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SALT LAKE CITY TOURS OFFERED; SECURITY ROOM TO BE OPEN EXTRA DAY FOR ANA CONVENTION VISITORS

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has organized fun-filled events for those attending the ANA's National Money Showâ, ¢ 2001 in Salt Lake City, the "Crossroads of the West," Thursday through Saturday, March 8-10.

In addition, the three clubs hosting the convention - Utah Numismatic Society, Odgen Coin Club and National Utah Token Society - have contracted to keep the Security Room at the Salt Palace Convention Center open through Sunday, March 11. For \$10 a bag, convention attendees will have access to their material until 7:30 p.m. that day.

"The ANA National Money Show has grown in size and importance over the last several years, and I expect another great show in Salt Lake City," says ANA President H. Robert Campbell, who also is serving as general chairman for the show. "I hope visitors will take the time before, during and after the convention to enjoy some of the sights, places and activities that make Salt Lake City and Utah so spectacular."

Tours begin at noon on Thursday, March 8, with a trip to Utah Winter Sports Park, where ski jump, bobsled and luge competitions will be staged during the XIX Winter Olympic Games in February 2002. Campbell has arranged "for a chance of lifetime" for those taking this tour to ride the 1,335-meter-long bobsled course and get a taste of what Olympic athletes will experience during the heat of competition.

On Friday, March 9, the ANA Friendship Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the picturesque Tuscany Restaurant. Styled after an Italian hunting lodge, the restaurant is located in a secluded glen at the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon in the Wasatch Mountains that frame the eastern edge of Salt Lake City. Afterward, an optional shopping excursion is offered to Trolley Square. Once the headquarters of the city's transportation system, the square now houses specialty shops, art galleries and a theater complex.

Also on Friday, the three convention host clubs invite all convention-goers to join them in a reception and dinner at the impressive Salt Palace Convention Center. The evening's events begin at 7 p.m. The clubs are absorbing part of the dinner expenses.

The Salt Palace Convention Center also is the setting for a casual breakfast get-together at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. Following the meal, participants can walk to Temple Square, where they will hear the 300-plus voices of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir during its weekly broadcast from the spectacular, six-spired Salt Lake Temple.

Pre-register before January 31, 2001, to save on all Salt Lake City activities. Cost for the bobsledding is \$190 (\$200 on-site); the Friendship Luncheon is \$30 (\$33 on-site); the host club reception and dinner is \$19.95 (\$24.95 on-site); and the Sunday breakfast and concert is \$8 (\$10 on-site.) A convention pre-registration form is included in the December issue of the ANA monthly journal, The Numismatist.

Representatives from the Salt Lake City Convention and Visitors Bureau will be at the ANA's National Money Show to recommend additional sightseeing and dining selections.

For more information about National Money Show 2001, tours and activities, contact the ANA Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; e-mail anacvn@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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