

## SINGLE-DAY EXCURSIONS



### Idyllwild Art Walk & Wine Tasting

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

Get ready to sip, savor and get that Christmas shopping done early when we escape for the day to Idyllwild, the charming mile-high town nestled in the tall pines of the San Jacinto Mountains (elevation 5,400'). The fresh mountain air, sweet-smelling cedars and legendary rocks will provide the perfect setting to enjoy this mountain town's 26th Annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting! This one-day event hosted by the Art Alliance of Idyllwild features award-winning wines from up to 18 different wineries, along with over 30 artists selling unique and spectacular artwork. You'll be provided with a keepsake wine glass so you can leisurely stroll from one end of town to the other

with wine pouring stations interspersed between artists' booths (with a free shuttle service also available). Enjoy ample time at leisure to explore the festival as well as the boutique shops and galleries in this small mountain town that has been ranked as one of the "Top 100 Art Towns in America." Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the charming local restaurants. We'll make a stop at Hadley's Fruit Orchards, the southern California landmark that has provided a friendly place to shop for premium quality Medjool dates, dried fruit, nuts, hand-mixed trail mixes, honey, preserves, freshly-ground peanut butter and a variety of gifts since 1931. At the snack bar is where you'll find their famous date shakes! *All guests must be 21 years or older and prepared to show proof of age if requested. This fundraising event is held rain or shine. This tour involves moderate walking and driving on mountain roads.* Member Price: \$126; Non-member Price: \$136 • Depart: HBCL 8:30 a.m. • Return: 6:30 p.m.



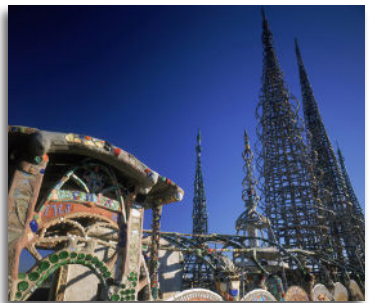
### Big Bear Oktoberfest & Lake Cruise

**With Included German-Style Lunch**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Breathe in the crisp mountain air and celebrate autumn as we travel to Big Bear, the charming mountain town nestled in the beautiful pine forests atop the San Bernardino Mountains (elevation 6,700 feet). Today we'll delight in the sounds, tastes and camaraderie of one of the best German celebrations this side of Munich and known as "the number one Oktoberfest in California." The mountain air stirs up a unique blend of "Getmütlichkeit" at this authentic celebration that is based on the lore of the world's original Oktoberfest in Germany. Over the last 50 years, the Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest has established its own traditions while holding onto its old-world

charm. The festival features German-style entertainment, brats and knockwursts from Germany, and the very same beers poured at Munich's Oktoberfest! Enjoy an included three-course lunch with choice of entrée, sides, apple strudel and an included beer or glass of wine. We'll provide ample time to enjoy the live bands, dancing, games and exhibitors at the outdoor "Budenstrasse." This afternoon we'll board the *Big Bear Queen* paddle-wheeler for a 90-minute cruise on Big Bear Lake. Your boat captain is a Big Bear native and life-long resident and provides extensive narration about Big Bear Valley's history (going back to the Gold Rush) and folklore while showcasing the sights including solar observatory, Garstin Island, celebrity homes, the story of the Four Dams and more. *The Big Bear Queen has both shaded and un-shaded seating. This tour involves moderate walking as well as driving on mountain roads. The historic Big Bear Queen is not wheelchair accessible.* Member Price: \$146; Non-member Price: \$156 • Depart: HBCL 8:30 a.m. • Return 7:30 p.m.



### Watts Up?

**Watts Towers, Marina Del Rey's Fisherman's Village**

**& Included Dinner with Mariachis Música at Casa Sanchez**

**Friday, November 8, 2024**

This new tour that features two unique destinations with international flair and flavor begins with a guided tour of Watts Towers, Los Angeles' world-famous monument to human ingenuity. Learn about the history, cultural significance and artistic processes involved in their creation as a knowledgeable docent shares little-known facts about this group of 17 sculptural towers and mosaics built over a 33-year period by Simon Rodia, an Italian immigrant and tile-setter. Built with his own two hands, the Watts Towers are the result of Rodia's artistic fantasy – fanciful spires pieced together from steel-reinforcing rods and wire mesh, colorfully decorated with seashells and fragments

