



Humane Society of Harris County Visits the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Madison Square Garden • New York, New York • February 9-12, 2014

Dear Supporters,

How many times have you watched the judging on TV and thought about actually seeing the Show? Here's your chance! Unpack the winter coat and thermal underwear and join us as we venture to New York City in February to experience this unique world-famous Show. We'll fly from Atlanta to LaGuardia on Sunday, February 9th, whereupon we check into the deluxe InterContinental Hotel at Times Square.

Breed judging and benching takes place Monday & Tuesday from 8am-6pm at Piers 92/94 (West 55th Street and the West Side Highway). Monday features hound, toy, non-sporting and herding breeds; Tuesday is sporting, working and terrier breeds. The day-time judging determines which dogs will compete that night in the groups at Madison Square Garden. I have exhibited at the Show and will be with you throughout to take you behind the scenes to better understand what's happening. We'll also have a speaker Sunday night to further enhance our experience.

Monday afternoon, we'll visit Ground Zero. Enroute our guide will tell us about Trump City, the West Village, Hell's Kitchen, the Meatpacking District and more. On Tuesday we'll visit some of the other hotels that have fun exhibits and activities related to the Show.

While everyone is responsible for making their own air arrangements, suggested Delta flights from/to Atlanta are mentioned in the itinerary. Gail Shoop (706-663-4707) can also help with your air reservations; at press-time the fare was \$322.

The tour will seem expensive, but we wanted a "comfortable" experience that includes staying at a nice hotel, breakfast daily, a "Go Anywhere" ticket to the Show and other features.

Thank you and please contact Geoff Robertson at American Travel (706-663-2171) with any questions or for additional information. Many have expressed interest, so please send (or fax 706-663-2445) your Reservation Form at your earliest convenience.

Please know that \$100 per person is included in the tour cost as a contribution the Humane Society, for which we thank you!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Genova
Executive Director

Itinerary

February 9 Sunday Home to New York, New York

- R
- The suggested flight is: Atlanta (ATL)/LaGuardia (LGA) Delta #2540 - 11:45am/1:58pm
 - On arrival at LaGuardia, we'll be met and transferred by coach to the InterContinental Times Square



Hotel, where we'll reside for three nights. www.interconny.com The InterContinental is located one long block west of Times Square offering a bit of luxury that's convenient to Times Square but avoids the carnival. The package is based on their deluxe rooms; upgrades to Skyview and Studios are offered for supplemental costs (see Tour Notes below). The InterContinental is convenient walk, subway, or taxi to Madison Square Garden and Piers 92/94, where the breed judging and benching takes place during the days.

- **6:30pm** We gather for a welcome reception at the InterContinental. Subject to confirmation, we're planning for a speaker who will give us insight into what we can expect while visiting the show.

February 10 Monday New York, New York

- B
- **7:00am** Breakfast opens and is included each day at Cava Restaurant; go at your leisure.
 - **8:30-9:00am** Gather with Kathryn to discuss the Show.
 - The morning is open to attend the judging and benching at the Piers – judging is from 8:00am-6pm.
 - **1:30pm** Depart for a tour to Ground Zero. There's much to see on the seven mile stretch of the Westside Highway enroute - Riverside Park, Riverside Drive, the Hudson River, Trump City, the West Village,



Hell's Kitchen, the Highline, Chelsea Market, Meatpacking District, Viacom Building, Richard Meier's triple beauties, Jean Novelle's new beauty next to Frank Gehry's "sailboat building," the Greenway at water's edge and Battery Park City, and finally, Nicole Kidman's new "en garage suite" car park outside her condo's front door.

- **5:30pm** Return to the InterContinental whereupon the evening is open to attend the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden.
- **8:00pm** Judging begins at Madison Square Garden. Tonight is Hound, Toy, Non- Sporting and Herding groups.



Gehry's "Sailboat Building"

February 12 Tuesday New York, New York

- B, D
- **7:00am** Breakfast opens Cava Restaurant; go at your leisure.
 - Full day open to attend the Show. There are many Show-related activities and fun things to see at various hotels. We'll let you know where to go.
 - Judging and benching at the Piers. Judging is from 8:00am-6pm.
 - **5:00pm** Gather for a pre-Show dinner.
 - **7:30pm** Judging begins at Madison Square Garden. Tonight is Junior Showmanship, Sporting, Working & Terrier Groups and Best In Show.



