TRAVEL REPORT TO BOD, FEBRUARY 2021

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All,

**Club Med Sandpiper Bay, May 2-9, 2021**:  we currently have 40 registrants, in a mix of single and double rooms.  I had to add one double room at a higher cost to accommodate the last two registrants, who were willing to pay the higher rate.  Today is the last day that I can cancel rooms without penalty, so I plan to keep 44 spaces to optimize the number of potential comps.  We have already booked 13 seats with United Airlines for a nonstop flight from Dulles International (IAD) to West Palm Beach International (PBI).  I have also arranged for a ground transfer package with a local shuttle service at $50/pp roundtrip between the airport and the Club Med resort, in a 14-passenger Mercedes van, with a separate smaller van for luggage.  We have offered the air/ground package to participants at a $300/pp. Due to a recent cancellation I still have one air spot available. surcharge.  Almost everyone is now paid in full. One exception is Charlie Lorenzetti and his wife Karen.  I will contact him today to determine his plans.

**Viking Alaska Cruise, June 8-18,2021**:  after some recent cancellations, we now have 21 current registrants for this event, all of whom are paid in full.  Viking has canceled all of their cruises through the end of March 2021, and there is some concern that further cancellations could occur.  Also, the cruise embarks from Vancouver, and Canada has not opened its border to U.S. travelers yet.  IF the cruise were to be canceled, our registrants would receive a 125% Future Travel Credit and we would probably just re-schedule the cruise for 2022.  Yingwen Prince and I have consulted with our tour operator Dan Ellis (Winter Ski & Sport), and surveyed our participants. The consensus was to wait for further developments from Viking.

**Club Med Miches "Playa Esmeralda", October 10-17, 2021**:  Club Med's ongoing "Limited Time Offer" for group reservations, with enhanced benefits, expired on January 5, 2021.  The current offer only applies to travel through mid-year in 2021.  I am hoping that Club Med will extend this offer in January, and make it applicable to travel into October.  I don't plan to ask for a quote until I have a better idea of Club Med's intentions.  There is substantial interest from our members for this event.

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