of broken dishes and bottles. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the Watts Towers Arts Center, featuring rotating exhibitions of contemporary art. Later, we'll enjoy time at leisure to stroll through Marina Del Rey's Fisherman's Village, the charming, waterfront complex with nautical-themed architecture, quaint shops and a collection of sea lions and seals that are generally providing the entertainment. This evening we'll arrive at Casa Sanchez, the upscale Mexican restaurant featuring unique family recipes that have been passed down through generations. After an included three-course dinner with choice of entrée, we'll experience a live mariachi performance. Sit back and enjoy the soul-stirring melodies of a mariachi band featuring violinists adorned in silver-spangled trajes de charro (horsemen's uniforms) of black, white, orange, and green, a guitarist and a trumpeter – each contributing to create a mesmerizing musical symphony. Member Price: \$149; Non-Member Price: \$159 • Depart: HBCL 1:30 p.m. • Return: 9:00 p.m.





## Shifting Sands & Seismic Secrets – A San Andreas Fault Safari

The Coachella Valley Preserve & Box Canyon with a Local Guide

With Included Boxed Lunch Picnic

Thursday, November 21, 2024

On this truly unique and educational experience, we'll travel to the Coachella Valley to explore the San Andreas Fault. Onboard for this unique tour will be a local guide who will tell the story of California's seismic activity and share a wealth of knowledge about fault activity, local geography and geology. We'll visit the Coachella Valley Preserve, a 20,000-acre nature preserve providing a fascinating ecosystem in the Indio Hills east of Palm Springs.

After an introduction to plate tectonics, we'll have an opportunity to stand on the San Andreas Fault and see a palm oasis up-close. These lush pockets of vegetation amongst this dry desert landscape are sustained by underground water seeping out of the San Andreas Fault. This afternoon we'll continue into the Mecca Hills and visit the "backside" of the fault at Box Canyon. These uniquely eroded formations are the result of the ongoing collision between the North American Plate and the Pacific Plate along the San Andreas Fault, making the Mecca Hills one of the more unusual geological sites of its kind. This unobstructed view of 3-5 million years of tectonic plate destruction is one reason why the Mecca Hills Wilderness has been studied so extensively by geologists and seismologists. Don't miss this intriguing and fascinating day that includes a boxed lunch picnic. No visit to the Coachella Valley is complete without a stop at Hadley Fruit Orchards. Founded in 1931, this southern California landmark has provided a friendly place to shop for premium quality Medjool dates, dried fruit, nuts, hand-mixed trail mixes, honey, preserves, freshly-ground peanut butter and a variety of gifts. At the snack bar is where you'll find their famous date shakes! *This tour involves moderate walking over uneven terrain, and closed-toe shoes are recommended.* Member Price: \$119; Non-Member Price: \$129 • HBCL 8:30 a.m. • Return: 7:30 p.m.



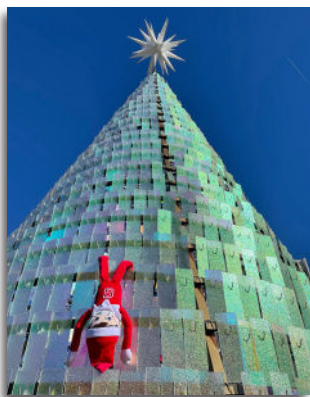
## Reagan Presidential Library & Museum

With *Dead Sea Scrolls* and *Christmas Around the World* Exhibits

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Celebrate the holiday season at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum at the most special time of the year. This holiday season the museum showcases *Christmas Around the World*, a 5,000 square foot exhibit featuring a festive "forest" with 26 exquisitely decorated Christmas trees, representing the 26 countries that President Reagan visited while in office. Decorations encompass the bright and festive colors of the Caribbean, the crystals of the Nordic countries and the traditional decorations of England and Europe. Of particular note is the Vatican tree decorated entirely with white ornaments featuring a life-size white peacock that adorns the tree's branches. The featured tree is

