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Nature & Cultural Journeys
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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**ON A GASTRONOMICAL ADVENTURE TO
CALIFORNIA**

WINE & FOOD IN THE GOLDEN STATE

JULY 24 TO 31, 2015



CULINARY CALIFORNIA ~ AN OVERVIEW

California is a world unto itself. One can travel from its soft white sand beaches to lofty mountain peaks in a matter of hours. Its rich and fertile soil provides sustenance for the cornucopia of fresh fruits and vegetables that provide inspiration for the culinary creativity that makes the golden State so special. This is manifested in the iconoclastic bent of San Francisco's enterprising restaurateurs who entice and seduce the palate from storefront and customized food truck.

The Great Central Valley stretches for 500 miles north to south and separates the bustling coastal region of California from its majestically peaked hinterlands. Traveling through this bountiful lowland, you will have the opportunity to sample and purchase fresh from the farm produce, while anticipating the singular beauty of Lake Tahoe. Drink in the fresh mountain air on a morning lake paddle and feed your culinary curiosity with a cooking class at one of the area's preeminent restaurants.

Now that your eyes have feasted upon the natural beauty of the highlands, it is time to further satiate the palate with a drive to Napa. This lush valley boasts some 400 wineries with a bounty of varietals ranging from a light fruity Chardonnay to a deep robust Zinfandel. Pair your preference with a fine locally cultivated cheese to place an exclamation point on a tasting worthy of Bacchus. This trip is sure to be revelry for the senses!



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 24

SAN FRANCISCO

"No city invites the heart to come to life as San Francisco does. Arrival in San Francisco is an experience in living."

-- William Saroyan, Pulitzer Prize Winner for Drama

Welcome to San Francisco! Upon arrival, transfer to the Stanford Court Hotel, where you will enjoy your welcome dinner. This upscale 4-star hotel is located right in the heart of San Francisco within a few blocks of Union Square, Chinatown, North Beach, and Fisherman's Wharf. Located atop historic Nob Hill only steps from the historic cable cars, this hotel offers spacious and elegant guestrooms furnished with comfortable beds, elegant marbled bathrooms and amenities including the fully equipped fitness center, high-speed internet access, and air conditioning. These luxury accommodations will make you feel pampered and right at home.

Overnight at the STANFORD COURT HOTEL. (D) <http://www.stanfordcourt.com/Accommodations>



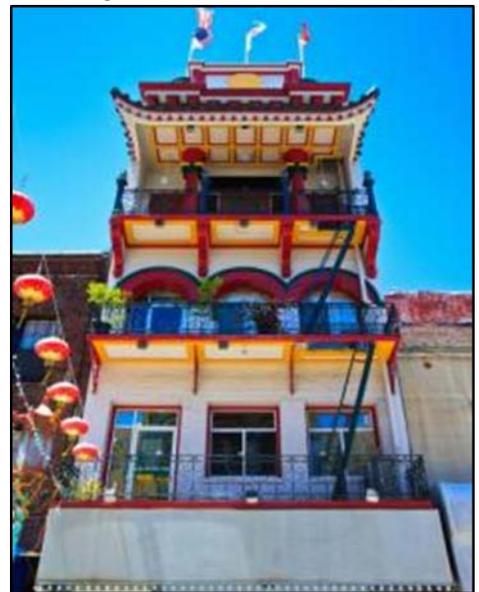
DAY 2 ~ SATURDAY ~ JULY 25

SAN FRANCISCO WALKING TOUR

Awake and take in breakfast at your hotel. Eat heartily, for today's tour of San Francisco will be on foot, beginning with Union Square. Named for union rallies that took place here during the civil war, this most urban of public spaces is still a center of civic activity and hosts concerts, city celebrations and true to its origins, occasional protests. About its perimeter lie purveyors of culture and luxury, from art galleries to the indulgent shopping available at Neiman Marcus. Enjoy a fresh espresso complimented by a *dolce* (sweet) at the square's Italian bistro while taking in the mercurial atmosphere that characterizes this hub of pan pacific commerce.

From the humming Union Square you walk to China Town, with its temples, pagoda roofs, and the wafting of enticing scents that emanate from ornately decorated restaurant fronts. This lively world within a world is a lasting monument to the importance of Chinese immigrants to the fabric of this diverse city. Here you are transported to distant Asian marketplaces where you can purchase jade, intricately decorated lacquered keepsakes or herbs from one of the apothecaries that specialize in traditional Chinese remedies.

