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Monsieur Voyageurs, Dames and Guests:

January 10, 2017

The Grande Voiture du Texas would like to invite you to the 2017 Central States Promenade to be held April 27-30, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Our event will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. I-35, Austin, Texas 78752 (See attached hotel information form).

Registration fee is \$80 per person and will include the Friday evening BBQ at the hotel, Saturday evening banquet, 2017 Central States Promenade pin, Souvenir Program and the Hospitality Room hosted by the Grande Voiture du Texas. (Registration form attached)

Group Activities:

**THURSDAY:** Shopping or a choice of several local attractions is close by for those who come in early and wish to strike out on your own. The Bullock State History Museum, LBJ Library and Museum, Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and Zilker Botanical Gardens are all highly recommended. There are many other choices as well. See Local Attractions on back.

**FRIDAY:**

**Golf Tournament:** Golfers will get a chance to play one of Austin's local courses Friday morning (sign up via the registration page).

**Custom Austin Tour:** We have a 2 part trip for everyone to enjoy:

Part 1 will leave the hotel at 10 am with a charter bus taking our group to the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry.

- The Texas Merci Boxcar is one of the showcase items in the Great Hall of the museum, but there are many other displays to be seen covering Texas military forces from 1823 to present. A light lunch will be provided free of charge.
- We will depart Camp Mabry at approximately 12 noon to view a selection of gifts from the Texas Merci Boxcar which are on display at the Capitol Visitor Center. Some of these items have not been on display since 1949.

Part 2 begins from the Texas Capitol at 2:00 pm with a relaxing and fun private group tour via Austin Duck Adventures.

- The 75 minute tour is highly rated and will show you highlights of Austin from a unique perspective. You may bring snacks and beverages with you on the tour and the tour will end back at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at about 4:00 pm.
- There is a maximum of 44 seats available on this tour.

**Those who do not wish to go on Part 2 of the tour can take the charter back to the hotel at 2:00 pm.**

**See the registration form for costs and to indicate your choice.**

The Hospitality Room will open Thursday at 3:00 pm to midnight; Friday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and will open after the BBQ until midnight; Saturday after the Promenade 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and will open after the banquet until midnight.

If you are flying into Austin you will need to obtain your own transportation to the hotel. Shuttle service is generally limited to within 3 miles of the hotel. If you need assistance – please ask.

We are working on the shirt order form and will have it out very soon. If you know you will want a polo shirt you can enclose your payment and I will get the order form to you directly.

We look forward to showing you some Texas Hospitality and hope we can do as well as other states have done!

David J. Knutson, President  
Central States



## SHOPPING AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS

### THE DOMAIN®

11410 Century Oaks Terrace, Austin, TX 78758-8694

Situated in a beautiful park-like setting, The Domain features 100 upscale and mainstream retail stores and restaurants, almost half of which are exclusive within the market. A sampling of retailers includes high-end boutiques such as David Yurman, Louis Vuitton, Ralph Lauren, Tiffany & Co. and Austin's only Neiman Marcus, as well as more traditional retailers like American Eagle Outfitters, Banana Republic, Express and more. Restaurants include favorites like Kona Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, McCormick & Schmick's, North Italia and many more.

The multi-phased Domain development is anchored by Neiman Marcus, Macy's, Dillard's and Dick's Sporting Goods and also offers more than 800 residential units and ample Class A office space, in addition to four on site hotels - Westin Austin at The Domain, Lone Star Court by Valencia Group, The Archer Hotel and Aloft Austin. With the center's ideal location and exceptional amenities, amazing restaurant selection, convenient parking and wifi connectivity, The Domain is the most desired place in Austin to shop, dine, live and work!

#### FEATURED STORES

Louis Vuitton, Apple, Neiman Marcus, Express, Tiffany & Co., Dillard's, American Eagle Outfitters, Buckle, David Yurman, H&M

<p><i>Get Outside!</i> If you live for the outdoors, you'll find Austin has plenty to offer. Get out there and explore our top picks.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Hike &amp; Bike Trails, Lady Bird Lake</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Zilker Park</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Mount Bonnell</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</u></a></p>	<p><i>Flavors of Austin</i> 3 days' worth of music, nature and BBQ.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>South Congress Avenue</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Blanton Museum of Art</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Bullock Texas State History Museum</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Bats on Congress Avenue Bridge</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Mount Bonnell</u></a></p>
<p><i>On a Budget</i> Money is no object for our list of inexpensive (or free) Austin sights. You'll get a taste of the city without going broke.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>University of Texas Tower</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Sixth Street District</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Congress Avenue Bridge Bats</u></a></p>	<p>As The Live Music Capital of the World®, it's easy to find a show. But to see where the greats played (and still do), try this list.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Austin City Limits</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Broken Spoke</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Stubb's</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Waterloo Records</u></a></p>
<p><i>History Buff</i> Who says it's all in the past? Not when you head to Austin's numerous historical spots, which celebrate our rich history.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>LBJ Library &amp; Museum</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Bullock State History Museum</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Texas Governor's Mansion</u></a></p>	<p><i>Art Appreciation</i> Our artistic community is well-established - and revered - in Austin. Our top 10 list won't disappoint the creative spirit.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Blanton Museum of Fine Art</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Harry Ransom Center</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Austin Symphony</u></a></p>

