

ADVENTURES TO GO

CARE-FREE TRAVEL FOR AGES 50 PLUS

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Register early! Trips fill quickly. Waitlists available.
All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.



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ADVENTURES TO GO – GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Availability: All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Waitlists are created once trips fill; those on the waitlist are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

Senior Center Registration Form: Travelers are required to complete a Senior Center registration form and sign a liability release each calendar year prior to participation in the *Adventures to Go* travel program.

Trip Attendance: Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

Refund Policy:

- **Day/Extended Trips** – Please choose wisely. Refunds will ONLY be provided when a replacement can be found from the ATG trip waitlist, through the procedures outlined under “Traveler Replacement” in the Guidelines for Use, or the trip is cancelled by the Senior Center.
- **Travel Insurance** – The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance, especially for extended trips. Check online at: <http://www.insuremytrip.com>, with Kanen Tours, AAA, or an insurance provider of your preference.

Trip/Meal Substitutions: Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary. Hosted meals may be modified at the discretion of the restaurant.

Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs: Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should contact the Travel Administrator.

Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off: Trips leave from and return to the old police station parking lot, near the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Civic Center Drive, in Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in; 30 minutes for overnight trips. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. *Please note:* During a trip, if a situation (urgent or non-urgent) arises where you are unable to meet-up with your "travel group" at the pre-designated time and place identified by the tour escort(s), it will be your responsibility and expense to make arrangements to get yourself home. This would also apply to any other traveler who may decide to stay with you. A tour escort is not able to stay behind with you for any situation that may occur.

Gratuities: Trip fees include a modest gratuity for the driver of the motor coach and servers at hosted meals. When you experience exceptional service, you may choose to tip an additional amount. City of Santa Clara employees and tour escorts cannot accept gratuities.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): For more information, please see page 10.



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ADVENTURES TO GO – TRIP INFORMATION

Trip availability can change from day to day.

Contact the Senior Center office for registration information at (408) 615-3170.

**Book of Mormon
\$183 per person**

No. 51440

Sunday, January 5

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long period of sitting. Eat before arrival or bring a lunch to eat on the motor coach. No lunch or stop for lunch provided.

The Book of Mormon is coming back to San Francisco by popular demand and is the hottest ticket in town. This religious satire musical follows two young Mormon missionaries sent to a remote village in northern Uganda, where a brutal war lord is threatening the local population. The naïve and optimistic missionaries try to share the Book of Mormon, one of their scriptures – which only one of them has read – but have trouble connecting with the locals who are more concerned about their lives than religion. *The New York Times* calls it “the best musical of this century.” *Entertainment Weekly* says it’s “the funniest musical of all time.” See for yourself from our orchestra seating at the Orpheum Theatre. This Broadway phenomenon from *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone won nine Tony Awards® including Best Musical in 2011. Please note: The show contains very explicit language and subject matter that some may find offensive.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:45 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

**Exploratorium
\$97 per person**

No. 51446

Thursday, January 16

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

Experience the wonders of San Francisco’s Exploratorium in its new home on Pier 15 in the center of the city’s new waterfront development. With triple the space and breathtaking views, the new museum is sure to impress. Prior to your visit at the Exploratorium enjoy a hosted lunch at Fog Harbor Fish House at Pier 39. Entrée choices are Fish & Chips, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, and Cheeseburger. Meals include Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie for dessert and Coffee.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

**Thunder Valley Casino
\$41 per person**

No. 51618

Tuesday, January 28

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

We’re traveling to the Thunder Valley Casino & Resort in Lincoln, offering over 144,500 square feet of gaming excitement. Enjoy a drink or delicious cuisine served at one of the 14 bars and restaurants on the premises. Receive a \$10 slot play and \$5 food credit that can be used at many of the dining facilities. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards.

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Love Letters

No. 51619

Sunday, February 9

\$112 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking and sitting.

