



Fall 2011 Travel Guide

Day Tours



Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple

Wednesday, October 19. You will tour the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple. The temple was built as a spiritual and cultural center for those interested in learning about Buddhism and the Chinese culture. The museum features precious artifacts. Your next stop is for lunch (included) at Benihana's restaurant. After a delicious meal you'll stop at the Cal Poly Farm Store for time on your own to browse and shop for some of the freshest organic produce grown at Cal Poly. Register by October 5. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$42 (4154.401)



THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE
A SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER MUSEUM

Museum of Tolerance

Thursday, October 27. Enjoy lunch at Canters Delicatessen in L.A. Opened since 1924 & serving the public the best sandwiches around. You'll have a choice of one of their 1/2 sandwiches: Hot Corned Beef, Pastrami, or Roast Turkey Sandwich, a cup of soup, coffee or tea and a cookie for dessert. Then it's on to the Museum of Tolerance for a 1:00 p.m. tour time. Some of the exhibits are: The Wiesenthal site, dedicated to the children of the Holocaust. In the Tolerance center, visitors focus on the major issues of intolerance that are part of daily life. In the Holocaust Exhibit, visitors become witnesses to the events of World War II. The Museum's collection of archives and documents includes: original letters of Ann Frank, artwork from the resienstadt, a bunk bed from the Majdanek, artifacts from Auschwitz and a flag sewn by Mauthausen inmates for their American liberators. This is a 3-hour guided tour (included). Register by October 17. 10:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. \$45 (4155.401)

Fall is Travel Guide Renewal Time

Renew today for only \$6 to continue receiving the San Gabriel Travel Guide throughout 2012. As a Travel Guide recipient you receive priority viewing of trips/tours and are able to sign up before the trips/tours are published in the quarterly City Newsletter. Renew your 2012 membership today by contacting the San Gabriel Parks & Recreation at (626) 308-2875.



Palm Springs Follies



Tuesday, November 8. Spend the day in Palm Springs. Enjoy lunch on your own this afternoon before arriving at the Plaza Theatre for a 1:30 p.m. matinee performance (included) of the Palm Springs Follies. John Davidson is performing with the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies for their holiday performance. Seating will be on the main floor. Register by October 24. 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. \$70 (4013.401)

Holiday Light Cruise



Tuesday, December 20. Enjoy an evening holiday lights cruise (included) . The narrated boat tours through the waterways of Huntington Harbor to view hundreds of brightly decorated homes, docks, decks and boats. Countless residents and visitors to Southern California come to experience the beauty of thousands of lights and animated displays. This is a 45-minute cruise and you may bring your favorite warm beverage and blankets to cozy up with. We will return home afterwards. Dinner will be on your own tonight before your cruise in Huntington Beach. Register by December 5. 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \$35 (4044.401)

Victorian Christmas Tour



Saturday, December 10. Enjoy an early holiday dinner (included) at the Five Crowns restaurant in Corona Del Mar. You'll have a choice of: Roasted Prime Ribs of Beef served traditionally with creamed spinach and Yorkshire pudding; or a baked King Salmon prepared with a red pepper puree served with chunky mashed potatoes and fresh veggies; or a free range Chicken breast sautéed and topped with a mango-pineapple coulis served with rice and veggies. Afterwards, we drive to the City of Lake Forest for a Victorian Christmas Candlelight tour at Heritage Hill Historical Park, admission included. Inside the park are luminary lit paths, historic buildings aglow with holiday lighting, strolls through restored 19th-century buildings adorned in period décor and docents in period costumes. There is also live entertainment in each building along with storytellers, refreshments & Santa too! Register by November 21. 2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \$55 (4156.401)

Riley's Farm



Wednesday, January 11. Your Colonial Farm tour (included) at Riley's Farm will begin at 10:00 a.m. This two hour adventure features colonial etiquette, quill and ink, colonial games, caramel apple-dipping, cider pressing and candle dipping. Afterwards we will head over to Law's Family Restaurant for lunch at 12:30 p.m. (included). Enjoy a choice of; Homemade Meatloaf, baked Chicken or Ham. You'll end your day with a stop at Los Rios Ranch where they make fresh pressed apple cider, baked goods, jams and more! Register by December 19. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$40 (4157.401)





Los Angeles Police Historical Society Museum & Homegirl Café

Monday, January 23. Go inside L.A. First stop will be at Highland Park for a visit at the Los Angeles Police Historical Society Museum, admission included. Furnishings in this 1925 brick renaissance-style building are reminiscent of a 1925 station. Old jail cells, historic photographs and memorabilia of badges, medals, uniforms, weapons are on display. Outside are vintage squad cars and an L.A.P.D. helicopter. Tours are self-guided. Our next stop is in the Chinatown area of L.A. for lunch (included) at the Homegirl Café. The Homegirl Cafe became one of the businesses of Homeboy Industries when Chef Pati Zarate agreed to hire homegirls to run the operations. This is a social enterprise assisting at-risk and formerly gang-involved young women and men to become contributing members of our community through training in restaurant service and culinary arts. Homegirl Café offers a one year training program within the food and service industry, empowering young people to redirect their lives and providing them with hope for their futures. You will have a choice of entrée’s with a side and soft drink. Time for browsing/shopping on own afterwards in Chinatown before returning home. Register by January 9. 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$40 (4158.401)

