

Preconference *Optional Tours*

Wednesday, September 10

Optional Day Trip: Jack Daniel's Country Adventure

Spend a day in Lynchburg, the charming little town that supplied Mr. Jack the crystal clear spring water needed to brew his world famous whiskey. Inhale the aroma of whiskey being made on the distillery tour and then find a seat at the mid-day dinner table where home-cooked, southern style food is served family style at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House Restaurant (listed on the National Register of Historic Places). The adventure concludes around the quaint Lynchburg Town Square providing shopping to satisfy any spirit.

Please note that this tour is not fully accessible to people with disabilities.

(\$50 U.S. per person or guest; transportation included.)

Tour departs from the Chattanooga Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and returns by 4:30 p.m.

(Reservations for this tour must be made no later than August 8.)

Thursday, September 11

Chattanooga Adventure I: H2O and Art Aboard the Chattanooga Ducks

All board these former U.S. Army amphibious vehicles where they paddle under four bridges and circle the McClellan Island bird sanctuary. With land in sight, the Ducks make land and tour the public art that was an integral part of the redevelopment of downtown Chattanooga.

Please note that this tour is not fully accessible to people with disabilities.

(\$15 U.S. per person or guest; transportation included.)

Tour departs from the Chattanooga Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m.

Chattanooga Adventure II: Lookout Mountain Journey

Ride the world's steepest Incline Railway® of Lookout Mountain and motor to Point Park for breathtaking vistas of the Chattanooga area. Civil War enthusiasts will especially enjoy Point Park, site of the "Battle above the Clouds".

Please note that this tour is partially accessible to people with disabilities.

(\$25 U.S. per person or guest; transportation included.)

Tour departs from the Chattanooga Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 11:00 a.m.

Chattanooga Adventure III: Chattanooga, Great City by Nature

Chattanooga and the Tennessee Aquarium's Newest Attractions, the River Gorge Explorer, is a state-of-the-art 65-foot catamaran that carries 70 passengers from the Chattanooga Pier deep into the Tennessee River Gorge. The gorge is a two thousand foot canyon about 27 miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide and home to more than 1,000 varieties of botanical life, 184 species of birds, 63 species of mammals, and 193 species of butterflies.

Please note that this tour is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

(\$35 U.S. per adult or guest; transportation included.)

Tour departs from the Chattanooga Marriott at 9:30 a.m. for the Aquarium. The boat leaves at 10:00 a.m. and the excursion lasts 90 minutes, plus another 10 minutes for loading and disembarking. Refreshments and restrooms are available on the boat. The tour returns to the Chattanooga Marriott by 12:00 noon.

(Reservations for this tour must be made no later than August 8.)

Chattanooga Adventure IV: Public Art Experience—Walk This Way, Please!

Join your NASSA friends for a guided tour throughout the downtown area where you will be amazed at the quality and variety of public art that was central to the redevelopment of the area and has defined Chattanooga as a “community of cultural.” The excursion will include the Chattanooga Pier, the Passage, the Holmberg Glass Bridge, and the ever-changing monumental pieces of public art. *Please note that this tour is accessible to people with disabilities. (No fee required)*

Meet in the lobby of the Chattanooga Marriott at 10:00 a.m. for an hour to an hour and a half tour.

Reservations are required for all tours and space is limited, so please register for the events that you are planning to attend. Guests are welcome to attend (where indicated) with advance reservations and fees, if applicable.

Please note: Some tours may require a minimum number of attendees to take place. If fewer than the minimum number registers for the tour, the tour will be cancelled and you will be notified in advance.

If you have any questions or need more details regarding these optional tours, please contact Sharon Gee at NASAA at 202-347-6352, ext. 112 or at Sharon.gee@nasaa-arts.org.