



## CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting, October 26 & 27, via Zoom

### Introduction

UC Retirees Travel has completed two successful trips since the April 2022 meeting. We traveled to the Islands of New England in August and to the Canadian Rockies in September. Feedback from both trips has been positive. At the writing of this report, 28 travelers are on our Cuba trip. We have three additional 2022 trips: Chile/Argentina (two departures), and a Christmas on the Danube River cruise. Our 2023 trips are filling well, and we are starting to plan for 2024. We will be offering more small-group tours in 2024, as many of our travelers have expressed that preference. Small group trips have a higher price point, but with COVID still circulating widely, travelers appear to be willing to pay more to travel in a smaller group.

### 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 1,731 subscribers to 2,150 subscribers.
- Continued sending publicity to retiree center directors, CUCRA reps, and *New Dimensions* editor.
- Continued working with Bob Daly to list and update information on the CUCRA website.
- Offered four webinars: one by Collette, one by Premier, one by our volunteers for UC Riverside retirees, and one by the UC-Cuba Initiative.

### Management

- Held monthly Zoom meetings with UC Retirees Travel volunteers (Dolores Dyer, UCLA; Frank Trueba, UCSC; Sandra Norberg, UCSF; Vickie Leow, UCSF)
- Continued working with Dolores Dyer, assistant coordinator, on trip planning and publicity.
- Continued pushing OAT to improve their customer service issues. They have improved quite a bit recently, and they are committed to improving their groups department.

### Trip Participation

- Participation totals for completed 2022 trips:

Trip	Ret. Staff	Ret. Fac.	Curr. Staff	Curr. Fac.	Guests	Non UC	Total	LBNL	LLNL	ANL	UCB	UCD	UCI	UCLA	UCM	UCOP	UCR	UCSB	UCSC	UCSD	UCSF	Non UC	
Spain/Port #1, OAT	5	0	1		9		15				1	13							1				
Spain/Port #2 OAT	6	2			3		11					4		1					1	1	4		
Neth/Belg/Fr, Collette	5	1			3		9		2			5		2									
Isds of New Eng, Collette	6		1		4		11					2	3	3						2	1		
Can. Rockies, Collette	9	3			7		19				1	3		8						4	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	

- Number of participants for upcoming trips as of October 4, 2022:
    - Cuba, 10/17-22/2022, Premier (27)
    - Chile/Arg. #1, 11/27-12/15/2022, OAT (17)
    - Chile/Arg. #2, 12/2-12/20/2022, OAT (15)
    - Xmas/Danube, 12/2-10/2022, Collette (17)
    - Egypt, 1/12-23/2023, Collette (17)
    - South Africa, 2/2-15/2023, Collette (25)
    - Spain/Portugal, 3/7-22/2023, OAT (14)
    - Japan #1, 3/27-4/10/2023, OAT (14)
    - Japan #2, 3/8-22/2023, OAT (16)
    - Ireland, 4/24-5/6/2023, Collette (16)
    - Rhine/Moselle cruise, 8/27-9/4/2023, Collette (1)
    - Iceland, 9/20-10/2, OAT (13)
    - Greek Isles, 10/9-24/2023, Collette\*
    - Cuba, 10/23-29/2023, Premier (3)
    - Music Cities Holiday, 12/10-17/2023 Collette\*
- \*We have not yet begun publicizing these trips.