

SOME OPTIONS FOR PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE TRAVEL

The following companies and web sites can help you plan and book pre- and post-conference trips tailored to your own interests.

Fodor's and **Lonely Planet** are "do-it-yourself" web sites -- the traveler makes her own bookings -- but they each offer a lot of resources for many destinations in the USA, including places to explore, entertainment, different activities, places to see, how to get there, and where to stay and eat. Both have links for the traveler to book hotels directly. Explore!

- **Fodor's** <http://www.fodors.com/world/north-america/usa/>
- **Lonely Planet** <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/north-america>
Lonely Planet also offers links for booking flights and links to companies that offer scheduled tours, some of which are in May. <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/tours>.

Rosenbluth and **Viator** are travel agencies that can make all bookings for the traveler.

- **Viator** <http://www.viator.com/about/why-book-with-viator/why-book-ahead>
- **Rosenbluth** <http://rvacations.com/>

A rail vacation is a good way to see broad stretches of the USA. **Amtrak** can help you plan a trip completely by rail, or by rail and air. On their web site, they say,

“Planning a rail vacation has never been easier. Just make one phone call and let Amtrak Vacations do it all. We'll arrange for your train tickets, hotel accommodations, car rental, sightseeing and more. Then you can sit back and enjoy the scenery and the comforts of the train as you travel to one of our many vacation destinations. Don't have time to take the train both ways? No problem. We'll arrange for Amtrak Air Rail tickets. Take the train in one direction, and then fly the other.” (Philadelphia is one of the stations in the Amtrak network.)

<http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=am%2FLayout&p=1237405732514&cid=1241213285750>

Regional tour packages are offered through tour operators partnering with Amtrak:

<http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=am%2FLayout&p=1237405732514&cid=1241213285746>



Some destination ideas in the mid-Atlantic region

These are all an easy drive or convenient train ride from Philadelphia. Some of the listed websites include specific tours and the possibility to book hotels directly from that site. Or you can browse the sites and then take your ideas to a travel agency to flesh out your plans.

- The **Finger Lakes** (wine country and home to the National Women's Hall of Fame) in upstate New York
 - <http://www.fingerlakes.org/>
 - <http://www.corningfingerlakes.com>
 - <http://www.fingerlakes.com/>
 - <http://www.greatwomen.org/>
 - <http://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com/>

- **Amish region** (about an hour from Philly by car)
 - <http://www.amishcountry.org/>
 - <http://www.padutchcountry.com/index.asp>
 - <http://www.visitamishcountry.com/>

- **City tours** of Boston, Washington DC, New York
 - **Boston**
 - <http://www.cityofboston.gov/visitors/>
 - <http://www.bostonusa.com/visit>
 - <http://www.starthereboston.com/>
 - **Washington DC**
 - <http://washington.org/>
 - <http://www.dchomepage.net/>
 - <http://vrc.dc.gov/vrc/site/default.asp>
 - **New York**
 - <http://www.nycgo.com/>
 - <http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/nycgov/menuitem.e2a1b26d9be35ff6a62fa24601c789a0/>
 - <http://www.iloveny.com/Cities-And-Towns/new-york-city.aspx>
 - <http://www.nyctourist.com/#>



Some ideas for destinations that are further away

- **Savannah, Georgia**
 - <http://savannah-online.com/>
 - <http://www.savannahga.net/>
 - <http://www.officialsavannahguide.com/>
 - <http://citywalkingguide.com/juliettegordonlowhistoricdistrict> (Juliette Gordon Low walking tour)
 - <http://www.fodors.com/world/north-america/usa/georgia/savannah/review-104511.html>
 - <http://www.savannah.com/sightseeing-in-savannah/>

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savannah,_Georgia
- <http://savannahvisit.com/>
- **Grand Canyon (Arizona)**
 - <http://www.arizonaguide.com/places-to-visit/grand-canyon>
 - <http://www.thecanyon.com/>
 - <http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm>
 - <http://grandcanyoncvb.org/>
 - <http://www.grandcanyon.com/>
- **New Orleans, Louisiana**
 - <http://www.neworleansonline.com/>
 - <http://louisianatravel.com/new-orleans>
 - <http://neworleansplantationcountry.com/>
 - <http://www.neworleansmuseums.com/>
- **San Francisco, California**
 - <http://www.all-sanfrancisco.com/info/trip.html>
 - <http://www6.sfgov.org/index.aspx?page=5>
 - <http://www.visitcalifornia.com/Explore/Bay-Area/>
 - <http://www.sanfrancisco.travel/>
 - <http://www.nps.gov/muwo/index.htm> (giant redwood trees)
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- **US national parks** <http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>
- **Chicago, Illinois**
 - <http://www.gochicago.com/>
 - <http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>
 - <http://www.choosechicago.com/>
- **Seattle, Washington**
 - <http://www.seattle.gov/visiting/>
 - <http://www.visitseattle.org/Home.aspx>
 - <http://www.experiencewa.com/cities/seattle.aspx>



It's a big country – EXPLORE!