**MUCH MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL OR AT**

<http://www.austintexas.org/>

**CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2017**

**April 27 – April 30, 2017**

**Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL/WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture/Cabane #: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND DU: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Spouse/Guest attend? (YES) \_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: \_\_\_\_\_

DAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: \_\_\_\_\_

DAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU PLAN TO PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL SPOUSE/GUEST PLAY IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT? \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE**

Registration Fee: ----- X \$80.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: ----- X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Select from reverse side - Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 (CIRCLE ONE)

Golf Tournament: Includes cart ----- X \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CSP 2017 Shirt: Men's & Ladies \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
State Size and Quantity of Each

Friday Tour: (PART 1 and PART 2 @ \$25 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Part 1 ONLY = \$20 per person / \_\_\_\_ Part 1 ONLY = \$20 per person \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum of 44 on Part 2 of Friday Tour)

**ADVERTISEMENT REMITTANCE**

Full-Pg - \$75, Half-Pg - \$40, Qtr-Pg - \$25, Business Card - \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster: \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 each name \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster: \_\_\_\_\_ Booster: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names)

TOTAL REMITTANCE ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For the Banquet please indicate how many: Voyageurs \_\_\_\_\_, Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMO: Your registration fee includes a personal set of Credentials; the 2017 Souvenir Central States Program book; the Official Central States Promenade 2017 Pin; your Friday evening Barbeque, your Saturday evening banquet and the Hospitality Rooms of your Host the Grand Voiture du Texas.

## VOYAGEURS AND LADIES SATURDAY LUNCHEON

### Sandwich Selections

Served with choice of Potato Salad. Pasta Salad or Homemade Potato Chips

1. **Turkey Wrap:** Shaved Roasted Turkey, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato with Chipotle Mayonnaise and Wrapped in a Tomato Basil Tortilla
2. **Cranberry Chicken Salad:** Our very own White Meat Salad with Dried Cranberries and Pecans
3. **Italian Sub:** Smoked Turkey, Honey Ham, Salami, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Olives, Bell Pepper and Provolone & Swiss Cheese drizzled with Olive Oil served on a Ciabatta Hoagie
4. **Croissant Club Sandwich:** Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato
5. **Grilled Vegetable Sandwich:** Assorted Grilled Vegetables served on Toasted Focaccia Bread

### ***Includes Dessert Selections***

New York Cheese Cake with Raspberry Coulis or Chocolate Sauce, Key Lime Pie, Chocolate Cake, Caramel Apple Pie, Strawberry Shortcake or Seasonal Fresh Fruit & Berries

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION  
FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO:**

**GRANDE VOITURE DU TEXAS / CSP-2017  
P.O. BOX 170074  
AUSTIN, TX 78717**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**GRAND DU TEXAS / 2017 CSP**

**Promenade registrations need to be  
received prior to April 14, 2017.**

**QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT ME PHONE OR EMAIL**

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EMAIL: [davidknutson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidknutson@sbcglobal.net)**

### **Friday BBQ at the Crowne Plaza Hotel**

#### **Fiesta Buffet Dinner**

Served with Warm Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tazo Tea

Sliced Fresh Fruit, Domestic Cheese served with Assorted Crackers, Garden Fresh Salsa and Corn Tortilla Chips, Southwest Caesar Salad

#### ***Entree Selections***

Tender Beef Fajitas and Seasoned Chicken Fajitas

#### ***Accompaniments***

Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Cheese, Sour Cream, Charro Beans with Green Chilies, Mexican Style Rice and Flour Tortillas

#### **Desserts**

Tres Leches Cake and Turtle Cheesecake

### **Saturday Banquet**

#### **Classic Crowne Dinner Buffet**

Served with Warm Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaff and Iced Tazo Tea

#### **Choice of Salad:**

- Garden Salad - Mixed Greens, Tomatoes and Cucumbers served with House Dressing
- Caesar Salad - Romaine Leaves with Fresh Parmesan Cheese and Garlic Croutons

#### **Entrée Selections**

Champaign Chicken

Sliced Roasted Sirloin of Beef with Cabernet Mushroom Sauce

Pan Seared Salmon with Orange Beurre Blanc

#### ***Accompaniments***

Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Green Beans Amandine or Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

#### ***Desserts***

New York Style Cheesecake with Berry or Chocolate Sauce, Apple Pie or Strawberry Shortcake



## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

# **CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2017**

**April 27 – 30, 2017**

**CROWNE PLAZA AUSTIN  
6121 N. I-35, Austin, Texas 78752**

Easy to Make Reservations On-Line / Follow Link  
<http://www.texasboxcar.org/csp2017.html>

or

**Call Reservations at 1-800-593-5447  
GROUP CODE = FES  
(Forty & Eight Society)**

**Hotel Direct 512-323-5466**

There is a block of 75 rooms for the Central States Promenade 2017 at this Hotel.  
Group Rates are available for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the event dates.

**CUT-OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 6, 2017.**

Rooms are \$109 per night + tax. Maximum occupancy is 4 persons per Double Room and 2 persons per King Room. Be sure to mention Forty & Eight Society (Group Code FES) when you are making your room reservations. Pet Policy: Service Animals Only. Hotel is Non-Smoking.

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