



# *NECA Show SEATTLE*

## *POST-CONVENTION TOUR TO*

# Victoria and Vancouver, October 11-15, 2017

### **Dear NECA Members:**

*We know you're looking forward to experiencing the great Pacific Northwest during the NECA Show '17 in the Emerald City. While in that corner of the country, why not finish the week enjoying and exploring Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada!*

*Wednesday morning we depart Seattle on-board the Victoria Clipper catamaran cruising through Puget Sound and across the Strait of San Juan to Victoria, BC's Capital. Views from the Clipper are spectacular; you'll enjoy the whole cruise experience. On arrival we visit world famous Butchart Gardens, that features different styles of landscape and thousands of flowers.*

*Thursday morning affords time to explore Victoria. The afternoon finds us back on the water with Five Star Whale Watching. We're advised that October is good for viewing, as the temperatures are still moderate and it's less crowded. Three pods are in the area; perhaps even in residence nearby. Friday morning we continue with another scenic cruise on BC Ferries through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver.*

*In addition to the beautiful natural settings of these two cities, we're staying in two 5-Star hotels. The recently renovated Empress is situated on the harbor within easy walking of Victoria's charming shops and restaurants. In Vancouver, the Pan Pacific is also located on the harbor and affords inspiring views of Vancouver Harbor and nearby mountains. In both hotels we're treating ourselves by staying on their Club Floors where we'll enjoy breakfast, afternoon snacks and evening hors'ds, which are complimented by an honour bar. In the end we think the additional cost of the Club Floors will seem like a value.*

*Please join us!*



## Itinerary

**Wednesday, October 11**

**Seattle to Victoria**

**B, R**

**8:00am** The Victoria Clipper departs for a scenic cruise through Puget Sound and the Strait of San Juan to Victoria. Continental Breakfast is included on the ship.

**10:30am** The Clipper arrives whereupon we'll head to magnificent Butchart Gardens, world famous for different styles of landscape and thousands of blooming flowers. Everyone can enjoy the garden at their own pace and stop for a sandwich at the coffee shop when ready.

<http://www.butchartgardens.com>

- Mid-afternoon arrival & check-in at the historic Empress Hotel. Victoria has a charming British atmosphere; afternoon high tea is an English tradition (see Reservation Form for sign up).

**6:30pm** We'll gather in the Gold Lounge for a welcome cocktail and hors' ds. Thereafter, the evening is open; the town and inner harbor offer a variety of good taverns and seafood restaurants.

**Thursday, October 12**

**Victoria**

**B**

- Breakfast at leisure and the morning is open. Victoria offers a variety of interesting museums, historic activities, great shopping and restaurants.

**12:30pm** Depart for a whale-watching cruise. In addition to the scenery and simply enjoying the cruise, we'll see local populations of eagles, seals and sea lions.

**From 5-Star Whales** "Turning Heads since 1985" is much more than just our catchy tag line. It is also a description of what Five Star Whale Watching has consistently done with innovative vessel design and attention to the passenger experience. It also explains why we are Victoria's longest running and most respected Whale Watching Company! Sightings are excellent in October with chances of seeing Whales in excess of 90% on any given trip. However, the reason that October is one of our favourite months is because of the variety of creatures that we might see: In addition to our Southern Resident ("Fish-Eating") Killer Whales, there is a good chance there might be Transient ("Marine-Mammal-Eating") Killer Whales, Humpback Whales, Dall's Porpoise, Harbour Porpoise, Steller Sea Lions, California Sea Lions, Sea Otters and even Elephant Seals. Apart from all the marine life you will also witness spectacular scenery and historic buildings such as Lighthouses and Navy fortifications during our tour. Visit our website at [www.5starwhales.com](http://www.5starwhales.com) for more information about the wonders of the Salish Sea."

**4:15pm** Return to the Empress; balance of the afternoon and evening are open. Take time to enjoy the services and hors'd offered in the Gold Club.

**Friday, October 13**

**Victoria to Vancouver**

**B, D**

- Breakfast at leisure.

**10:00am** Depart the Empress for a BC Ferry cruise through the tranquil Gulf Islands to Vancouver. There are over 200 islands in the chain, all of differing shapes and sizes. The ship has a good cafeteria for lunch. <http://www.bcferries.com>

**12:30pm** Upon arriving at the city limits, a local guide climbs aboard to provide commentary as we travel about the city. Our first destination is the Museum of Anthropology for a curated tour to learn about the local native people and their culture which created Vancouver as we know it today. Back on the coach, our tour of this vibrant, and geographically stunning city continues.

**4:30pm** Arrival at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

**6:00pm** We'll gather in the Pacific Lounge before the 5-minute walk to dinner at Miku Japanese Restaurant, on the harbor.