Banana Joe, Best in Show, 2013

February 13, Wednesday New York to Home

- B
- **7:00am** Breakfast opens at Cava.
 - Please check-out and pay your incidental charges with the hotel cashier.
 - **11:00am** Depart for LaGuardia Airport. Delta #1947 departing Noon and arriving Atlanta at 2:38pm

(B = breakfast, R = reception, D = dinner, included in package)

Optional Extension – For those interested in seeing a Broadway show, you're welcome to extend another night. The InterContinental's Concierge can arrange tickets. (See Reservation Form).

Concierge - icnytsconc@ihg.com 212-803-4500 Listing of shows - <http://ppc.broadway.com>
Reviews - <http://theater.nytimes.com/venues/broadway>

Tour Package Cost

\$1,595 per person double occupancy
\$2,079 single occupancy

Contribution - The tour cost includes a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 to the Humane Society, and for that we thank you! The objective of our organization shall be the adoption of stray or neglected animals, the prevention and relief of suffering among animals, to assist in the building of relationships between animals and people for the betterment of our community and ongoing public education.
<http://www.humanesocietyofharriscounty.org>

Package Inclusions

- Three-nights Deluxe Rooms InterContinental Times Square
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Full buffet breakfast daily at Cava Restaurant
- Transfers from/to LaGuardia Airport DL #2540 and #1947 per above
- Guided tour to Ground Zero
- "Go Anywhere" tickets for the Show
- Welcome reception Sunday
- Pre-Show dinner Tuesday
- Staff from HCHS and American Travel throughout
- Tour Advice Memo with itinerary, hotel contact

Features Not Included: Airfare, personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals and drinks not specified

Tour Notes:

- 1) If you wish to upgrade to a Skyview Room (same size as Deluxe room- 350sq' but on higher floor), the supplemental cost is \$66 per person double occupancy \$132 single for the three nights; to a Studio \$322 per person double and \$644 single. The Deluxe rooms are already an upgrade from their Superior (lower floor) rooms.
- 2) Coffee and tea are included with the dinner Tuesday; wine, beer and soft drinks are included Sunday night; otherwise wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense.
- 3) Geoff will organize a Groom Shuttle from Columbus to/from Hartsfield for those interested.

CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Coupon and \$250 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than December 15, 2013. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by MasterCard, Visa 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 \$150 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between December 15 and 26 will be \$250 per person. Penalty on cancellation received between December 26 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, baggage and medical insurance coverage is available for purchase through a form to be sent by ATA. We strongly recommend insurance coverage. When last minute illnesses occur, the insurance helps offset non-refundable air and land charges. You should check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

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 October 17, 2013.

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 (example: wheelchair) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.



Responsibility: American Travel Association, Inc. (ATA) and the Harris County Humane Society (HCHS) are acting as intermediaries for suppliers in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings of services which are not directly supplied by ATA and HCHS (such as air transportation, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals and tours.) ATA and HCHS therefore shall not be responsible for breach of contract or



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which may exist. The hotel booking is limited and is confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, participants are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for their own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs.

For information, contact:

Geoff Robertson ● American Travel Association ● Phone: 706-663-2171

Cell: 706-681-3329 ● Fax: 706-663-2445 ● e-mail: travelata@aol.com





Humane Society of Harris County Westminster Dog Show 2014 Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Please correspond to the following Home Office

Organization (if applicable) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cel Phone _____ Other Preferred phone# _____

E-mail _____

Hotel Rooms: I/We prefer a one-bedded room. If no king beds are available, queen is OK

If no king beds are available, I/we prefer 2 beds

I/We prefer a two-bedded room

My roommate (registering separately) is _____

(Preferences will be requested, but cannot be guaranteed)

Upgrade: I/we wish to upgrade to Skyview Studio

Arrive Early or Extend: I/We wish to _____

Emergency Contact Name/s: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Relationship _____

Deposit: A tour deposit of \$300 per person is required.

Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association OR

Please charge the deposit to: Visa MasterCard American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ 3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Billing address of cardholder (if different from above)

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

Please return to: American Travel Association, 2126 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA, 31822
or to our secure fax (706) 663-2445