

17 June 2018

Dear World IFYE Conference Participant,

We are excited that you will join us for the 11th World IFYE Conference “*Cruisin’ with IFYE*” hosted by the IFYE Association of the USA! As you know, we will begin with two pre-cruise events in Vancouver, B.C. Canada on September 8 and the Holland America Alaskan Cruise September 9 to 16th. As of today, 276 individuals will participate in the 11th World IFYE Conference from 24 countries.

E-mail updates will be sent every 4 to 5 weeks from now until early September. A list of the registered participants will be included in a future e-mail.

Important web sites and e-mail addresses:

IFYE Association of the USA web site: <https://ifyeusaorg.presencehost.net/news-conferences/conferences/>

Holland America web site: https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US.html

Gillian Clark at Cruise Specialists, the officially designated travel company: gclark@cruisespecialists.com

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SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THE OPENING PROGRAM...

In previous conferences we’ve had opening and closing ceremonies to start off and cap off our week – and we will do so again. However, because our IFYE group will not be the only passengers on the ship, we will need to do these ceremonies a little differently this time.

We would like EACH country to send the following electronic files by August 1:

1. The name and email of a lead contact person for the delegation from your country.
2. How you would like your country’s official name to be listed. For example, “The Republic of Tanzania” OR “Tanzania”.
3. Three digital photos that represent your country.
4. A digital photo of your country flag.

We will project the country name, flag, and photos as part of the opening ceremony. As each country’s name, flag and photos are projected, the delegates can stand to be recognized. There will be NO parade of countries or physical flags as the logistics on the ship do not allow for it.

Please work with your country’s other delegates to send ONE set of files to Mary Crave at: mtcrave@gmail.com AUGUST 1.

Reminders in this e-mail include:

- **Pre-Cruise Events at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel:**
 - Lodging at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel – a block of rooms has been set aside for IFYE participants. Because a block of rooms has been reserved for IFYE, you will not receive an individual confirmation for your hotel room. We will provide a list of names staying in the IFYE block to the hotel. Your credit card information will be collected at the Sheraton hotel front desk when you check in. Lodging and other expenses are payable (Canadian dollars) upon checkout. Please let us know if your plans have changed and you would like to ADD or CANCEL a hotel room at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. The cut off to reserve a hotel room in the IFYE block is August 8.
 - Celebrate with '68 - 50th Anniversary Brunch, 10:30 to 11:30 hrs, is for all IFYE's who traveled on the IFYE program in 1968 and guest(s). Forty (40) people have registered for the "Celebrate with '68" event! The cost is USD \$35 per person and requires pre-registration.
 - IFYE "Meet and Greet", 17:00 to 21:00 hrs, is a chance to visit and reconnect with IFYEs and others. The IFYE *Meet and Greet* includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar on September 8 **AND** hotel-to-ship transportation on September 9. Please remember a "Meet and Greet" ticket is required if you wish to take advantage of the hotel-to-ship transportation organized by Cruise Specialists on September 9. If you do not have a Meet and Greet ticket, you will be responsible for your own transportation to the ship dock. Cost for the IFYE *Meet and Greet* is USD \$50 and requires pre-registration.
 - If you have registered for the conference and have a WC#, you can still add lodging or register for either pre-cruise event through the IFYE web site. Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and select Supplemental Tickets.
 - If you would like to confirm what you registered for, please e-mail either Toni or myself and we can look that up for you.

- **Alaskan Cruise aboard the Holland America Noordam Ship**
 - Final Invoices – Cruise Specialists e-mailed final invoices early in June. If you have not received a final invoice please make it a top priority to follow up with Gillian at Cruise Specialists.
 - On-line Check In with Holland America – Just like with airlines, you can check in on line. If you haven't already done so, please remember to create an account through the Holland America web site and check in on-line. Make sure to have your Holland America Line – Reservation number handy because you will need it to access your reservation and complete the check in process. After on-line check in is completed, PRINT your boarding pass and bring it with you to the cruise ship.
 - Please remember that Cruise Ships are a cashless society. No cash is accepted on the ship. You will need a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card to set up a ship-board account and receive a Ship Identification Card. The Ship Identification Card is used for making purchases on board. At the end of the cruise, a final statement will be received and your credit card will be charged only for the actual amount of purchases. Shipboard accounts can also be paid with US Dollars (other currencies are not accepted).

- Gratuities will automatically be added to your final statement.
- The Ship Identification Card also serves as your identification for security procedures when embarking and disembarking the ship and access to your stateroom.
- The cost of your stateroom includes:
 - Meals and non-alcoholic beverages (Main Dining Room, Lido Restaurant, 24 hour in-room dining and Terrace Grill)
 - Entertainment and Activities (usage of the gym, movies, Las-Vegas style production shows, talented vocalists, illusionists, comedians and variety acts, nightclub and late night disco)
 - Library facilities for books, DVD hire and board games
- Extra charges, which are not part of the cruise fare, are listed below. These items can be purchased onboard through your Ship Identification Card. There are also packages available which you can purchase in advance through the Holland America web site.
 - Alcohol
 - Spa treatments
 - Shore excursions
 - Laundry
 - Dining at the Pinnacle Grill & Canaletto restaurants
- Ports of Call Shore Excursions – Each port of call will have a variety of shore excursions available to purchase through the Holland America web site. As you are considering shore excursions you can refine your on-line search by price, activity level, duration, and meals/snacks included. Of course you can always go ashore on your own in the ports of call. If you want to spend the day casually exploring the town, you can purchase meals at local restaurants in town or return to the ship for meals.

- **Post Cruise**

- Cruise Specialists organized 3 tours exclusively for IFYE following the cruise. Tour #1 (2 night - Kenai Peninsula & Matanuska Susitna Valley) was cancelled due to low participation.
- Tour #2 (4 night – Kenai Fjords National park & Denali) and Tour #3 (5 night – Kenai Fjords National park & Kenai Peninsula) will be conducted. It is still possible to make a reservation on either of these post cruise tours. Details and cost can be found on the IFYE web site or by contacting Gillian at Cruise Specialist.
- Transportation from Seward to Anchorage – if you are departing Alaska immediately following the cruise, remember to make arrangements for ship to airport transportation. The ship docks in Seward and the airport is in Anchorage about 126 miles away. Reservations on the Motor Coach to the airport can be made through the Holland America web site. The cost is \$65 per person. It is recommended to book flights which depart Anchorage any time AFTER 2:00 pm.

Yours in the spirit of IFYE,

Kim Reaman and Toni Frank
World IFYE Conference Co-Chairs