an elegant reproduction of President and Mrs. Reagan's White House Christmas tree complete with "Reagan Red" decorations and dozens of hand-blown glass ornaments. Also on view is *Dead Sea Scrolls – The Exhibition*, presented in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority to commemorate the most significant archaeological find of the last century, and the oldest surviving documents known to humankind. Celebrating 75 years since their discovery, this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition allows guests to step back in time through the history of the Dead Sea Scrolls – manuscripts composed, copied and hidden in caves 2,000 years ago, not to be rediscovered until 1947. The largest Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit ever mounted outside of Israel, the exhibition features 8 original scrolls and over 200 ancient artifacts spanning from the First Temple period through the inception of Christianity. This immersive exhibition also features a 3-ton stone from Jerusalem's Western Wall, believed to have fallen during the siege of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., a science gallery dedicated to the technological advancements vital in understanding the scrolls, and the international premiere of The Magdala Stone – a limestone block carved with symbols of the Temple in Jerusalem, found in the town of Migdal, presumed to be the birthplace of Mary Magdalene. We'll have approximately 5 hours at leisure to explore the two special exhibitions, the museum's 18 permanent galleries (with an included audio tour) and enjoy lunch on your own at the museum café. The state-of-the-art museum features interactive exhibits that pay tribute to America's 40th president along with a full-scale replica of Reagan's Oval Office, a piece of the Berlin Wall, and The Reagans' final resting place. The *Air Force One* Pavilion features a presidential limousine, a secret service vehicle, a *Marine One* helicopter, an F-117 Nighthawk, and an opportunity to walk-through the *Air Force One* airplane that served seven U.S. Presidents! Member Price: \$116; Non-Member Price: \$126 • Depart: HBCL 9:00 a.m. • Return: 6:00 p.m.



## A Big Holiday in Little Italy

San Diego's Little Italy with Local Guide & Included Italian Lunch

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Come meet, mingle and experience warm holiday hospitality while on an "insider's" tour of San Diego's Little Italy neighborhood at the merriest time of year. On this entertaining and informative tour hosted by a Little Italy historian guide, we'll be transported back in time to the world of Italian immigrants and experience 100 years of colorful neighborhood history and discover its hidden landmarks and old-world holiday traditions. We'll enjoy an included Italian coffee or tea and a delicious assortment of Italian holiday cookies at the historic Amici House, the modest Craftsman style house that was built in the 1880's. A presentation given by an expert from Rome and the nearby Italian Cultural Center will focus on the origins of Italian Christmas traditions. We'll visit Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, featuring a spectacular array of Renaissance-style artwork and a life-size nativity scene. Enjoy an included three-course lunch including family-style antipasto, gourmet wood-fired pizza and cannoli at Little Italy's oldest restaurant. Enjoy time at leisure shopping for Italian goodies at a landmark Italian bakery and Little Italy's oldest Italian

grocery, both decorated for the holidays and brimming with culinary treats and imports from Italy. Visit a unique Catholic gift shop featuring inspirational Christmas gifts – many imported from Italy. As darkness falls, the neighborhood's festive décor – including 18 blocks of holiday lights and two large Christmas trees – will shine bright! A holiday sing-along in Piazza della Famiglia and a driving tour featuring the 1905 Forward House on Bankers Hill (with more than 1 million holiday lights!) tops off a memorable day. *This tour involves moderate walking.* Member Price: \$159; Non-Member Price \$169 • Depart: HBCL 9:30 a.m. • Return: 7:30 p.m.





**WAITLISTED**

**MULTI-DAY TOURS**

- Oregon's Coast, Lakes & Lodges - September 28, 2024
- New England Fall Foliage - September 30, 2024
- New Mexico Enchantment - October 2, 2024
- California Dreamin' – The Coast, Redwoods & Rail - October 6, 2024
- Death Valley Splendor - November 3, 2024
- Cambria & Hearst Castle by Rail - November 6, 2024

**LAUGHLIN HOLIDAY GETAWAY**

Two-Night Stay in Riverview Rooms at the *Aquarius Casino Resort, The Kenny & Dolly Christmas Spectacular Live*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

3-Day Tour



Aquarius Casino Resort

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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy a two-night stay in an upgraded riverview room at the Aquarius Casino Resort, adorned with beautiful holiday decor, conveniently located in the heart of Laughlin adjacent to the Laughlin Riverwalk, Laughlin Outlet Center and other casinos

Experience *The Kenny & Dolly Christmas Spectacular*, an authentic concert re-creation and tribute to Country legends, Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Backed by a live band, performers Wendy Engler and Dave Karl will take us back in time and relive the heyday of country music with the songs that painted our lives, sung by two of the biggest superstars of their era

