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# 43rd Annual Vacation Preview Day

## Saturday, August 28, 2021

9am • 11:45am • 2:30pm

**At the KVIE Studios, 2030 West El Camino Avenue, Sacramento**

- Each two hour session gives you an overview of some of the destinations we will offer in 2022, both domestic and international. **Plus**, get an advance copy of our **2022 Catalog**. This is incredibly important, as reservations will open Monday, August 30 at 9am. Many tours sell out quickly, so getting a catalog at Preview Day is the best way to get the tours you want in the year ahead! All members not in attendance receive a catalog by mail after the event.
- **You must have a reservation to attend.** Space is limited at each session. There is a \$10 admission charge, payable at the time you make your reservation. Since all admissions are donated to charity, refunds are not available.
- **Why is there a \$10 charge?** Because space at the event is limited, we find that having an admission charge holds down the no-shows. If members have “skin in the game,” i.e., a \$10 admission, they are much more likely to show up. This is important because we will turn a lot of people away. Office hours for reservations are **9am-3pm M-F**.
- **100% of the admissions are donated to charity**, including: The Wreath Project, which decorates the graves of the fallen in the Sacramento Valley Military Cemetery near Dixon; and The Mustard Seed School, part of the Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

# The Tour Calendar (Previously Announced)

## Previously Announced Tours with Space Available

There aren't many openings much the rest of the year. If you see something that interests you, we suggest calling as soon as possible. **If you are registered for a tour which is not listed here, the tour is sold out.** A complete list of sold out tours can be found on the back page of this publication.

## New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

7 Days • October 3-9 • 2 seats

3 nights in Lake Champlain cabins, 2 nights Lake Placid. 12 meals, round trip air into Manchester and return from Albany.

**\$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4620 single**

## The Mother Road, Route 66 in California – Las Vegas/ Needles to Santa Monica

4 Days • October 27-30 • 4 seats

Visit the unique Route 66 towns of Oatman, Goffs and Amboy. Bottle Tree Ranch, McDonald's Museum, famous

Paramount Gates. A variety of fine dining establishments (7 meals inc.).

**\$1245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1440 single**

## Spectacular Sedona

5 Days • October 31 – November 4

12 seats

4 nights at the beautiful Hilton Sedona Resort, with daily sightseeing. Attractions include: The Verde Canyon Railroad, a visit to the artisan community of Tlaquepaque (ta-la-kay-pah-kay), and the spectacular red rocks on a tour of Oak Creek Canyon. 9 meals and air included.

**\$2520 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2850 single**

## Christmas in Victoria, BC

4 Days • December 1-4 • 12 seats

3 nights at the Chateau Victoria in downtown Victoria. Queen's Tea at the Empress Hotel, Burchart Gardens lit up for Christmas (includes dinner in the Butchart family home), city tour, free time to enjoy the wonderful downtown shops.

**\$2200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2360 single**

## All Aboard The Christmas Train!

3 Days • December 23-25 • 10 seats

Ride Amtrak to Reno, arriving about 4pm. Spend Christmas Eve in Virginia City. Optional late Christmas Eve Mass in Reno, 2 nights Silver Legacy

**\$1060 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1160 single**

## Mark appraises (and buys) old US, Canadian and some foreign coins.

If you have a collection of coins dated before 1965, government-issued proof or commemorative coins, or just a box left or given to you by a relative, find out if you have any treasures. Perhaps you need an estate appraisal. Bring your coins to the office, or for larger collections, Mark can come to you. Let that bag of coins which has been sitting in the closet forever help pay for your next travel adventure! Call for an appointment, ask for **May** or **Mark**.



# New Tours & Teasers

## The Annual Tournament of Roses Parade: A California Tradition

3 Days • December 30 – January 1, 2022

The Tournament of Roses Parade with its elaborate floats, exhilarating marching bands and equestrian units is the ultimate SoCal New Years Day tradition! Experience it all from your reserved seating. Visit the float construction pavilion, tour and taste at the LA Farmer's Market, glimpse Hollywood magic at Paramount Studios and dine on Santa Monica Pier. Celebrate with a New Years buffet dinner and raise a toast to the NYC ball drop! Been on your list? Why not make it 2022?