Next you will walk to North Beach, the birthplace of baseball legend Joe DiMaggio and the delectable seafood stew known as *cioppino*. This stew don in the Mediterranean tradition, features Dungeness crab, clams, mussels, squid and a catch of the day fish which are simmered in a tomato and wine base. Try this delicious restorative with a freshly baked San Francisco sourdough roll. Finish off the meal with a creamy gelato, and afterward, stop in and experience the birth of cool at the famous Beatnik book store and publishing house, City Lights.



Your exploration of the city culminates with an excursion on the slate blue waters of the San Francisco Bay. This large protected harbor is why cities emerged around its shores and why this region is known as The Bay Area. While on your sail, you will be treated to inspiring views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the iconic city skyline. You will pass by the brooding Alcatraz Island, that once housed infamous gangsters Al Capone and Mickey Cohen. Glide past Sausalito as the

city lights up for the evening. Pull into the slip at Pier 39 where you will be free to pursue a culinary adventure of your own devising, sampling from the generous variety of food vendors on the pier. Overnight at the STANFORD COURT HOTEL. (B, L)

DAY 3 ~ SUNDAY ~ JULY 26 NEVADA CITY/LAKE TAHOE

From the frenetic urbanity of San Francisco you drive east toward the serenity of Lake Tahoe, high in the Sierra Nevada. Your journey will take you through California's Salad Bowl, the great central valley. There are fruit stands along the way which feature farm fresh produce perfect for a light nutritious snack. Traveling across the flat of the valley you start your climb toward Tahoe through the piedmont, known as Gold Country.



In this rolling country, gold was discovered in 1848 which precipitated the great gold rush of 1849 and, ultimately, California statehood. You will stop in Nevada City, a historic and charming gold country town up the aptly named Highway 49, for lunch and exploration. Far removed from the busy course of the interstate, Nevada City offers a quiet, leisurely opportunity to delve into the history behind the name. The downtown district is a National Historic Landmark, with shops and eateries whose décor and architecture will transport you back to the 19th century. Enjoy an afternoon meal at a place of your choosing and relish in the fine art of time travel.

After a full day of exploring, check into the Cedar House Sport Hotel near Truckee, your home for the next three nights. Situated in the lush forests, the hotel's comfortable rooms are a mix of the eclectic and the organic. The Cedar House, a cozy mountain cabin, evokes a strikingly relaxed feeling and genuine sentiment that speaks directly from the heart of Tahoe. A quiet courtyard is the perfect spot to take a break with a glass of wine. Conclude your day with a dinner at Stella, the

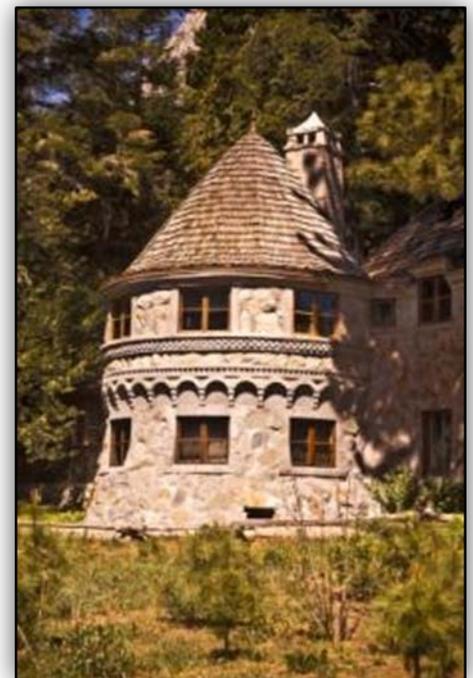
hotel's avant-garde restaurant (at your own leisure).
Overnight at the CEDAR HOUSE SPORT HOTEL. (B)
www.cedarhousesporthotel.com
Travel times/distances: 200 miles/3.5 hours

DAY 4 ~ MONDAY ~ JULY 27 LAKE TAHOE/EMERALD BAY/VIKINGSHOLM/FANNETTE ISLAND

"As it lay there with the shadows of the mountains brilliantly photographed upon its still surface I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole earth affords."

-- Mark Twain

Today will be spent in the clear open air of Tahoe. Begin with an invigorating morning paddle in a kayak around Emerald Bay which is protected within the Emerald Bay National Park. Photographic opportunities abound here, from the lofty peaks that surround the lake to the clear water of the bay that appears as emerald blue from the shore. You will be treated to a picnic lunch and then a tour of Vikingsholm. This robust 38-room mansion was built as a summer home in 1929 by Lora Knight who financed Charles Lindberg's historic Trans-Atlantic flight. The mansion reflects Mrs. Knight's deep appreciation of Scandinavian architecture with hand-carved wood details throughout. Take to the bay again, and paddle to Fannette Island, the only island in Lake Tahoe, where you will find the romantic ruin of the Tea Room. As the day draws to an end and the crisp mountain evening lies





ahead, enjoy dinner at a place of your choosing. The Cedar House features the excellent Stella's, but if you hear South Shore calling your name, there are quality alternatives to be had elsewhere.

