



2020 AGM Tours

Pre-AGM Tour – June 15-17, 2020
Post-AGM Tour – June 21-23, 2020

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thanks for your interest in the NARGS-sponsored tours that will be held before and after the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM itself will be held at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY on June 18-20, 2020. Registration for the AGM is being handled by the Adirondack Chapter of NARGS and is scheduled to open this fall. However, because of the need to secure guide, lodging, and transportation services, pre-registration for the tours is now open.

Itineraries for each tour and an overview of the AGM are posted in PDF format on the NARGS website. Each tour is designed for a minimum of 20 participants and a maximum of 25. Previous NARGS-sponsored tours have filled quickly.

One of the goals of the tours is to encourage participation in the AGM. However, registration for the AGM is not a pre-requisite for going on the tours. Instructions for pre-registering for the tours are provided below. After the pre-registration process is completed, you will be contacted in November 2019 regarding final payment.

You need to be a NARGS member to pre-register. If you need to renew your membership or to join the society, please do so via the NARGS website (www.nargs.org) or contact Bobby Ward at nargs@nc.rr.com if you have questions or need help. The annual NARGS membership fee is \$40 (all dollar references are in USD) if you reside in North America or \$45 if overseas. Your membership must be up to date before we can complete your registration.

The cost for the Adirondacks pre-AGM tour is \$495 per person based on double occupancy and \$575 for single occupancy. The cost for the Hudson River Valley post-AGM tour is \$525 per person based on double occupancy and \$595 for single occupancy. These prices include all tour guide and admission fees, transportation, lodging and breakfast during each tour. Arrangements for lunch and dinner will be made at local restaurants, but meal selection and payment will be the responsibility of each participant. The tour price does not include registration or lodging expenses associated with the AGM itself.

A deposit of \$150 for each tour is payable to NARGS at the time of pre-registration. Payment can be made via check denominated in USD or PayPal. Final payment is due by February 15, 2020. If the number of tour participants is less than 20, NARGS will notify all registrants of the additional costs associated with conducting the tour with a smaller group; if any registrants chose to cancel the tour due to the higher cost, their deposits will be refunded in full.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration requests are being handled electronically via Google Forms. To access the form, click [HERE](#).

Please send an email to nargstours@gmail.com to confirm that space is available before submitting payment. Persons traveling together must each fill out an individual Pre-Registration form, but can submit a single payment covering both participants or separate payments. If you have problems or questions related to the form, send an email to nargstours@gmail.com.

INFORMATION RELATED TO PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, AND INSURANCE

Pre-Registration Payments

The preferred payment method for pre-registration is through the PayPal link on the NARGS website (www.nargs.org). After logging onto the website, click on "\$ Donate" in the left column of the homepage. Then scroll down to the bottom of the next page and in the box labeled "In Memory of" type in *Adirondack Tour, Hudson Valley Tour, or Both 2020 AGM Tours* and select *Educational trips* from the "Program" picklist. Fill in the pre-registration deposit amount in USD, then "Add to cart" and then "Check out." On the next page, fill in customer and billing information, and chose the "Payment method" of either check or PayPal (even if you do not have a PayPal account or do not want to use PayPal). If you choose PayPal, you will be routed to the PayPal website where you can pay via either a PayPal account (if you have one) or select "Pay with Debit or Credit Card." If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to NARGS, list "2020 AGM Tours" on the memo line of the check, and mail it to NARGS, POB 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604.

Final Payment

Final payment is due by February 15, 2020. NARGS will send an invoice in January 2020 indicating the amount due.

Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to NARGS by the person making the reservation. Requests received by February 15, 2020 will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$75 per person per tour. Unless the cancelled spot is filled by another person, cancellations received after February 15, 2020 will be subject to a fee of 50% of the tour price if the request is received by May 15, 2020 and 100% if the request is after May 15, 2020.

Insurance

Each registrant is urged to obtain private insurance to cover any costs associated with flight cancellations, baggage loss, travel interruptions, cancellation fees, or other expenses.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, send an email to nargstours@gmail.com.