June 21-26 Pre-SREG Banff Convention Train Excursion

All Aboard...

Join your fellow Southern Region meeting-goers for a ride on one of the World’s top 10 trains! This unique two-day adventure on the Rocky Mountaineer is bracketed by two-nights in Vancouver and two-nights at the fabulous Chateau Lake Louise. Vancouver is a perfect place to stretch our legs before the train, and we’ll taste “local” in the food markets, and a Japanese restaurant, while enjoying the views from the Pan Pacific hotel. At Lake Louise, we’ll ride the gondola to the wildlife interpretive center, and leave open time for a glacier adventure or evening canoe on the lake. Please express e-mail your registration as space is limited! This scenic excursion is just the ticket for a unique and memorable Canadian experience. Accompanying children are most welcome!

The following itinerary includes active hyperlinks to their web sites which colorfully tell the stories. Please reach out to Phebe, travelata2@gmail.com or Geoff travelata@aol.com or call 706-663-2171 for more information.

Itinerary

Sunday, June 21  Arrive in Vancouver
- To participate in this pre-meeting tour, please make your flight arrangements into Vancouver (YVR) to arrive June 21 and home from Calgary (YYC) to depart June 30.
- ATA will be glad to organize an arrival transfer to the Vancouver Pan Pacific for chapters or groups arriving together (supplemental charge may apply); otherwise, taxis, ride shares and rapid transit are available for the 30-minute ride.
- If you prefer to arrive Saturday, Sunday is the finals of the annual Dragon Boat Races and beer gardens are set up alongside the False Creek racing area. A visit to Sun Yat Sen garden and dinner at Seasons in the Park could complete this day. See the Reservation Form.
- The Pan Pacific is located at Canada Place and sits on the pier facing Vancouver Harbour. Being part of the cruise-ship terminal makes for a busy place, and the excitement intensifies when the gigantic ships anchor alongside.

Flights— There are good connecting flights from Charlotte & Atlanta on Delta and American; the non-stop flights arrive around 7pm in Vancouver. We have not therefore planned activities on Sunday. Once we know the flight arrivals, we can arrange an orientation walk, dinner or activity.

SREG Banff Springs Registration opens February 5th; contact melissa.west@necanet.org, or katie@necanet.org
Itinerary

Monday, June 22  Vancouver  L,D

10:30am  Meet in the lobby to make the 30-minute walk together to the Granville Island ferry [https://granvilleisland.com/](https://granvilleisland.com/). Upon completing the 10-minute ferry ride, we’ll report for a gastronomic tasting tour of Granville Island’s Public Market [http://foodietours.ca](http://foodietours.ca) which includes tastings at 9 different vendors. This fascinating local market will be full of shoppers buying what you’re tasting. Leave a pocket in your suitcase for take-home specialties. This tasting tour provides more than a satisfactory lunch, but you can always return to your favorite market stall for a second helping. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. You might choose to walk through the shops in Yaletown or check out exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery, or taxi to the fascinating Museum of Anthropology by the University, [https://www.tourismvancouver.com](https://www.tourismvancouver.com). The Capilano Suspension Bridge is right across the bay for an exhilarating afternoon walk. Taxis should be readily available.

6:00pm  Meet in the lobby to walk around the corner to Miku Japanese restaurant for dinner.

Tuesday, June 23  Vancouver to Kamloops  B,L

• Early morning transfer from the Pan Pacific to Vancouver Station.
7:30am  Board the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Vancouver Station for a spectacular train ride from coastal Vancouver to Kamloops, in the heart of British Columbia’s interior. Today’s journey passes through dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains, to the desert-like environment of the BC Interior. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell’s Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Finally, the Rocky Mountaineer travels along the shores of Kamloops Lake into Kamloops between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. All hotels in Kamloops are of moderate standard: your hotel will be assigned post-booking depending on your choice of the silver or gold package for the train trip. There are many restaurants in town.
• Breakfast & lunch included onboard each day.

Wednesday, June 24  Kamloops to Lake Louise  B,L

6:25am  Board the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Kamloops Station as your journey continues eastwards to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Once again, a spectacular array of scenery unfolds traveling across ranchlands, along rocky lakeshores, over high mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels that form part of the rich rail-history of the Canadian Rockies. Today’s highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels and, of course, picturesque views of glaciers and snow-capped peaks. Again, breakfast & lunch included onboard. Your rail journey ends this evening upon arrival in Lake Louise at your hotel, the Fairmont Chateau.
• After check-in, everyone is on their own to explore the hotel for dinner.