Overnight at the CEDAR HOUSE SPORT HOTEL. (B, L)

DAY 5 ~ TUESDAY ~ JULY 28

LAKE TAHOE

Today you will be privy to some of the tricks of the culinary art when you embark on a gastronomic journey with Jacob Burton, Executive Chef at Stella's. You will begin by shopping for locally grown produce and locally cultivated cheeses and meats. Once you have sourced the raw materials, you will be shown how to prepare them, acquiring new techniques for enhancing the flavor and complementing

the character of the ingredients. Chef Burton's ongoing educational website provides an opportunity for you to hone your skills prior to the trip. (<https://stellaculinary.com>)

This evening, embark on a hike for a picnic dinner. Along the way, you will forage for edible flora and fauna to enjoy with your picnic. Return to the hotel at sunset.

Overnight at the CEDAR HOUSE SPORT HOTEL. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JULY 29

NAPA VALLEY~CALISTOGA

This morning depart Lake Tahoe for the Napa Valley, where you will continue your gastronomic adventure in a region that is responsible for four percent of California's total wine production and features eateries that rise to the task of complementing the variety and quality of locally made wines. Here you can satiate your palate and your body with a good meal, good wine and a visit to the therapeutic spas that dot the landscape. Enjoy lunch at a place of your choosing once you reach this vernal dale and perhaps stop for a sample at one of the many tasting rooms that abound here.

Move on to Calistoga, long lauded for the unique qualities of its water. The prevailing anecdote regarding the origin of the name concerns a colorful character in California history, entrepreneur and pioneer Sam Brennan. When considering the natural hot springs located here, Brennan opined that this would be the "Saratoga of California" only it came out "Calistoga of Sarafornia". The name stuck, and the establishment of spas ensued. While in the area, visit the nearby geyser known as "Old Faithful of California". Stick around for 30 minutes and watch as the geyser dramatically propels thousands of gallons of water to heights of 60-100 feet. The bursting water can reach temperatures of 350 degrees as it leaves the ground but the air born water cools dramatically as it returns earthward.

Calistoga is also a foodie and wine lover's paradise. There are many vineyards and restaurants known for their good food, good wine and comfortable atmosphere. Wineries range from the boutique Cabernet of Zahtila Vineyards to the Italian varietals of the spectacular Castello di Amorosa. Bring your purchases to dinner, for many restaurants in the area permit you to do just this. Try JoLê, a contemporary American style restaurant that takes a farm to table approach to the eclectic menu by using locally sourced organic ingredients whenever possible. Located in downtown Calistoga, this culinary concern is owned by a husband and wife team, and its name is derived from the names of their two children, Joe and Lee.



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In the evening, check into the Mount View Hotel & Spa in Calistoga, a Zagat-rated Hotel and Spa. The property features luxury suites, private cottages and an award-winning spa to inspire rejuvenation and relaxation, as well as a pool, mineral whirlpool and wine tasting opportunities. Enjoy dinner at your own leisure.

Overnight at the MOUNT VIEW HOTEL & SPA. (B) <http://mountviewhotel.com/>

Travel times/distances: 190 miles/3.5 hours

DAY 7 ~ THURSDAY ~ JULY 30

CALISTOGA/FRANCISCAN ESTATE WINERY/CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

This morning you are at leisure to take in a spa treatment, book a hot air balloon ride for a bird's eye view of the area, or just sit back and take in the charm that is Calistoga.

Your edification continues this afternoon with a lesson in wine making at the venerable Franciscan Estate Winery. Founded in 1972, Franciscan has produced well-crafted wines for over 30 years. Their Magnificat is one of the first Meritage blends to be produced on the Napa Valley.

Tonight you will join your fellow travelers at the Culinary Institute of America, CIA, for a farewell dinner. Located on the St. Helena Highway, this is the west coast campus for one of the world's premier culinary schools. In this hotbed of culinary creativity, skills are sharpened and palates refined in pursuit of cooking excellence.

