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North America Adventure 3

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2009

Hi all,

We're off to the United States in June again, but this time we're also adding Canada to the agenda. After our successful tours in 2006 and 2008, we've decided to go back to America and visit some more of its excellent parks. Next year's trip sees us doing more of an eastern route, starting in Charlotte, North Carolina and ending up in Toronto, Ontario. The trip will be two weeks long, which means you will only have to take 10 working days for your holiday. We hope this will make it easier for you to get the time off from your employer.

The dates of the trip are 5 June 2010 - 20 June 2010, inclusive. The trip ends on 19 June, but due to the overnight flight back to, you will arrive on 20 June. We are flying on Air Canada, but please note that the flight out is not direct. We are travelling out via Toronto.

Please read this form very carefully as there's a lot of important information about how to apply, etc.

This trip is being organised by Yvonne Janik. She has worked with us on the previous American trips, sorting out hotels and parks, but this time is also handling the coach arrangements.

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THE COST

The total cost is £1,449 per person, which will be spread over three payments, which does NOT include the flight. We need a deposit of £449.00 per person, which should be included with this form. This can be done with a cheque, bank transfer or a credit card. There will be two further payments of £500.00 each, due in January and March. Reminders will be sent out for these.

WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR MONEY

The trip cost covers hotel accommodation including breakfast when supplied, park entry, Exclusive Ride Sessions (ERSs), the "trip pack," trip badges, t-shirt and coach transfers. Other meals are not provided unless clearly stated in the final itinerary, which will be sent nearer the actual trip date. We will be trying our best to provide group meals at most parks.

NOTE: All payments made by credit card will be subject to a 4.1% surcharge. See the application form for more details.

NOTE: These prices are based on the dollar exchange rate on 19 August 2009. If it changes substantially, a change to the trip price may be forced upon us.

AGE LIMIT

Due to the intensity of the trip, I'm afraid we've put a minimum age of 12 for applicants. We need to make sure all participants are able to look after themselves reliably. Anyone under the age of 18 will have to travel with an adult member acting as a guardian, who is responsible for the minor's conduct throughout the trip.

PER DAY ATTENDEES

If you want to join the group at certain parks on a per day basis, then a separate invite will be sent out in 2010. This is aimed mainly at North American members not wanting to do the whole trip. Please note that we will not be able to include you in our hotel group when we book, due to the complex administration involved. We will be happy to supply you with all our hotels' names and telephone numbers to help you book your own places.

SINGLE APPLICANTS

We have re-introduced a single room supplement for recent trips, and this one is no exception. The main reason we haven't had them for the North American trips before is that hotels just don't have a discounted rate for a room for one person; a room is the same price for one or two people for each room. This makes the supplement more than it would be elsewhere in the world, but some members have still requested it. The single room supplement is £489.00, which will need to be added to the trip total.

NUMBER OF PLACES

There are limited places on this trip. We plan to use no more than two coaches, which means 100 places overall. We're booking 30 plane seats from the UK, which means there are 70 places available for those wishing to make their own way to the States. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, then a draw will take place. The draw will take place two weeks after the deadline, and then places will be confirmed via e-mail. It is, therefore, most necessary that you supply a valid e-mail address when applying. Please note that in all previous trips a draw has never had to be used.

DEADLINE

If we have not received your application by the date listed at the top of the letter, you may not be able to get a place. No exceptions.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

As always we recommend your taking out travel insurance for the whole of the trip. In the US, where litigation is the norm, you must make sure you have adequate travel and health insurance, just in case...

TRIP INFORMATION

A separate email list has been created for this trip. It is strongly advised you join this list once your place has been confirmed on the trip. Lots of information about ERSs, changes to itinerary, etc, will be given on this list. Postal updates will be given but only at the time when reminders are sent out for payment. Joining details will be sent with your confirmation letters after the deadline.

FLIGHT OPTION

We will be offering a flight option, and right now it is important we know how many people want to fly with us. This needs to be known before the normal deadline so that we can reserve places. Before we have reserved a set amount of seats before this invite is sent out, but we can not do that this time. The current price we have for the flight - Heathrow to Charlotte, and Toronto to Heathrow is around £595.00. Obviously this is a lot more than a normal flight, hence we need to check how many people will want to take us up on it before hand. So, if you want to go on the trip, please email us at trips@coasterclub.org as soon as possible to let us know if are wanting to come, and if you want one of these flights or not. Many thanks.

The payment of registration fees by, for, or on behalf of participants releases and hold harmless the European Coaster Club and its representatives from any and all liabilities related to those activities..

PASSPORTS / VISA

Everyone on the trip must be in possession of a full passport that doesn't expire until at least six months after the trip has ended. You will need to check with the Canadian and US Embassy in your home country to see if you need a Visa to enter them. Please be sure to supply your full name and date of birth as on your passport plus your passport number on the booking form.

We must warn you that this trip is going to be intense. It's 15 days of coaster riding, sitting on a coach, and sleeping. There are no rest days, and quite a few days are going to be very long. Please only apply if you think you can cope with living like this for two weeks. We don't want to sound negative, but since places are limited on the trip, we want to make sure you understand the intense pace of the trip.

We hope the information above makes sense, but if you do have any questions about the trip or the application form, then please don't hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

Please join us on this exciting trip through seven states and one province; it will be an amazing adventure full of great times and friends. Be sure and send in the form.

I will see you on June 5th in Charlotte,

Yvonne

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- Day 1** Fly into Charlotte, North Carolina.
Carowinds in the evening
- Day 2** Carowinds / Freestyle Music Park
- Day 3** Freestyle Music Park /
Family Kingdom Amusement Park
- Day 4** Busch Gardens Europe
- Day 5** Kings Dominion
- Day 6** Six Flags America
- Day 7** Six Flags Great Adventure
- Day 8** Morey's Piers
- Day 9** Hersheypark
- Day 10** Knoebels
- Day 11** Waldameer Park
- Day 12** Seabreeze Park and Darien Lake Park
- Day 13** Martin's Fantasy Island and see Niagara Falls
- Day 14** Marineland Theme Park and Canada's Wonderland
- Day 15** Canada's Wonderland and fly home
- Day 16** Arrive in UK

*Itinerary is subject to change due to any unforeseen problems.