



Alaska Dance Cruise

AUGUST 22 TO 29, 2026

Aboard Grand Princess

Departing from Vancouver, Returning from Anchorage (Whittier)

DANCE ACTIVITIES

ALL DANCE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN COST

WORKSHOPS: Tentative classes will be Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Rumba, Salsa, and Cha Cha. If time permits, other dances workshops may be added. Private lessons are also available upon request (and for a fee).

PRIVATE DANCES: We will have private dances on board with our own DJ (for the best dance selections), including mixers. We plan to have four private social dance parties, depending on the port times.

You will be issued a name badge which will include our final dance schedule which will need to be worn at all our dance events.

We are a small percentage of the total number of passengers cruising. So we have REQUESTED all the space necessary for our workshops and social dance parties. BUT the cruise line must consider the needs of other groups and passengers on board, and cannot confirm all of our requests till just prior to sailing. A Final Dance Schedule will be provided approximately 30 days prior to sailing.

Dances & Workshops will be "Private Parties" only available to our group! You must book with Sundancer Cruises to participate in Workshops and Dances.

Single Ladies - Dance Hosts Policy

Please see our separate document regarding our new Dance Host Policy. We strongly encourage you to bring a dance partner or dance friend!

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTORS:

Maggie Francucci

Colorado

www.DanceConnectionColorado.com

Maggie has been a passionate teacher for over 30 years.

Prior to moving to Colorado in 1993, Maggie trained extensively with the Arthur Murray Dance franchise in California and with dance legends Buddy Schwimmer and Ron Montez. She has been an award-winning choreographer, performer, entertainer, and competitive ballroom dancer.

However, Maggie's true passion is teaching. She is the owner of Dance Connection, a dance studio operating in Colorado since 1995.

Her students include: Beginner, intermediate, and advanced students. Dance lessons may include private, couple, semi-private, or group instruction. The goals of her students are many and varied - from social dancing, weddings, corporate events, and holiday parties, to exhibitions and competitions. She can help you reach your goals.

Lessons at Dance Connection are more reasonably priced than franchise dance studios. Private lessons are not shared with other students on the dance floor. Students may advance at their own pace and with their own goals, not on a pre-determined schedule or program. As current students have commented, "Maggie turns frustration and nervousness into improvement and joy . . . and she does so in a fun and encouraging manner."

Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa and Country-Western



Chad Stall

North Carolina

Started teaching Ballroom dancing in Charleston South Carolina in 1997. Moved to Raleigh, North Carolina in 2014 to join an Arthur Murray studio as an instructor. Owned and operated one of the most award-winning Arthur Murray studios in the world from 2014 to 2022.

Choreographed for the movie "The Notebook" while living in Charleston. He competed and placed in finals as an American Smooth and American Rhythm Pro-Pro competitor. He has coached and trained some of the top Ballroom dance competitors in the country. Several of his teachers have gone on to become successful studio owners. Since 2022 he has taken a break to help his wife with her dental business. Married a beautiful Puerto Rican in 2008, and since then Latin music and dance moved to the front of the line for the dances I enjoy. We have a son named Sebastian. He is now 11 and enjoys music, but not so much dancing as of yet.



Jody Huberty – Line Dance Instructor & Choreographer

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With over 15 years of experience, Jody Huberty is a passionate Line Dance Instructor and Choreographer who brings energy, joy, and inclusiveness to every class she teaches. Based in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, Jody teaches at multiple senior centers and through Community Education programs. She also offers private lessons in her home studio, teaches offsite at client locations, and brings line dancing to corporate events.

As a certified instructor through the National Teachers Association (NTA), Jody combines professionalism with her love of dance. Her classes are designed to be fun, engaging, and accessible to dancers of all ages and skill levels.

Beyond teaching, Jody is a talented choreographer whose original dances are enjoyed by students and fellow dancers alike. In 2024, she proudly earned 2nd place at the Las Vegas Dance Explosion with her dance Memory Lane, following a head-to-head dance-off for first place.

Jody's dance background also includes extensive training and competition in ballroom dancing, where she has performed at both the Pro/Am and Amateur/Am levels. She continues to share her passion for dance by performing with a ballroom couples' team, a ballroom ladies' team, her own Line Dance with Jody team, and the Line Dance Minnesota team.

Teaching and creating dances are not just a profession for Jody—it's a true passion. She strives to foster a warm, welcoming, and encouraging environment where dancers can learn, grow, and most importantly, have fun.



DJ

Brent Paxton of Colorado

Brent has been Sundancer's DJ for the majority of our dance cruises, and has DJ'd the ballroom social dances held at the Arvada Elks from 2008-2015 and since May 2013 at the Sons of Italy Lodge (run by Cathy, Brent and Maggie). Brent is constantly complimented that he is the best DJ in town. He takes this role very seriously and puts a lot of time and effort into trying to please everyone.



Cathy Paxton, Travel Agent and Organizer

Arvada, Colorado

Owner of Sundancer Cruises, Inc. a/k/a Sundancer Travel Agency. From 1991 until 1997 she co-owned a dance studio in West Palm Beach, Florida. During that time she became a part-time travel agent and combined her love of dance with her love of cruising and organized 16 group dance cruises. In 1999 she relocated to Colorado and in 2003 created Sundancer to start doing group dance cruises again. Since that time, she has organized and hosted over 25 more group dance cruises to many destinations, as well as booking various individual travel. In addition to cruises, she handles hotel, car rental and land packages for her clients for pre and post cruise. Sundancer can also book your individual or family cruises and offers an on board credit per person to thank you for booking with us.

She was born in Illinois, but her family moved to West Palm Beach, Florida when she was five. Her older brother moved to Colorado around 1980, and in 1999 she decided to join him, and just loves it. In 2001 she met Brent Paxton at a dance class, who she married in 2005. They have no children, but a wonderful Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. They both enjoy social dancing, camping and hiking. Brent also enjoys skiing and we are both enjoying his Harley Davidson Road King.

Cathy was also a legal assistant for over 40 years, retiring from that position in August, 2022.