**\$1745 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1915/ p.p. single**

## A San Diego Salute to Vienna

3 Days • December 31, January 2, 2022

Attend the sensational international New Years tradition, *A Salute to Vienna*, in sunny San Diego! Avoid a long flight and frigid European winter to enjoy rousing Strauss waltzes, energetic dancing, dazzling ball gowns and hilarity mixed with just the right amount of culture. Relax at your downtown waterside accommodations adjacent to shopping and dining. Board a harbor cruise, tour Coronado Island to see the training base of the US Navy Seals and a decadent brunch at the famed Hotel del Coronado. A city trolley tour ends in Old Town for a colorful fiesta lunch. Start 2022 off on the right foot! Count: 1,2,3 – 1,2,3 – 1,2,3 – spin!

**\$1995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2260 p.p. single**

## Westminster Dog Show in NYC

January 2022

Since 1877 the World's Greatest City has been hosting the World's Greatest Dog Show, the Westminster Dog Show. In a **Sports Leisure** first, come be your own judge of the Best in Show or purely for the cuteness overload! Stay in the heart of Times Square, enjoy light touring, great meals and a Broadway performance. It's the excitement of the city with a softer, cuddly side. Dates and pricing to be announced. Add your name to the **Priority Notification List** to learn more about it first!

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# Daycations & Theatre Outings

## Picnic in the Big Trees

Thursday, September 23

Travel up into the cooler temperatures of the mountains and enjoy the beauty of the majestic big trees of Calaveras State Park. You'll learn all about the forest during a "stump" talk with one of the docents, take a stroll through the ancient Sequoias and feast on a picnic lunch served *al fresco*. The majesty of the big trees is something every Californian should experience. Here's your chance! **\$106**

## Oakdale Chocolate Festival

Saturday, September 25

Celebrate a delicious annual tradition with a visit to the Oakdale Chocolate Festival featuring over 200 vendors showcasing their crafts and specialty items. There's even a classic car show! Chocolate Avenue has something to delight everyone's taste buds. We will be ending our day with another flavorful stop at the Oakdale Cheese and Specialties Shop. **\$95**

## Cache Creek Casino

Tuesday, September 28

Lady Luck is on your side with a 4-hour stay including \$20 in slot play. You must be a member of the Cache Club, Cache Creek's rewards program, to receive the bonus. There will be an opportunity to sign up if you aren't already registered. A California-issued ID is required. Don't forget to bring your Cache Club card if you already have one. **\$75**

## Welcome to "The Rock"

Featuring infamous Alcatraz Island

Wednesday, September 29

The sights and sounds of Alcatraz come alive during your time at "The Rock," serving as first a military prison, then a federal penitentiary from the 1850s to 1963. Your visit includes an informative audio tour incorporating the actual voices of past residents of the island – both prisoners and guards. You will also have some free time for lunch at Pier 39. **\$126**

## Manteca's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Fair

Saturday, October 2

Meander the streets of downtown Manteca lined with up to 200 crafters and vendors. Don't miss the popular Pumpkin Contest, Music Stage and Beer Garden. A vast array of pumpkins will be available for you to take home. San Joaquin County farmers produce roughly 75% of the pumpkins marketed for the fall festivities and culinary needs of the West Coast. An early dinner is served at the popular Canal Street Grill in Ripon on the way home. **\$125**

## Fleet Day on the Bay

Saturday, October 9 or

Sunday, October 10

This all-American celebration features a scenic and scrumptious champagne buffet aboard a Hornblower vessel in honor of Fleet Day in San Francisco. The two-hour cruise is scheduled to be on the water during the overhead aerobatics offered by the thrilling US Navy's *Blue Angels*. Military ships and countless private craft just add to the spectacle. At once memorable and patriotic, this is a special day designed to honor our military and celebrate their service. Please note we cannot be responsible for schedule changes or the appearance of military ships or planes. **\$198**

## Jesus Christ Superstar

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, October 13

The celebrated revival of the rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice returns to open Broadway San Francisco's '21/'22 season. First staged on Broadway in 1971, the story is loosely based on Gospel accounts of the last week of Jesus's life including political and interpersonal struggles between Judas Iscariot and Jesus that are not present in the Bible. Truly an opera, the entire story is told through song with no spoken lyrics including the emotional ballad sung by Mary Magdalene, "I Don't Know How to Love Him." A light boxed lunch is served on the way to the matinee

performance with time after the show for dinner on your own at Pier 39. **\$193**

