



Dear Skating Friends,

The 2013-2014 skating season is at a close after the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, Japan. The U.S. didn't win any medals, however we will have three ladies, three dance teams, three men, and two pairs to represent the U.S. next year in Beijing, China. Included with this newsletter is a synopsis of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, photos from 2014 the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, tour updates, and 2014 Skate Canada tour brochure.

2014 WINTER OLYMPICS SOCHI, RUSSIA

It is post 2014 Winter Olympics and for 2.5 weeks we enjoyed figure skating on NBC, NBCSN, social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Sochi 2014 Live Extra for up to date competition information and news. The coverage of figure skating could be viewed during the day with all of the competitors on NBCSN-(NBC Sports Network), on the computer or IPAD, and in prime time. Figure Skating did play a prominent role on the Today Show and Late Night with Bob Costas with visits from Team USA. Commentators Johnny Weir, and Tara Lipinski, and Terry Gannon provided the viewers with colorful commentary at NBCSN. It was fun to see what Johnny and Tara would wear each day. The team event was exciting to watch and we all can be proud of our bronze medal finish for Team USA. The highlight of the Olympics was the Gold Medal performance of Meryl Davis and Charlie White! They just mesmerized the audience with their beautiful skating. All of our competitors should be proud of their performances and we will look forward to the future of figure skating next season.

TOUR UPDATES

2013 Skate America: October Oct. 23-26, 2014. Hilton Honors Skate America will be held in the Chicago area of Hoffman Estates, IL. Announcement was made last week by USFS. As soon as I receive information on tickets and hotels, I will email a tour brochure.

2014 Skate Canada: Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2104, Kelowna, BC Canada. Our tour brochure for 2014 Skate Canada is attached to your email. Silver Blade Tours will travel with Uniworld to Kelowna, BC-wine country and host to 2014 Skate Canada. We will enjoy a full day of sightseeing including the following: Tour

of a local family-owned dairy featuring European-style goat cheese and gelato, Visit to Father Pados Mission and Museum-first permanent European agricultural settlement, Lunch at Harvest Golf Club, Tour of orchards and cider tasting at a local Cider producer, Wine tasting and tour of Mission Hill Family Estate, 2013 Canadian Winery of the Year. The Coast Capri Hotel is less than 10 minutes from the Prospera Place Arena and close to downtown restaurants and shops. This tour includes all event/exhibition tickets in the lower level, hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, one daily round-trip hotel/arena transfer, and official program book and pin.

2015 USFS CHAMPIONSHIPS-GREENSBORO NC, JAN. 18-25, 2015

Spots are still available for Nationals in Greensboro!

2016 USFS CHAMPIONSHIPS- ST. PAUL, MN JAN. 16-24, 2016

We are taking deposits for 2016 Nationals in St. Paul. A tour brochure will be available later this year contingent on location of group seating.

2016 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2016

As of this date, ticket prices and our hotel location have not been finalized for the 2016 World Figure Skating Championships. Once we get the confirmation from the Local Organizing Committee, a tour brochure will be emailed. Credit card deposits will be processed this spring.

Thank you for booking with Silver Blade Tours, Inc. We will celebrate our 34th season in October and hope to see you!

Kind regards, Claudyne Cassella Hutchinson



