



Use a Certified Meeting Planner for Fun Team Bonding

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Let A Certified Meeting Planner Help You



A certified meeting planner can help you experience local culture.

A Certified Meeting Planner Adds Value To Corporate Destination Meetings

Whether you're arranging teambuilding or an employee-retention program, **working with a certified meeting planner** to customize your event reduces your stress and ensures a successful event. If you're planning the next corporate function, certified planners can turn standard meetings into ones where attendees actively network and forge strong bonds.

New Orleans

The Big Easy offers a plethora of options for lodging and fun post-meeting activities for attendees. Work with your certified meeting planner to reserve private group tours of New Orleans' Honey Island Swamp aboard quiet 22-passenger boats for a memorable post-meeting event. Moss-draped cypress trees overhang the waters as boats drift through narrow bayou channels. Informative guides share swamp lore about buried pirate booty and legendary Bigfoot sightings, and use sweet talk (aided by marshmallows) to lure alligators, wild boars and waterfowl.

If your time is limited, your certified meeting planner might recommend a tour with a visit to New Orleans' oldest existing graveyard, St. Louis Cemetery. The maze of above-ground vaults includes the resting place of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau and the pyramid-shaped tomb designed to house Nicholas Cage's remains.

San Antonio

Ask your certified meeting planner how to reserve the Alamo Trolley tour for your group or how to purchase

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individual Hop Passes so meeting participants can explore San Antonio at their leisure. One trolley stop is at La Villita Historic Arts Village along the lush River Walk. Originally home to the area's native Coahuiltecans, and later to Spanish soldiers protecting the Alamo, today more than 20 specialty shops operate out of the historic dwellings.

Gray Line Tours runs scenic drives through Texas Hill Country and historic site visits, including a stop at the LBJ Ranch inside Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. President Johnson was born and buried on the grounds of this 2,700-acre cattle ranch. Air Force One was too large to land at the Texas White House, so he used smaller jets, such as the JetStar on display. LBJ jokingly referred to it as Air Force One-Half.

Atlanta

Atlanta, a popular meeting destination, has also been the setting for hundreds of film and television productions, including parts of *The Hunger Games* series. A Hunger Games tour or adventure weekend can be arranged by a certified meeting planner as part of an incentive package or fun team-bonding program. Fans of the films might recognize the atrium, with its 50-foot kaleidoscopic sail, at the [Atlanta Marriott Marquis](#). It was used as a setting for the film's capitol scenes.

Just [outside Atlanta](#), Stone Mountain offers 3,200 acres of entertainment and recreation options complete with the world's largest bas-relief sculpture of Confederate leaders Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. In addition to lakes and hiking trails, you can incorporate a company logo into a laser light show, or book heritage tours and exclusive use of the 19th-century Crossroads village, complete with historic shops and craft demonstrations.

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