

SRI 2003
Tour Program

Monday August 24th, 2003

1. San Francisco City Tour and Lunch

San Francisco! Beautiful, famous, controversial, exciting...an intriguing blend of past and present, fact and fiction, hills, water, fog and people. Come along as we explore this world-famous cosmopolitan center. Learn what makes San Francisco what it is...this mosaic blend of cities within a city. Travel through the many and varied ethnic communities... from the Spanish Mission District to the largest Chinatown outside the Orient; the Italian North Beach District to Japantown with its graceful and interesting shopping area.

Some favorite City highlights include Fisherman's Wharf where gift shops and famous restaurants overlook little fishing boats returning with the day's catch; the Golden Gate Bridge, the famous span that sweeps across the majestic harbor; Cable Cars as they climb up and down Nob Hill, once home to Silver Kings and Lumber Barrons; Golden Gate Park where one can listen to concerts, visit a museum or stroll through the beautiful Japanese Tea Garden.

Your guide will regale you with tales of the Earthquake and Fire of 1906 and our more recent earthquake of 1989, as you view fine examples of Victorian survivors now fondly referred to as "The Painted Ladies".

Feel the business pulse as you see the Financial District, the "Wall Street of the West"; drive through the Civic Center, an architectural delight, including Davies Symphony Hall and the Opera House.

The tour will conclude with lunch at Fisherman's Wharf.

Time: 9:00am-1:30pm

Cost: \$49.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
Lunch
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

2. Muir Woods & Sausalito Tour

The ride to Muir Woods will take us over the Golden Gate Bridge through part of Mill Valley, up Mt. Tamalpais and down into the cool green 500 acre Sequoia semperviren grove, named for the naturalist, John Muir. We stroll through redwoods which date back thousands of years, some standing twelve stories high. Walk at your own pace on a self-guided tour. The grandeur of the redwoods speak for themselves.

Next we will depart for Sausalito where you can browse through the shops in this picturesque old fishing village and artist's colony. Time will be made available for a no host lunch at one of many unique restaurants.

Later, we will meet at the dock to board a ferryboat for a ride across the Bay, cruising past Alcatraz for a magnificent view of the San Francisco shoreline. Our coaches will meet you at the Ferry Plaza to take you back to your hotel.

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Cost: \$44.00 per person, 25 person minimum

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
Admission to Muir Woods
Ferry Ticket
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

Tuesday, August 25th, 2003

3. A Day in the Wine Country

Blessed with almost perfect climate for growing grapes, Northern California has become the most prestigious wine-producing center in the United States. The vineyards are nestled amid the golden hills of Sonoma and Napa Valleys, located only 1_ hours north of the Bay Area.

We'll take a loop route, crossing two bridges. Starting in Napa, we'll view the hand hewn stone and modern wineries. Growing here are the varietal grapes that produce the fine wines for which the region is famous - Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Fume Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Zinfandel. At carefully selected wineries, guides will await to lead you through the processes of wine-making. A tasting of wines will follow.

On the other side of the mountain in Sonoma the visitor can relive early California history...seeing the historic Town Square, its Spanish Mission and adobe ruins.

A no host lunch will be enjoyed at the Town Square in Sonoma. It is surrounded by all types of delicatessens and restaurants offering something for every taste.

After Lunch we will tour and taste at a unique Sonoma winery before returning to San Francisco via Golden Gate Bridge.

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Cost: \$49.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
2 Winery Tours and Tastings
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

4. The Backstreets of Chinatown with Dim Sum Lunch

Following the complete destruction by the Earthquake and Fire of 1906, the largest Chinese quarter outside of the Orient, was rebuilt along the same streets. Today we view the exotic signs and Chinese-style architectural decorations that adorn this noisy, colorful, lively place. We can guarantee that you will see and smell things you would experience only in China...herb shops, open front produce markets, markets with ducks hanging and fish so fresh they are still swimming in tanks ready for your selection. We will peek in on a fortune cookie factory in production and leave with some samples to nibble on while we stroll. We'll visit a temple where the smell of incense greets you as you enter. Oranges and oils are stacked ready for offering to deities. We can also include a visit to tea emporium where you will be treated to a tea ceremony.

This unique experience concludes with a Dim Sum lunch. After lunch, there will be time for shopping.

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Includes: Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
Dim Sum Lunch
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

Wednesday, August 26th, 2003

5. Moving Movie Tour of San Francisco with Lunch

Come along this unique and fun coach-tour of movies made in and about San Francisco. This exceptional tour will show movie clips on board the coach and at the same time will take you to the location where it was filmed. We will tour charming San Francisco neighborhoods following famous movie scenes from Union Square and Chinatown to Telegraph Hill and Golden Gate Bridge. We will stop for a delicious hosted lunch at Enrico's Restaurant in North Beach.

