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LAS VEGAS MONORAIL

Las Vegas Monorail, the city's mass-transit system that connects resort hotels and casinos along the Strip, recently signed a ticket distribution agreement with Travelocity.

LINCOLN TO CHAIR 2011 CONVENTION

Laurie Lincoln, CTP, has been named the chair of the 2011 NTA Annual Convention, which will take place Dec. 5–9 in Las Vegas. Lincoln, who is the president/CEO of **Main Street Tours** in Torrance, California, has been very active as a volunteer leader. She served on the NTA Board of Directors in 2004–05, has been a member of the NTA Leadership Team and is a regular speaker and volunteer at Convention. Lincoln will follow 2008 Convention Chair **John Shaffer** of **Luray Cavern**, 2009 Chair **Suzanne Slavitter, CTP**, of **Sports Empire Inc.** and 2010 Chair **Dawn Rueckl** of **Wells Gray Tours**.

VISITPITTSBURGH HIRES HELLRING

VisitPittsburgh has appointed **Meryl Hellring** as its new tourism sales manager. As a member of the Tourism & Cultural Heritage Department, Hellring will concentrate her efforts on bringing in visitors from the International market, including Germany, France and the United

Kingdom. She also will work with group tour operators to promote travel to Pittsburgh.

RICHARDSON TO STEP DOWN

Spurgeon Richardson recently announced that he will retire as president and CEO of the **Atlanta CVB** at the end of the year. "It has been a fantastic 17 years at the helm of this ship, and I'm proud of all that we've accomplished as an industry," Richardson said. Under Richardson's leadership, the ACVB became one of the first bureaus in the country to develop a cultural tourism department, launch a destination Web site, begin a diversity marketing program and to form a corporate development department.

LAS VEGAS MONORAIL TEAMS WITH TRAVELOCITY

The Las Vegas Monorail Company recently announced an official distribution agreement with Travelocity. Monorail tickets can now be purchased through the Travelocity call center and on the following Web sites: travelocity.com, [## calendar](http://travelocityonlocation.</p>
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July 10–13

Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Leadership Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky

Sept. 11–14

Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting
Riggins, Idaho

NTA Annual Convention

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Nov. 15–19, 2008

Reno, Nevada
Nov. 14–18, 2009

Montréal, Québec
Nov. 13–17, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada
Dec. 5–9, 2011

NTA Tour Operator Spring Meet

Monterey, California
June 4–6, 2009

Product Development Trip

Vancouver Island/
British Columbia Coast
Oct. 6–11

NTA Grassroots Symposium

Washington, D.C.
June 24–26

Please visit www.NTAonline.com for updates and announcements of NTA events.

com and showtickets.com. Fares will be sold through the sites, available as stand-alone purchases or as add-ons for customized vacation packages to Las Vegas. Prices range from \$5 to \$40, and ticket types offered are single-ride, two-ride, 10-ride, unlimited one-day pass and an unlimited three-day pass. ■