Overnight at the MOUNT VIEW HOTEL & SPA. (B, D)



DAY 8 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 31

MUIR WOODS/SAUSALITO/SAN FRANCISCO/DEPARTURE



This morning you depart Calistoga and make your way toward San Francisco. On your drive, you will stop at Muir Woods, one of the last stands of old growth redwoods in the Bay Area. Established as a national monument by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908, it is home to trees that sprouted up when the Magna Carta was signed 800 years ago and some of which reach a height of 250 feet. Well marked and level paths through the cathedral like groves provide ample opportunity to take in the majesty of these venerable giants.

Lunch will be in the quaint bayside community of Sausalito situated near the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge. Established initially as a fishing village and a retreat for wealthy yachtsmen, it has become an affluent artistic enclave. It is a floating community as it is home to some 245 houseboats each with its own distinctive character.

From Sausalito you head to San Francisco and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, which connects the Marin headlands to the tip of the San Francisco peninsula. It spans the distance under which the Pacific Ocean and the Bay meet. Snap a few pictures and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Chicago. (B,L)

Travel times/distances: 90 miles/2 hrs.

OPTIONAL POST EXTENSION TO MONTEREY, SAN SIMEON AND LOS ANGELES

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Continue South down Highway 1. Sit back and appreciate this exhilarating driving experience, savoring the hairpin turns and scenic views from the best place possible – the passengers' seats. Arrive in Monterey, which was once the capital of California (under three flags no less: Spanish, Mexican and US). This evening, check into the Hyatt Regency where you will stay two nights. The Hyatt counts a 24-hour gym, full service day spa and numerous jogging trails among its many amenities. This evening, test the knowledge of the Les Clefs d'Or Concierge, and enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight at the HYATT REGENCY. (B,L) <http://monterey.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Travel times/distances: 120 miles/ 2.5 hrs

DAY 9 ~ SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 1

MONTEREY

Begin your day with a 2 ½ -3 hour whale watching tour on Monterey Bay. With any luck you may see a pod of gray whales or the dolphins that frequent the area! You'll continue your day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where you can view exhibits on jelly fish, the giant Pacific octopus and sea otters, who actually serve as companions or mentors to other stranded otters as part of the Aquarium's Sea Otter Research and Conservation program. This afternoon, explore Cannery Row. What was once a collection of sardine canneries, now serves as the main tourist attraction in the newer section of town. Enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight at the HYATT REGENCY (B)



DAY 10 ~ SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 2

MONTEREY/CARMEL/BIG SUR/SAN SIMEON

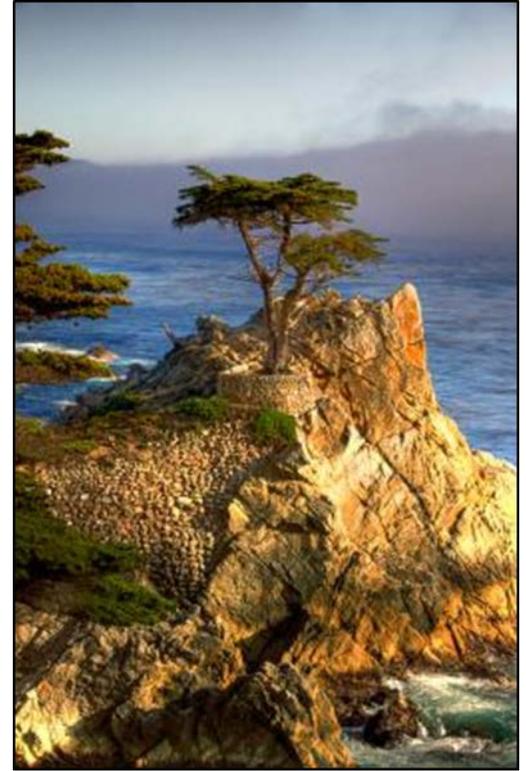
"Big Sur is the California that men dreamed of years ago, this is the Pacific that Balboa looked at from the Peak of Darien, this is the face of the earth as the Creator intended it to look."

-- Henry Miller

You will travel the picturesque stretch of road known as 17 Mile Drive that runs from Monterey to Carmel, with ample opportunities to capture images of the inspiring coast line. As you travel along Highway 1, you will pass through Big Sur, an American National Scenic Byway, known for its breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. You will stop for lunch at the Restaurant at Ventana which is known for its use of local and sustainable ingredients from California's Central Coast. After lunch, continue to the Piedras Blancas, an elephant seal rookery. From March to mid-September these large waterborne mammals use the beach to molt, where they shed old hair and skin and replace it with new. Juvenile seals may be seen jousting, but for the most part, they lay about, relaxing and soaking in the California sun.

