to take care of customers so it took me a really long time to find the right person to take over my dad's insurance agency. Most people wanted to send customers to call centers and not have that personal touch- which my father, like me, would have hated. So I did find someone who offers the personal touch and if any of you are in need of insurance (most states covered) touch base with me because I found a good fit. That's just my public service announcement. With that project behind me, I will have more time to get more trips on the books. Currently what is here is what is being offered right now, but if you have a destination you want, let me know and we'll see what we can work out.

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CHICAGO PIZZA CITY FEST PIZZA CITY FEST CHICAGO **Ticket Giveaway!** Win 2 Tix to July 23-24 Event

Chicago is known for its deep dish pizza, but there are tons more types..39.. that make Chicago the Pizza City. Join The Food Guy, Steve Dolinsky, of NBC for a fest like no other. Check the different types of pizzas and even learn to make your own. Check out the full line up **here**

And we're giving away two free tickets. You can win two tickets to the festival if you follow these steps:

1. Follow @pizzacityfest on social media (instagram, facebook, etc)

- 2. Comment on their most recent post and tag @steppinoutadventures with your favorite pizza topping -
- 3. Extra Entry-- share to your own story
- 4. For another extra entry-send us an email to info@steppinoutadventures.com to say that you are following! (do this if you don't have a social media account)

The contest will run from 6/20 to 7/3, when we will announce a name. The winner will get two free tickets to the Pizza City Fest Chicago on July 23rd and 24th. The tickets will be good for a 1-day pass to the Fest on either day.

I'll be away, but if someone is available to be the meet person, we can pick a time for Steppin' Outers to meet up! Email me.

A CULINARY ADVENTURE TO CRETE

October 16-23, 2022

SAVE \$175 Before July 1



How apropo for our Culinary Adventure to coincide with **World Food Day**, which celebrates (among other things) sustainable agriculture on October 16th. Eating locally straight from the farms is exactly what we will be doing. Going to farms and local markets we will learn how to make delicious traditional Greek dishes from local chefs and villagers. Add in the Steppin Out flair of beautiful morning hikes, biking through untouched villages, sailing and more. This trip just can't get any better.

Sign up by July 1st and you can take \$175 off the price.

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION HERE

SKI TRIPS:

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL

Zermatt, Switzerland Take it to the Top January 21-28, 2023



Take your next ski vacation to the top! Bordering with Italy, The Matterhorn is Switzerland's most iconic pointed peak and one of the highest mountains in the Alps. The beautiful village of Zermatt lies at the foot of this peak and is known for its on mountain apres ski, quaint chalets, and world-class restaurants and hotels- including our 4 star hotel, Hotel Alex. Post trip to Malta or Barcelona. Please vote for your preference.

Register here

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS Colorado March 4-11, 2023



Steamboat is one of our favorite ski destinations. With the champagne powder snow and its cowboy town, it has all the elements of a great ski trip. Terrain for every level skier or boarder., great and affordable restaurants and upgraded lifts for quick access. Staying on mountain at the Steamboat Grand, we have all the conveniences. Limited spaces. Price goes up \$100 July 5th, so register now.

Yes for Steamboat

IKON PASS - YOU CAN STILL GET IT.

Especially if you think you are going to do both ski trips, you should consider getting the

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Ikon pass, since both of our resorts are Ikon. The savings is not as good as it was earlier in the year, but we can still get you a a group discount code off the current price. Send us an **email** with your DOB and we will get a discount code to you. No obligation to use it. To read more about the Ikon pass itself, check out the **website**.

Red Rocks Rwanda Invites You to Celebrate

AUGUST 26- SEPT. 2



For those of you who went on our virtual tour to Rwanda or those that wanted to, you met

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Greg from Red Rocks Rwanda- which is a cultural eco retreat center in Rwanda, not far from where you can go trekking. They are celebrating their 10th Anniversary with a Red Rocks is offering a music and cultural festival. They've centered the date around the annual baby gorilla naming ceremony. Since Rwanda started employing gorilla poachers to protect the gorillas and guide tourists, the gorilla population has been growing and they celebrate with a ceremony. Steppin Out can either facilitate individuals or groups to join the festival as is, or we can gather a group together and add a few things to the itinerary- such as some time in Kigali (Genocide Memorial Museum is fantastic) and organize the gorilla trekking groups. We can also help with adding on a trip to the Serengeti or Masa Mara.

The itinerary is listed on our **website** as what is taking place in the festival. The price staying at the hostel is around \$2100, but we can work on upgrades for those who want.

LYMPHOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION CHICAGO WALK-- DC BIKE RIDE PARTICIPANTS AND VOUNTEERS NEEDED





Steppin' Out helps the Lymphoma Research Foundation produce their charity walks and rides. This summer is the **Chicago walk on July 31st at Montrose Beach** and while we are of course looking for participants, we could very much use more volunteers to help us day of. If you can help, please fill out the **form**.

We also organize a beautiful 50 mile bike ride (with options of 40, 25, and 10) - this year on **October 2nd outside metro DC area around Poolesville, Maryland**. Anyone want to spear head a Steppin' Out team and raise money for research to eradicate blood cancers? You can sign up a team **here**. Or we are in need of volunteers that day as well-- bikers, medics, street monitors. Please fill out the form **here**.

DID YOU KNOW THAT STEPPIN OUT OFFERS PERSONALIZED TRAVEL?

CUSTOMIZE YOUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Steppin' Out offers personalized travel to create your own unique experience. If you're in charge of your next family reunion or girls getaway or company event, let us take that stress out of your hands and plan your next trip! Your wishes and Steppin' Out will make it happen. The possibilities are endless! Learn more on our <u>website.</u>

OTHER TRIPS IN THE WORKS

We are thinking of putting together a trip to Cuba to cover the Jazz Festival --January 14-22, 2023. please email us if interested (as a group or as your own custom trip)

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