Join us this Valentines' season for a production of A.R. Gurney's Love Letters at the Coastal Rep in Half Moon Bay. Through this Pulitzer-nominated script, a 50-year relationship is explored between troubled Melissa Gardner and go-getting Andrew Makepeace Ladd III as a series of letters written to each other throughout their separated lives. You'll have the opportunity to experience performances by some of the most well-loved, real-life Coastal Rep theatre couples of the last 20 years. Prior to the performance, we will also enjoy a hosted Sunday brunch at the ocean side Miramar Beach Restaurant. Menu choices include: French Toast, Classic Eggs Benedict, and the Miramar Omelet (with crab and shrimp). Meal includes: fresh-squeezed orange juice and choice of coffee or tea.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Georgia O'Keeffe & Pier 39

No. 51620

Thursday, February 20

\$73 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

This extraordinary exhibition at the de Young Museum will explore the range of work O'Keeffe produced in the Lake George area of New York. The exhibit includes magnified botanical compositions inspired by the flowers and vegetables that she grew in her garden and telescopic views of leaves that are based on the variety of trees that grew around Lake George. Architectural subjects include abstracted paintings of the weathered barns and buildings on the Alfred Stieglitz property and panoramic landscape views of the lake and surrounding hills that influenced her subsequent work in New Mexico. Afterwards, we will visit Pier 39, for a no-host lunch and Tulipmania, which comes alive with the vibrant colors of thousands of blooming tulips and seasonal garden favorites throughout both levels of the pier.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:15 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

Cache Creek Casino

No. 51837

Tuesday, February 25

\$43 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

We're traveling to Cache Creek Casino in the City of Brooks. Cache Creek features over 2,400 slot machines and 122 table games, including a 14-table Poker Room. You'll have approximately 5 hours to gamble and enjoy a no-host lunch at one of the 8 restaurants on the premises. Receive a \$10 free play and \$5 food credit that can be used at many of the dining facilities. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards. Bonuses are subject to change without notice.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

THANK YOU!

The staff, travel escorts, and volunteers of the Adventures to Go program wish to thank all of our travelers for a successful 2013. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to seeing you again in 2014!

Happy Holidays from Adventures to Go



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Cirque du Soleil AMALUNA

No. 51621

Sunday, March 2

\$114 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 15 min. drive each way; extended periods of sitting. Please eat before arriving. No lunch or lunch stop provided.

Cirque du Soleil is coming to San Jose! Amaluna invites audiences to an island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. In the wake of a storm, a group of young men lands on the island, triggering an epic, emotional story of love between the queen's daughter and a brave young suitor. The couple must face demanding trials and overcome daunting setbacks before they can achieve mutual trust, faith, and harmony. Enjoy a Sunday matinee, in the Grand Chapiteau, with accessible seats and a great view of the production.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 12:00 PM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*



A Tangled Web We Weave

No. 51622

Saturday, March 8

\$85 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; extended periods of sitting.

Don't miss this year's production of *A Tangled Web We Weave*, Buddha's Universal Church's annual luncheon and show. Experience an afternoon in Ancient China. Enjoy humorous wit in bilingual prose and song, glittering Chinese operatic costumes, playful forest animals, a graceful imperial dance, exciting kung fu, and an elaborate traditional Chinese wedding. Before the performance, we'll enjoy a hosted family-style luncheon at Four Seas Restaurant in Chinatown, San Francisco. Our special menu will include 10 traditional Chinese dishes and hot tea.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Canepa Motorsports Museum & Crow's Nest

No. 51838

Thursday, March 13

\$80 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and sitting.

Join us for a visit to Canepa Design in Scotts Valley. This is unlike any car collection or shop you may have visited before. The front doors open to a sales showroom featuring exotic and classic cars, along with a collection of historical race cars from all over the world. Next, we'll head into the Motorsports Museum featuring an astounding collection of vintage race cars. We'll learn about the process that creates these magnificent machines, and the state of the art restoration techniques, maintenance, and detailing. Afterward we are headed to the Crow's Nest for a hosted lunch. The menu includes a house salad with Bay Shrimp, entrée choice of Black Angus Sirloin Steak, Chef's Seafood Special of the Day, or Butternut Squash Ravioli. Sorbet for dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage is included. After lunch enjoy free time at the harbor to view the boats, sit on the beach and visit the shops.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.*



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Black Oak Casino

No. 51839

Tuesday, March 18

\$43 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive each way; long periods of sitting.