Upon arrival in San Simeon, you check into The Morgan Hotel. This boutique hotel sits right along Highway 1 and makes for a comfortable place for you to stay. Check out their wine bar or walk to one of the local restaurants, as dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight at THE MORGAN HOTEL. (B,L) <http://www.hotel-morgan.com/>
Travel times/distances: 200 miles/ 3.5 hrs.



DAY 11 ~ MONDAY ~ AUGUST 3

SAN SIMEON/SAN LUIS OBISPO/SANTA BARBARA/LOS ANGELES



This morning tour the Hearst Castle. This stunning architectural achievement is the product of a 28-year partnership between newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst and architect Julia Morgan. Called *La Cuesta Encantata* or *Enchanted Hill* by Hearst, it boasts some 165 rooms, 127 acres of gardens, terraces, and walkways. Much of the design was meant to complement and display Hearst's considerable art collection. Hearst left the residence in 1947 due to failing health and construction drew to a trickle and eventually halted altogether. Despite the splendor of the grounds, it was never completely finished.

En route to Los Angeles, stop to take in the quaint town of Santa Barbara, visiting Stearns Wharf and the Santa Barbara Harbor.

Check into Hotel Angeleno, a boutique hotel at the crossroads of Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and UCLA. Enjoy dinner on your own perhaps at West Restaurant, which offers seasonally-inspired cuisine, boutique wines and 200 degree views of the city.

Overnight at the HOTEL ANGELENO. (B) <http://www.hotelangeleno.com/>
Travel times/distances: 220 miles/ 4 hrs.

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DAY 12 ~ TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 4

LOS ANGELES

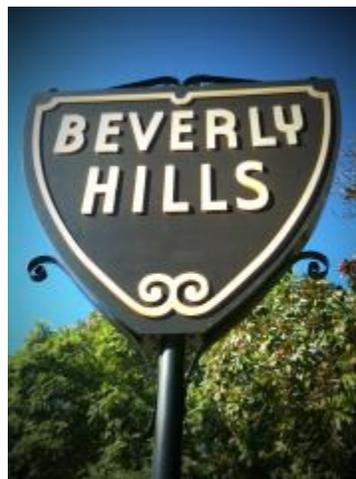
Enjoy a tour of the Getty Museum which began as the private collection of oil billionaire J. Paul Getty. Now known for its stunning architecture and numerous exhibits and collections, the museum is a must-see during your stay in Los Angeles. Later this afternoon, take in famous sights including the shopping on Rodeo Drive, the Hollywood Sign, and Grauman's Chinese Theater during your tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Finish your day on the beach or the pier in Santa Monica, where you will enjoy a farewell dinner.

Overnight at the HOTEL ANGELENO. (B,D)

DAY 13 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ AUGUST 5

DEPART LOS ANGELES

After breakfast, depart for the Los Angeles Airport for your return flight home.



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INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodation at hotels as indicated in the itinerary (or similar).
- All meals as specified in itinerary.
- Services of driver/guide throughout the tour.
- Enrichment lecturer with 15 travelers.
- All Park and admission fees.
- All applicable hotel taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airfare from home city.
- Meals other than those specified and all beverages.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to driver/guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,
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CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.



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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: SAN FRANCISCO, NEVADA CITY, LAKE TAHOE, VIKINGSHOLM, FANNETTE ISLAND, NAPA VALLEY, CALISTOGA, MUIR WOODS, SAUSALITO; POST EXTENSION TO MONTEREY, CARMEL, BIG SUR, SAN SIMEON, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SANTA BARBARA & LOS ANGELES.

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COSTS: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$3,695 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,295 PER PERSON	\$695 PER PERSON

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: University of Illinois Alumni Association, EXPLORERS Travel Program, Illini Center, 2nd Floor, 200 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure -**April 20, 2015** - you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by our suppliers.

NOT INCLUDED: Excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For guests who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your arrival in California.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. Tips to driver/guide are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure: deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour cost.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

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CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to California. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

Information regarding insurance will be sent directly from the university after receipt of reservation form.



RESERVATION FORM: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-CALIFORNIA 15NAL0724/ILLINOIS

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Wine and Culinary Tour of California departing on July 24, 2015. Cost is \$3,695 per person, double occupancy, land only.

Final payment due date is **April 20, 2015**.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to University of Illinois Alumni Association, EXPLORERS Travel Program, Illini Center, 2nd Floor, 200 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 OR Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only

Please return credit card authorization form by mail to the University of Illinois Alumni Association

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the University of Illinois Alumni Association or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$1,295 for the main trip \$695 for the Southern California post extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,195 for the Southern California post extension

All rates quoted are based on tariffs in effect as of April 25, 2014, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____ Invoice # _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

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Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure: deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour cost.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.