## Something New at Apple Hill

Tuesday, October 26

We are excited to feature a new stop on our annual Apple Hill adventure. We will visit Apple Ridge Farms for shopping and lunch this year. While there take a short and scenic nature walk, visit the bake shop and don't forget the country store. We will end our day with stops at Hill Top and Fudge Factory Farms. If you have a sweet tooth this daycation is for you! **\$103**

## Fall in the Sierra

Thursday, October 28

Breathtaking fall and natural scenery are yours as we travel along picturesque Highway 88 through Hope Valley, an avenue of shimmering aspens. Lunch is included at the Carson Country Club in Gardnerville, NV. We'll also make a quick stop at Especially for You Boutique, a **SLV** favorite. We will return on US 50 through the Tahoe Basin to sneak-a-peak of more fall colors and stunning lake and mountain views along the way. **\$119**

## Dear San Francisco: A High-Flying Love Story

Saturday, November 13

Coming to the theater that was home to *Beach Blanket Babylon* for over three decades, Club Fugazi hosts a modern circus show on the stage, created expressly to pay homage to The City by The Bay. Be one of the first to see this brand new show. No-host dinner at the wharf. **\$159**

## COVID 19 Reminders:

You must have proof of vaccination or testing (within 3 days of the trip) to board the bus. We regret there can be no exceptions to this rule. Also, as of Sept. 1, we are no longer blocking seats on the coach. On Day Trips, we will be selling the coach to capacity. Also, the surcharge we added when we couldn't fill the bus is gone from prices after Sept. 1.





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### EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT COUPON

Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Friday, August 20, 2021**; or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount you must pay in full with ten days of registration. If you accept this option the monies paid (less a \$20 administrative fee), including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you if you cancel more than 60 days prior to departure for US and Canadian tours, or 75 days prior for International tours, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Inside the time limits noted above restrictions on refunds apply. See the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for complete details.

- Dec. – Tournament of Roses Parade – **Save \$40**
- Dec. – A San Diego Salute to Vienna – **Save \$50**
- Apr. – Fixin' Up Texas – **Save \$75**

### Save \$10–\$40 per person on Cancellation Protection

Valid only when used with the adjacent coupon on the tours listed. **Your savings depend on the double-occupancy price of the tour. Save \$10** on tours priced from \$451-\$800, **Save \$20** on tours priced from \$801-\$2250, **Save \$30** on tours priced from \$2251-\$3500, **Save \$40** on tours priced at \$3501 or more. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour.

### TOUR UPDATE...

#### Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Reno Balloon Festival | Winter in Yellowstone           |
| Niagara Falls #1 & #2 | Alaska's Aurora Borealis        |
| ABQ Balloon Fiesta    | Candy-Covered Christmas Mystery |
| Epicurious?           | A Mystery You Will Be Talking   |
| Maui/Kauai            | About #1 & #2                   |
| Bonjour Quebec        |                                 |

**Temporary Office Hours:**  
**9:00am – 3:00pm Monday – Friday**  
**Closed weekends and major holidays**

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### COVID and other updates...

We hesitate to write anything about COVID, because the situation is changing regularly. That said, **as of July 12, here is an update.**

**Masks on the Bus:** There is a long discussion as to whether or not a tour group on a charter bus is **public transportation**. Of course, on public transportation, you are required to wear a mask until September 11. The **Sports Leisure** policy is, **if everyone on the bus is fully vaccinated**, wearing a mask on the bus is optional. If everyone is not fully vaccinated, masks are required.

**Masks off the Bus:** Many of the places we visit are still requiring masks. We are encouraging our travelers to be smart. The vaccines are working well, but they are no guarantee. Anyone wishing to wear a mask while traveling has my full support.

**Temperatures & Hand Sanitizing:** We are still encouraging travelers to wash their hands often. We have dropped the temperature checks on the road.

**Hotels:** Housekeeping is generally by request only, and last week Hilton announced daily housekeeping will not return, except at their luxury brands. Self-serve breakfasts are slowly returning.

**In General:** Booking restaurants and attractions for groups continues to be a challenge. It is not uncommon these days to get a call from the place you are having dinner at the next evening, telling you they cannot service your group. Not enough help. The entire industry is plagued by this fact right now. If you are traveling now, it requires **patience** and **understanding**. If those aren't your strong points, best to stay off the road for now. – **Mark**