Thursday, June 25  Lake Louise, Alberta Province  B

The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise offers a great summer activity program which is linked [here](https://www.tourismvancouver.com). The resort fee is included in our package. We recommend the optional Glacier Adventure beginning at 10am. Please indicate your interest on the reservations page. This 4-hour adventure will carry you onto the Athabasca Glacier, whereupon you arrive at the cliff’s edge via the glass-floored Glacier Skywalk. Although the activity program offers a quite a number of choices, this one stood out as an iconic meaningful experience for today’s climate concerns. Later this afternoon, we’ll gather to ride the gondola to the Wildlife Interpretive Center. There is a restaurant at the peak for refreshments and/or dinner which is on our own again tonight.
Friday, June 26  
Lake Louise to Banff Springs  

The morning is open to further enjoy the resort—perhaps a sunrise canoe experience, ride the early gondola, or take a short hike. Check out is noon. We’ll plan a buffet lunch from 12:30-2pm in the hotel, oversee the loading of the bus at 2, then we’re off to the 4pm check-in time in Banff. The coach will take us for a ride down the Bow Valley Parkway, the scenic route. 3:30-4:00pm estimated arrival at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel will allow time to register and settle in before tonight’s opening reception.

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUSIONS
- 2-nights Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver, Deluxe Rooms
- 2-nights Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Fairmount Rooms
- 1-night first class hotel Kamloops
- Silver Leaf Service level Rocky Mountaineer train including breakfast, and lunch each day.
- Breakfast & lunch each day on the train
- Buffet breakfast both mornings at Fairmont Chateau
- Lunch the 26th at the Fairmont Chateau
- Foodie Tour in Vancouver
- Dinner Vancouver’s Miku Restaurant
- Round-trip Lake Louise gondola
- Rocky Mountain train package includes one night in Kamloops hotel, transfer to their station in Vancouver; from/to the station in Kamloops, transfer to Chateau Lake Louise; onboard host gratuity; transfer to Banff Springs from Lake Louise
- Hotel taxes, porterage & resort fees
- ATA tour escort in Vancouver and Lake Louise

(B,L,D = breakfast, lunch & dinner included in the pre-tour package)

TOUR COST $3,598 (USD) per person double occupancy (based on Deluxe Room category Pan Pacific, Fairmont Room category Chateau Lake Louise and Silver Leaf category Rocky Mountaineer
- Accompanying children are welcome; please give ages and number of hotel rooms needed
- Single occupancy upon request

Room Upgrades supplemental costs are per room for the length of the stay:
Pan Pacific:
Harbor View Deluxe $100 -The harbor views are to the west over Stanley Park
Chateau Lake Louise:
Deluxe Mountain View $196
Fairmont Lake View $288

Mountaineer Upgrade
You can upgrade to Gold Leaf Service for a supplemental cost of $569pp. The following link enables you to compare the train’s Silver and Gold Packages Please mark your choice on the Reservation Form

CONDITIONS
Reservations & Payment: You are encouraged to send your reservation form without delay. Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Form and a $450 per person deposit, which is required by the train & hotels. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than April 17th. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Card.
Cancellation: Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.
Land Package: $250 per person of the deposit is non-refundable due to train and hotel policies. Penalty on cancellations received between April 18 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land & train cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.
Insurance: We definitely recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance can be obtained from Allianz www.allianztravelinsurance.com either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). Trip cancellation insurance is definitely recommended because it offsets non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges. Please note the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion in the Medical Conditions section. If one exists, you need to purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first payment. Also check with your insurance agent to see what is covered under your existing homeowners and medical policies.

Prices: This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which each tour cost is based (18). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on January 27, 2020.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him-or-herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Passports: You need a US passport to enter Canada that needs to be valid 3-months beyond your travel dates. You can apply for renewal or a new passport at your local post office or US Passport Agency.

Responsibility: American Travel Association (ATA), National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and NECA, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and NECA) shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they’re provided. ATA and NECA shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions.

Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA and NECA do not guarantee any of such suppliers’ rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and NECA reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.
2020 SREG Banff Springs Pre-Convention Tour
Reservation Form

Company (if applicable) ______________________________
Name(s) ____________________________
(if children coming, please include ages and rooming preferences)

Please correspond to the following □ office □ home address:
Street ____________________________________________ City _______________________
State ______ Zip ________ Suite or Apt. # ____________________

Primary cell phone ____________________ Other preferred phone ____________________
E-mail ____________________________________________________________
Preferred First names __________________________

□ I/we would like to arrive in Vancouver Saturday, please contact us

Rocky Mountaineer □ Silver Leaf □ Gold Leaf upgrade cost = $569 per person

Room Upgrades cost – per room for the length of each hotel stay
Pan Pacific □ Harbor View Deluxe $100
Chateau Lake Louise □ Mountain View Deluxe $196 □ Fairmont Lake View $288

Deposit & Payment A deposit of $450 per person is due with the reservation form; balance due by April 17th. Enclosed is a check for $ ________________ Or, please charge to □ Visa □ MasterCard □ Discover □ American Express:
Card number ____________________________ Exp date __________ Security Code __________
Name on card __________________________________________________________

Billing address of card Holder (if different from above)
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I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here
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