Extended Tours

These trips are in cooperation with other recreation departments or travel clubs. This program provides a larger variety of trips, which we would not be able to fill on our own. The possibility of cancellation is reduced because we are combining with other travelers. Motor coaches will pick up and drop off passengers at our Mission Playhouse parking lot (formerly Civic Auditorium). Overnight Parking Permit **REQUIRED:** An overnight parking permit is required if you leave your car at the Mission Playhouse parking lot or Park & Ride lot overnight. Failure to show a current overnight permit will result in a parking citation for the vehicle owner. The Parks & Recreation Department can provide registrants with the permit free of charge. Same high quality accommodations as our regular trips, with no smoking and no seat rotation on the coach for trips of less than four days. Detailed descriptions for each trip are available at the Recreation Office. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE RECOMMENDED ON ALL OVER-NIGHT TRIPS.**

Yosemite National Park

October 28-30 Located in central California on the Western slope of the Sierra Nevada, this mountainous region offers unusual beauty, breathtaking scenery, and numerous waterfalls. The fall colors are spectacular at this time of year. Highlights include *Mariposa Grove, Wawona Hotel, Bridalveil Fall, Yosemite Falls, El Capitan, Half Dome, Yosemite Village,* the historic *Ahwahnee Resort,* and more (yes, we may even have time to visit a nearby casino). Accommodations will be just outside the Park in Oakhurst at the Shilo Inn. \$75.00 deposit required with balance due October 7, 2011. \$299.50 per person double occupancy. \$389.50 per person single occupancy. (5003.401) Travel Time





Thanksgiving in Laughlin, Nevada

November 23-25. That’s right, with our Laughlin, NV Thanksgiving Getaway this year, we’re going back to the Riverside Hotel & Casino – right on the river! Amenities will include 2 delicious buffets (including Thanksgiving Dinner, of course) and a casino funbook/funstrip. \$50 deposit confirms your reservation with balance due by November 2, 2011. \$189.50 per person double occupancy. \$249.50 per person single occupancy. (5213.401) Travel Time



New Year’s Eve in Lake Havasu

December 31 - January 1. Here’s one we haven’t offered in a long time, but this is the PERFECT year to do so because, since New Year’s Day falls on a Sunday, we will be home for the Rose Parade on Monday. Our accommodations in picturesque and sunny Lake Havasu City, Arizona will be right at the London Bridge, at the London Bridge Lakefront All-Suite Resort, where all rooms are one-or two-bedroom suites. That’s right, if your reservation requires two-bed accommodations, you will be put in a two-bedroom suite! Our New Year’s Eve Party, right on premises at the hotel’s Martini Bay Restaurant will feature a 4-course dining experience, live music for your enjoyment and dining pleasure, and even a *New York-style Ball Drop at midnight* including party favors and champagne. Ample time to visit the London Bridge shops, perhaps take a narrated Paddlewheel Cruise, and definitely “hit a casino” before returning home. \$100 deposit confirms your reservation with balance due by December 9, 2011. \$269.50 per person double occupancy. \$324.50 per person single occupancy. (5214.401) Travel Time

HEARST CASTLE®



Hearst Castle at Christmas

December 10-11. We first transfer to Glendale for our scenic Amtrak train ride to Santa Barbara, where our bus meets up with us again to take us north to our oceanfront accommodations, the fantastic BW Cavalier Inn in San Simeon (*everyone* loves this place). This evening we enjoy our Hearst Castle tour (a combination of all 4 tours, beautifully decorated for the holidays including all docents in ‘20s period clothing), PLUS we return home by motorcoach with a stop in Solvang. Optional IMAX showing available. \$75 deposit confirms your reservation with balance due by November 18, 2011. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR HEARST CASTLE TOUR INCLUDES APPROX. 300 STAIRS.** \$249.50 per person double occupancy. \$309.50 per person single occupancy. (5006.401) Travel Time





GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

Deluxe, charter buses are used for all trips. Every effort is made to use the most modern motor coaches and finest drivers. Bus companies used are properly licensed and insured. Adults are given first priority to register for trips. Children ages 8 and up and accompanied by an adult, will be allowed to register for one day trip, if space is available, one week prior to the trip. Please remember to take your identification on all trips & tours! Trips are subject to cancellation if the required minimum amount of participants does not register.

REGISTRATION is taken on a first registered, first seated basis at the Department Office, 250 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, 91776, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Full payment for trips and tours are due on or before the date indicated on each individual trip. Please use the Activity Registration Form that is inside the back cover of this Travel Guide to register for trips. For mail-in registration please enclose a check, money order, VISA or MasterCard Information. Checks should be made payable to: **CITY OF SAN GABRIEL**.

REFUND POLICY

- ◆ **ALL** refunds are subject to a \$13.00 service charge, unless the trip is cancelled by the San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Refunds for **day trips** will be processed if cancellation is received 2 weeks prior to the trip or if there is a replacement on our waiting list.
- ◆ Refunds for **extended tours** will be processed if cancellation is received 4 weeks prior to overnight trip, except where otherwise noted.
- ◆ Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended on any overnight tour.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Cancellation insurance is available that will protect your sizable investment on any overnight or extended trip costing \$100.00 or more. It is your responsibility to consider buying the insurance, or be prepared to absorb the full loss. For more information on trip insurance contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Department acts only as an agent in putting together day and extended trip packages. We do not assume any liability for illness, injury, damages, loss, accident, or delay due to any act or default of any company or person involved in the trip, nor can we be held responsible for changes made by the tour operator or hotel.

DEPARTURE & RETURN

Weekday bus trips will depart from and return to the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse parking lot, 320 S. Mission Drive (formerly Civic Auditorium), unless otherwise noted. All cars must be parked on the Broadway Avenue side of the lot only. We will begin boarding the bus 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time. Please be prompt to maintain your boarding priority.

