

## **AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

Any tourism-related organization or business that wishes to maintain contact and affiliation with the NFTGA-USA may apply for Affiliate Membership.

## **FRIENDS**

Any individual who wishes to support the goals of and maintain contact with the NFTGA, who may or may not be a guide or may or may not have access to a local NFTGA member association in his/her area, may join as a non-voting Friend.

## **BENEFITS**

- Enjoy increased internet exposure and national networking with guide associations.
- Receive the NFTGA-USA newsletter.
- Continue your education by learning about and attending tour guide conferences.
- Have access to membership in the World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations (WFTGA).

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the National Federation of Tourist Guide Associations-USA is to represent, promote and protect the common interests of tourist guide associations in the United States of America by:

- Providing a national forum to promote the highest degree of professionalism for tourist guides.
- Establishing contacts among associations to share information and reinforce professional ties
- Raising private, public and governmental awareness, locally and nationally, of the tourist guides' role.
- Maintaining membership in related national tourism industry associations.

## **ETHICS AND STANDARDS**

Members of NFTGA tourist guide associations are held to a high standard of professionalism, skill, commitment and ethics. View our complete code of Ethics and Standards on our website at <http://www.nftga.com/about.html>

# **National Federation of Tourist Guide Associations USA**



## **Questions?**

For more information, or if you're interested in becoming a member, or in forming a local guide association, use the contact information on the back.

## **Contact Us:**

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For more information, visit us on the web at:  
[www.nftga.com](http://www.nftga.com)

## **National Conferences**

San Antonio 2002  
Boston 2004  
New Orleans 2007  
Miami 2010  
San Francisco 2012  
Denver 2014  
Washington D.C. 2016  
Philadelphia 2018

## ABOUT NFTGA-USA

## MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

**The National Federation of Tourist Guide Associations-USA (NFTGA-USA)** was formed in 1998 when members of tour guide associations and guilds from across the United States gathered for the first national forum to discuss issues pertinent to the tourism and travel industry related to guiding. The seed idea was for guides to share the knowledge and experience garnered while working in diverse areas across the U.S., so they may better understand trends and challenges in local and national tourism.

The focus and commitment of the NFTGA-USA is to promote effective training and continuing education, while upholding a strict code of ethics and demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism. It is essential that guides welcome visitors and act in such a way as to promote their country, region and city as desirable tourist destinations.

Tourist guides are the frontline tourism professionals; they act as good-will ambassadors to throngs of domestic and international visitors who visit our cities and our nation. Formation of the NFTGA-USA was the first step towards promoting the visibility and importance of using professionally trained guides.

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**Greater Boston Tour Guide Assn.**

**Branson Professional Tour Guides Assn.**  
www.bransonprofessionaltourguideassoc.com

**Charleston Tour Association**  
*Charleston law requires all guides to be licensed.*  
www.tourcharleston.org

**Chicago Tour-Guide Professionals Assn.**  
www.tourguidesofchicago.com

**Dallas/Ft. Worth Area Tour Guide Assn.**  
www.dfwtourguides.com

**Rocky Mountain Guides Assn.**  
www.rockymountaintourguides.com

**Professional Tour Guide Assn. of Florida**  
www.ptgaf.com

**Professional Tour Guide Assn. of Houston**  
www.ptgah.org

**Las Vegas Tourist Guides Guild**  
www.lvtgg.com

**Tour Guides Assn. of Greater New Orleans**  
*N Orleans law requires all guides to be licensed.*  
www.http://www.tourguidesnola.org/

**Guides Assn. of New York City**  
*NYC law requires all guides to be licensed.*  
www.GANYC.org

**Assn. of Philadelphia Tour Guides**  
www.phillyguides.org

**Professional Tour Guide Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis**  
www.ptgastl.org

**Professional Tour Guide Assn. of San Antonio**  
www.sanantoniotourguide.com

**San Diego Professional Tour Guide Assn.**  
www.sdtourguides.com

**San Francisco Tour Guide Guild**  
www.sftgg.org

**Utah Tour Guide Assn.**  
www.utahtourguides.org

**Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, DC**  
*DC law requires all guides to be licensed.*  
www.washingtondctourguides.com

#### AFFILIATES

**Intl. Assn. of Tour Managers – The Americas**  
[www.iatm.co.uk](http://www.iatm.co.uk)

**Int'l Tour Management Institute (ITMI)**  
[www.itmitourtraining.com/](http://www.itmitourtraining.com/)

To be a full voting member of the **NFTGA-USA**, you must be an association of tourist guides.