EAST LYME SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS:

Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Sestival



Eastern State Penitentiary Tour Taste of Philly Food Tour

May 7-8, 2020 Thu-Fri

Day 1: Depart aboard our deluxe motorcoach for the "City of Brotherly Love," Philadelphia. On arrival we'll tour the **EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY**, once the most famous and expensive prison in the world but stands today in partial ruins, a haunting world of restored and crumbling cellblocks and empty guard towers. Known for its grand architecture and strict discipline, this was the world's first true "penitentiary," a prison designed to inspire penitence, or true regret, in the hearts of prisoners. Its vaulted, sky-lit cells once held many of America's most notorious criminals, including bank robber "Slick Willie" Sutton and Al Capone. Overnight accommodations at the **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS MIDTOWN** located in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. Tonight we'll spend the evening exploring the **CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL** in Franklin Square, a celebration of light and culture that features artisans from China and the Philadelphia region. Marvel at larger-than-life illuminated lanterns, enjoy authentic cultural stage performances including acrobats, dancers and more. Dine on Asian cuisine and American favorites, drink a toast in the Dragon Beer Garden and shop for Chinese folk artists' crafts created on site.

Day 2: This morning we visit the **READING TERMINAL MARKET** for a **TASTE OF PHILLY FOOD TOUR**. Philly is famous for its cheesesteaks, hoagies and pretzels. Learn the story behind these and other local food favorites, and the vibrant and historic Reading Terminal Market where they're sold during our 75 minute walking tour in the Market. Enjoy lunch on own in the Market before we head for home after 2 fun days in Philadelphia.

Cost: \$299 pp double / triple \$379 pp single Based on 40-50

INCLUDES: Deluxe motorcoach, 1 night hotel, 1 breakfast, sightseeing & admissions as per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort, Driver & Tour Director Gratuity

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DEPARTURE: East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Rd, Niantic

DEPOSIT: \$75 pp by February 13, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT: March 19, 2020

FOR RESERVATIONS: Cathy Wilson 860-739-5859

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to March 26, 2020 the cancellation fee is \$50 pp; March 27 to April 22, 2020 the cancellation fee is \$100 pp; no refunds if cancelled on April 23, 2020 or later unless a substitute is provided.

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Aon Affinity administers the NTA Travel Protection plan designed specifically for members of the National Tour Association. The Pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan within 14 days of your deposit or initial payment. Purchase of the plan within this time period also provides eligibility for the Financial Insolvency benefit. Traveling companions / roommates are required to take the same plan (Basic or Enhanced) in order to be properly covered. Premium is non-refundable once paid. Three ways to enroll:

- 1. Website: https://nta.aontravelprotect.com Tour Operator Location #076068. You can also view plan details on this site.
- 2. Call Aon 1-800-388-1470. Tour Operator Location #076068. Customer service agents can also answer questions about each plan.
- 3. Call Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop 860-243-1630 or 800-243-1630

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