

## **Oregon Police Emerald Society 2022 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Trip:**

Hello OPES Members and Friends,

Since the OPES was formed, we have been traveling each year on Saint Patrick's Day to march in Saint Patrick's Day Parades with other Emerald Societies. So far we have marched in Saint Patrick's Day Parades in Chicago, NY, Boston (2), New Orleans, Savannah, Phoenix and San Diego.

In 2021, we had planned on traveling to NY for the Anniversary year of 9/11 to march in their Parade, but due to the pandemic travel restrictions the trip had to be cancelled.

In 2022, at the invitation of the SW Georgia Emerald Society we will be returning to Savannah GA to march in their parade again. They are planning a party for the OPES and the other Emeralds Societies. There will also be Constables from the UK, Garda Siochana and Irish Prison Guards.

Even if you don't want to march, everyone is welcome to join us. Savannah is a beautiful City with all of the Southern charm you can imagine.

These are all of the details for the trip.

### **Travel Dates:**

March 14, Arrival

March 15, GA Emerald Society Party

March 16, OPES City Tours

March 17, Saint Patrick's Parade and Street Party

March 18, Sober Up Day

March 19, Departure Day

(You can adjust your own dates as you want)

### **Hotel:**

Courtyard Marriott Historic District Savannah

415 West Liberty Street

Savannah, GA 31401

912-790-8287

More than a dozen Hotels were contacted in the historic area and the CYM offered the cheapest overall rates. The CYM rooms were between \$20.00 and \$89.00 cheaper than the other Hotels in the area. We have 15 rooms blocked out for the OPES for \$231.00 a night.

You can book your rooms now under the Oregon Police Emerald Society. You will be able to cancel up to 48 hrs before check in. If you have any problems ask for Kai Williams who is the Sales Rep or contact me.

The CYM is in a great location and everything is within walking distance so no issues with transportation.

The CYM has been totally remodeled and has a restaurant and bar.

### **Saint Patrick's Day Parade:**

The Parade is actually on the Blessed Day and it is very well organized and a fun event. We will be marching with the SW Georgia Emerald Society, other Emerald Societies, Constables from the UK, Garda Siochana and Prison Officers from Ireland. For those not marching we will get you a spot along the parade route for you to enjoy the parade.

### **Parade Uniforms:**

Everyone including families are welcome to travel with us, but to march in the parade everyone will need to be in their department "Class A" Uniforms or our OPES Kilted Uniform. (No Tact Vests) If you don't want to wear your department uniform and want a OPES uniform to march you will need to order it **Immediately** because they are custom made in Scotland and MN and they take along time to make. All of the details for our OPES Kilted uniform can be found on the [oregonpoliceemeraldsociety.com](http://oregonpoliceemeraldsociety.com) website. Please call or email me before you place your order so I can assist with the process.

### **Flights:**

Subject to changes, but as of early October these were the prices just to give you an idea. Prices varied depending on the number of layovers and flight times. When you research your flights you are likely to find cheaper flights.

South West Airlines Round Trip Coach - No Flights

American Airlines Round Trip Coach between - \$549.00 - \$706.00

United Airlines Round Trip Coach between - \$464.00 - \$672.00

Delta Airlines Round Trip Coach between - \$512.00 - \$962.00

Alaska Airlines Round Trip Coach between - \$2682.00 - \$2772.00

### **Tours:**

We are looking at a guided historic walking city tours and also a city haunted ghost tour. Also another option is chartering a bus to go tour a Civil War Fort (or as we learned, those in the South call it, the "War or Northern Aggression" ), a light house and the beach.

As always please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the Board Members if you have any questions or if we can help you with anything.

Slainte,

"Strength and Honor"

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Winston Churchill