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations Laughlin, NV (2) – **Aquarius Casino Resort**
- See *The Kenny & Dolly Christmas Spectacular* live in concert at the Riverside Resort's Celebrity Theatre
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Admissions and sightseeing per the itinerary
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

**TOUR PRICE**

- Double Occupancy: \$499 per person
- Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$150
- Deposit: \$75 per person



**APPLE FARM INN & HEARST CASTLE HOLIDAY**

*Apple Farm Inn Stay, Hearst Castle Holiday Twilight Tour, Point San Luis Lighthouse, Santa Ynez Valley*

**DECEMBER 12, 2024**

3-Day Tour



Apple Farm Inn

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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy a two-night stay at the charming, *Apple Farm Inn*, the country inn that's decked out in its holiday finest and features elegant and cozy rooms with a fireplace and seating nook, and a nightly wine reception

Experience what Christmas was like during Hearst Castle's heyday while on a docent-guided *Holiday Twilight Tour* showcasing the grounds, the Casa del Sol guest house and the grand social rooms of Casa Grande – all beautifully decorated for the holidays

Explore California's early heritage while visiting La Purísima Mission, the most extensively restored of California's 21 missions. Travel the backroads through the picturesque Santa Ynez Valley and enjoy an included lunch and wine tasting at a Santa Ynez Winery

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations San Luis Obispo, CA (2) – **Apple Farm Inn**
- 5 Meals – 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Admissions and sightseeing per the itinerary
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

**TOUR PRICE**

- Double Occupancy: \$899 per person
- Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$300
- Deposit: \$100 per person



and time at leisure in Solvang, known as one of the most "Christmassy Small Towns in America." Enjoy a guided tour and lunch at the historic Point San Luis Lighthouse, the "Jewel of the Central Coast," that is decorated for Christmas



Hearst Castle

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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Sit back and enjoy a relaxing, five-hour rail journey along California's spectacular coastline and through its fertile valleys aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train, featuring an observation car with windows that stretch up to the ceiling offering unparalleled and expansive views

Enjoy a two-night stay in a fireplace room at the *Cambria Pines Lodge* – the woodsy-chic lodge nestled amongst 25 acres of Monterey Pines and decked out for the holidays with a walk-thru light display featuring over two million lights and themed vignettes

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Attend the annual Cambria Christmas Market, the charming holiday market done in the style of Germany's traditional holiday markets

Enjoy time at leisure in Cambria and Solvang – both beautifully decorated for the holidays

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations Cambria, CA (2) – **Cambria Pines Lodge**
- 4 Meals – 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Admissions and sightseeing per the itinerary
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach and aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* Train
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

### TOUR PRICE

- Double Occupancy: \$1,099 per person
- Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$450
- Deposit: \$100 per person

## HUNTINGTON BEACH COUNCIL ON AGING / SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK

(714) 374-1572 - 18041 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Office Hours - Tuesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Thursday & Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ◆ All tours are developed and operated by Good Times Travel (California Seller of Travel #2018390-40), a local, licensed and reputable tour operator that has been in business for 33 years
- ◆ Onboard the newer, deluxe, fully-equipped motorcoaches is a Senior Center representative, professional driver and bottled water
- ◆ Price includes transportation, sightseeing, admission and meals as indicated

### RESERVING SPACE

- ◆ The only way to reserve space is in person at the **Senior Center in Central Park** at the address above during office hours
- ◆ Payment may be made in person (cash, check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover)
- ◆ Make checks payable to HBCOA

### SEATING

- ◆ Seats on the motorcoach are assigned in the order payment is received
- ◆ Please let us know if you need special accommodations

### GRATUITIES

- ◆ Prices do not include a customary driver gratuity for a job well done. We believe that by the end of the tour you'll agree that the driver has earned it. A suggested gratuity is \$5-\$8 per passenger

### DEPARTURE/ RETURN INFORMATION

- ◆ Huntington Beach Central Library (HBCL):  
7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92648,  
except for multi-day tours which depart from *Good Times Travel* in Fountain Valley
- ◆ Return times are approximate

### CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- ◆ For **single day tours** there is 30 day notification deadline to receive a refund, and no refund allowed for cancellation within 30 days of a tour unless your space can be re-sold. Please contact *Good Times Travel* for the **multi-day tour** cancellation policy.