Fairmont Empress Hotel

**Saturday, October 14**

**Vancouver**

**B, L**

- Breakfast at leisure

**11:00** We have planned a gastronomic tasting tour of Granville Island Public Market downtown <http://granvilleisland.com>, <http://foodietours.ca> which includes tastings at 9 different vendors. For those who might enjoy an hour's walk via Yaletown to reach the Market, we will gather in the lobby at 10. After the tour, you are on your own to enjoy the shops, museums, and parks of Vancouver.

\*<https://www.tourismvancouver.com>

\* Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Chinatown is well worth exploring.

<http://vancouverchinesegarden.com>

\* There are distilleries (<http://longtabledistillery.com>) & microbreweries

[http://www.canadiantraveller.com/The\\_Ultimate\\_Vancouver\\_Craft\\_Beer\\_Brewery\\_List](http://www.canadiantraveller.com/The_Ultimate_Vancouver_Craft_Beer_Brewery_List)

• Again, gather in the Lounge at your leisure; the evening is open.

**Sunday, October 15**

**Vancouver/Home**

**B**

- Breakfast at leisure

• Everyone is on their own to arrange transportation to the Vancouver International Airport.

**Air Note:** Please make your airline reservations **into Seattle** and **home from Vancouver**.

*(B,L,R, D = meals included in the tour– the market tour is shown as lunch)*

### **Tour Package Cost**

\$1,688 per person double occupancy

\$2,440 single occupancy

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

• Deluxe hotel accommodations:

- two-nights Fairmont Empress, Victoria, Gold Level <http://www.fairmont.com/empress-victoria>

- two-nights Pan Pacific, Vancouver, Pacific Club Level <https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-resorts/canada/vancouver.html>

- Breakfast daily
- Victoria Clipper cruise Seattle/Vancouver including continental breakfast
- Entrance fee for Butchart Gardens
- Five-Star whale watching cruise
- BC Ferry cruise from Victoria to Vancouver
- Curated tour of Vancouver Museum of Anthropology
- Narrated tour of downtown Vancouver
- Dinner at Miku
- Gastronomic tour of Granville Island Market
- Cocktail reception in Victoria
- Hotel taxes and portage
- ATA tour escort throughout



**Features Not Included:** Airfare; personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals and drinks not specified. Coffee and tea are included with the meals, otherwise wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense unless specified.

**Room Upgrades are available** (see Reservation Form)

Empress - From Gold Deluxe to Gold Harbor View—both nights for the supplemental cost of \$60 per person (limited availability).

Pan Pacific - Harbor View for the supplement of \$65 per person (limited availability).

## NECA Convention

Registration for the NECA Show and accommodations in Seattle are done directly through the national NECA office or your local NECA Chapter. Phone (301- 215-4508), Fax (301-215-4553), website: [www.necashow.org](http://www.necashow.org)

## Post-Tour Information

Geoff or Phebe Robertson, American Travel Association  
Phone (706-663-2171), Cell (706-681-3329), Fax (706-225-2551), e-mail: [travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)

## CONDITIONS

**Reservations & Payment:** You are encouraged to mail your reservation without delay. Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Form and a \$200 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than August 10. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Card.

**Cancellation:** Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

**Land Package:** A \$75 per person cancellation fee will be charged on cancellations regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between August 10 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

**Insurance:** Trip cancellation insurance can be obtained from Allianz [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com) either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). Trip cancellation insurance is a good idea because it offsets non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges. Please note the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion in the Medical Conditions section. If one exists, you need to purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first payment. Also check with your insurance agent to see what is covered under your existing homeowners and medical policies. For example, suitcases and contents are probably covered under your homeowner's.

**Prices:** This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (26). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on May 5, 2017.

**Health:** The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him-or-herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

**Responsibility:** American Travel Association (ATA), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and NECA, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and NECA) shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. ATA and NECA shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA and NECA do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and NECA reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.



## 2017 Victoria & Vancouver Post- Convention Tour RESERVATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(if children coming, please give ages)

Company (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Please correspond to the following \_\_ office \_\_ home address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Suite or Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First names \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Rooms**       king    two-beds    if no kings, prefer 2 beds

\* Children will share our room  yes  no  
(preferences cannot be guaranteed)

**Room Upgrades**      Supplements are per person

Fairmont Empress  yes, upgrade to Harbor View, \$60 per person

Pan Pacific  yes, upgrade to Harbor View, \$75 per person

High Tea at the Empress  yes, please reserve for \_\_ people @ \$20 each

**Deposit & Payment** A deposit of \$200 per person is due with this reservation form; the remaining balance is due **August 10**. Enclosed is a check for

\$ \_\_\_\_\_. Or, charge to:

Visa    MasterCard    Discover    American Express:

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of card Holder (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here \_\_\_\_\_.

**Return this form with payment information to:** American Travel Association, 2126 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA 31822, fax: 706-225-2551, e-mail [travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)