The Tour begins at the St. Francis Hotel, with *The Jazz Singer*, the first talking picture ever made and filmed in San Francisco. You will learn how San Francisco was destined to be the epicenter of film making, were it not for the 1906 Earthquake and Fire.

Some of the film clips you will be shown:

Damaged park steps from the car chase in, *What's Up Doc?*

Nick & Nora Charles' unusual house in, *After The Thin Man*.

View of the 1939 Fair from a China Clipper in *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*.

Over 70 of the best clips have been chosen. Including: *Vertigo, Dirty Harry, Foul Play, Star Trek IV-The Voyage Home, Pal Joey, The Maltese Falcon, Birdman of Alcatraz, It Came From Beneath The Sea, Nine Months, The Bachelor, The Graduate, Mrs. Doubtfire, American Graffiti, The Rock and Harold & Maude*. Clips include scenes from films as they relate to San Francisco, with some of the greatest actors of all time.

About our guide: Craig Smith, a Bay Area native, has spent years studying films made in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has lived in "The City" since 1964 and has a BA and teaching credential from UC Santa Cruz. He taught sculpture at the University. Craig also studied film making at Los Angeles Art Center. A professional tour guide for the past 7 years, Craig truly has found his calling combining two of his favorite activities: Tour Guiding and Film Trivia. It took him four years of research and countless hours of film editing to create this tour.

Time: 10:30am-3:00pm

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Guide
Movie Handout and Route Map
Lunch at North Beach Restaurant
Ghirardelli Chocolate Bar
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

6. Carmel & Monterey

Early Spanish explorers, while searching for the Golden Gate, settled a sleepy fishing village, Monterey. Monterey now offers restored adobes and Colonial architecture, a Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row, made famous by John Steinbeck's novel.

The \$80 million Monterey Bay Aquarium, built 1984, is the largest indoor aquarium in the nation featuring a stunning "undersea" tour. You will have a chance to visit the Aquarium (additional cost) or have free time at the Cannery Row. After the stop in Monterey we will continue on to Carmel to shop and browse in the art galleries.

We will follow the private 17-Mile Drive along the coast, past twisted Monterey Cypress and the "Lone Pine". By the crashing surf, see the world famous Pebble Beach golf course. The area is also home to the opulent Spanish or Mediterranean style Del Monte Properties.

Carmel, a unique community in California, with its geranium filled window boxes and quaint little shops, is the no host luncheon destination. After viewing the Carmel Mission, we will begin our scenic return to San Francisco.

Time: 7:30am - 6:30pm

Cost: \$59.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
17-Mile Drive Fee
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

Thursday, August 27th, 2003

7. Alcatraz

Cruise to the infamous former federal prison – home to the likes of Al Capone, “Machine Gun” Kelly and Robert “the Birdman” Stroud. “The Rock,” now administered by the National Park Service, is just a mile and a quarter from the sights and sounds of one of the world’s most beautiful cities, San Francisco. It has been used as a fort, a lighthouse, and a prison. Explore the awesome 12-acre prison and grounds, including the cell-blocks where the convicts were imprisoned. A Park Service Guide will greet you before you begin the self-guided tour with an audio-cassette.

Time: TBA- 4 hours

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
Alcatraz Admission
Alcatraz Self-Guided Audio Tour
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee

8. San Francisco's Painted Ladies

Victorian homes reflect the rich heritage that makes San Francisco unique among America's cities. It's instant wealth, starting with the Gold Rush, continued to set living patterns through the years. The City now boasts a number of beautifully preserved private Victorian Houses. After a drive to Alamo Square to view the "Painted Ladies", a stop may be made at the **Reutlinger Home**. A visitor will be fascinated by the collection of Victorians as well as the collection of player pianos that will get everyone's toes tapping.

Other private homes available:

Haas-Lilienthal House, the grande dame of San Francisco's Victorians, is a real treat for those who wish to experience the life style of prosperous turn-of-the-century families. Original furnishings are still in the home.

Shannon-Kavanaugh House, built in 1892, has become one of the most famous buildings in America. After 17 years of meticulous restoration, the house remains the anchor of "Postcard Row" in San Francisco's Alamo Square historic district.

Octagon House is a local heirloom, a perfectly preserved, uniquely shaped building dating to 1861, now used as a small but superb museum of the decorative arts of the Colonial and Federal periods.

Westerfeld House: 28-room home, circa 1882. This home has often been used as a symbol for Victorian San Francisco due to its fanciful tower, emphatic bay windows, and prominent hilltop location facing Alamo Square Park.

Time: 9:30am-1:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Dispatcher
Narrating Galavents Guide
Tour of Two Victorian Homes
All Taxes and Gratuities
Galavents Management Fee