



CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting, October 27/28, 2021, via Zoom

Introduction

UC Retirees Travel trips got off to a modest restart in 2021, with six travelers venturing out on a Collette “Canadian Rockies by Train” trip in September (two retired faculty, each with a guest, and one retired staff with a guest). Interest in our 2022 trips is very robust, with more than 150 travelers registered at this point. I am hopeful that all the tours will go on as scheduled, but that will depend on continued vaccination progress in the U.S. as well as the destination countries.

Publicity

- Continued the monthly “Travel Talk e-newsletter; started in May 2019 with 689 subscribers; during the last six months, the list has grown from 1,196 subscribers to 1,611 subscribers.
- Continued sending publicity to retiree center directors and CUCRA reps on a monthly basis.
- Continued submitting articles to *New Dimensions*.
- Continued working with Bob Daly to list and update information on the CUCRA website.
- Offered one webinar by Collette.

Management

- Continued working with Dolores Dyer, assistant coordinator, on trip planning and publicity.
- Recruited Sandra Norberg, UCSF CUCRA rep, as a new UC Retirees Travel trip escort.
- We are recruiting for an escort for the Chile/Argentina trip-2nd departure; email Sue Barnes at suelbarnes@ucla.edu if interested.

Trip Planning

- Dolores coordinated the Canadian Rockies trip, September 5-12/2021. Two months before departure, Canada’s pandemic-related restrictions forced a change to the itinerary. Dolores coordinated with Collette to reach out to the travelers, offering the option of staying on the original trip, moving to a 2022 date, or cancelling and receiving a refund. Most travelers moved to the 2022 date, but we received \$3,827 in commission for the six people that remained on the 2021 trip.
- Planned 11 trips for 2022. The first trip to New Orleans was recently cancelled due to low registration (a combination of pandemic fears and recent storms that once again affected the region).

Trip	Tour Operator/Escort	Current # travelers	Trip Price (p.p. dbl)	Escort	Projected Commission
New Orleans 1/23-27/2022-Cancelled	Collette/none	0	\$ 2,099	\$ -	\$ -
Spain/Portugal 3/4-19/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/Sue Barnes	16	\$ 4,595	\$ (4,595)	\$ 2,757
Spain/Portugal 3/7-22/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/Sandra Norberg	17	\$ 4,595	\$ (4,595)	\$ 3,217
Netherlands, Belgium, France 4/20-5/1	Collette/Dolores Dyer	20	\$ 4,999	\$ (4,999)	\$ 4,999
Baltic Capitals/St. Petersburg 6/6-21/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/Sue Barnes	13	\$ 4,895	\$ (4,895)	\$ 1,469
Baltic Capitals/St. Petersburg 6/4-19/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/none	4	\$ 4,895	\$ -	\$ 1,958
Islands of New England 8/26-9/2/2022	Collette/Dolores Dyer	8	\$ 3,199	\$ -	\$ 2,559
Canadian Rockies by Train 9/5-13/2022	Collette/Dolores Dyer	14	\$ 5,649	\$ (5,649)	\$ 2,260
Cuba 10/17-22/2022	Premier/Dolores Dyer	28	\$ 3,499	\$ (3,499)	\$ 6,298
Chile/Argentina 11/27-12/15/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/Sue Barnes	17	\$ 5,895	\$ (5,895)	\$ 4,127
Chile/Argentina 12/2-20/2022	Overseas Adventure Travel/Escort Needed	14	\$ 5,895	\$ (5,895)	\$ 2,358
Christmas on the Danube (12/2-10/2022)	Collette/Dolores Dyer	0	3,499+	\$ -	
Total (as of 10/15/2021)	Trip is full	151			\$ 32,001

*CUCRA earns 10% commission on each traveler; commission on first 10 people covers escort trip; if fewer than 12 register, trip will not be escorted.

Submitted by Sue Barnes, UC Retirees Travel program coordinator