Black Oak Casino is located 8 miles east of Sonora in Tuolumne. The casino encompasses 164,000+ square feet of gaming and entertainment options for everyone. Choose from 1300 of today's most popular slot machines, 25 table games, poker, five bars, four restaurants, a 24 Lane Brunswick Bowling Center, and a gift shop. Black Oak Casino offers the largest smoke-free gaming area in California. Bonuses of \$10 Free Play and \$5 Food Credit upon arrival. Please bring your Players Club card and your government-issued photo ID. Bonuses are subject to change without notice.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Spring Training & Sedona

No. 51448

Friday-Tuesday, March 21-25

Per person: \$1469 double occupancy and \$1794 single occupancy

A deposit of \$200 per person required at time of registration; balance due January 8, 2014.

Check payments only, made payable to On Tour Trust.

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – flight approx. 2 hours each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Be prepared for warm weather. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to the travelers approximately 2 weeks prior to the trip.

We're flying to Arizona for Spring Training in Scottsdale. We'll attend 2 Giants games and get a close-up look at the players! There is no better place for fans to gather, wear their team colors, and talk about their favorite teams. We will spend 4 nights in deluxe accommodations at the Chapparal Suites, located near Old Town in Scottsdale. Our hosted meals will include 4 breakfasts and nightly happy hour at the hotel, lunch at the Camelback Inn and in Uptown Sedona, and dinner at the Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse. We will spend a day in Sedona where you will enjoy a guided trolley tour of town and have time to explore shops offering Native American crafts. There will be time to explore Scottsdale in the evenings. We will visit the Botanical Gardens in Phoenix offering one of the world's foremost collections of desert plant species. Trip fee includes private transfer to and from Santa Clara, round trip flight from San Francisco, deluxe motor coach transportation, tax & gratuity for all included features, including driver and sky cap. A proposed itinerary is available at the Senior Center. Please note: The order of the activities and times may change due to flight times and Cactus League schedule.

Stanford University & Cantor Arts

No. 51840

Thursday, April 3

\$69 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 30 min. drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

History is right around the corner with this exciting trip to Stanford University. Enjoy a docent-led tour of the Cantor Arts Center, Memorial Church, and Hoover Tower. The Cantor Arts Center's diverse collections span continents, cultures, and 5,000 years of art history and include one of the largest presentations of Rodin bronzes outside Paris. The Memorial Church stands at the center of campus and is the University's crown jewel. It was one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West. We'll visit the observation platform on the 14th story of the Hoover Tower. Step off the elevator and enjoy vistas of campus and, on a clear day, sights around the Bay Area. The Tower also houses 48 bells cast in Tournai, Belgium. The largest bell is inscribed, "For Peace Alone Do I Ring." Hosted lunch at CoolEatz, located adjacent to the Cantor Arts Center, includes your choice of Ham, Turkey, or Vegetarian sandwich, bottled water, and a bakery item for dessert.

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Niles Canyon Railway

No. 51841

Sunday, April 6

\$80 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; periods of walking and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

Take a step back in time with train ride through Niles Canyon. The Niles Canyon Railway is a heritage railway running through Niles Canyon, between Sunol and the Niles district of Fremont in the East Bay. Operated by the Pacific Locomotive Association which preserves and restores historic railroad equipment to convey the importance of railroads in the development of the nation. We'll start with a hosted lunch at Bosco's Bones & Brews (named after an unofficial 'Mayor') in Sunol, take a diesel train to Niles Canyon with time to explore shops in the district, and then return to Sunol on a steam train. Lunch includes a house salad, choice of Club, Philly Cheese Steak, or California Chicken sandwiches, chef's choice dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:15 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.*

SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers

No. 51851

Thursday, April 17

\$82 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing. Seats may experience prolonged instances of sun exposure.

The San Francisco Giants end their first homestand of the season against their long-time rivals in the NL West..the Los Angeles Dodgers! We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore the area and purchase food before the game begins. We will be dropped off and picked up at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to and from our lower box seats located along left field. Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:45 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*



REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2014

As a reminder, we require updated registration forms for Adventures to Go travelers to be on file with the Senior Center. Please be prepared to update your registration form when you come in to register for a trip in 2014.



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Conservancy of Flowers & Cliff House No. 51842

Friday, April 25

\$120 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

The world-famous Cliff House is part of the Sutro Historic Landscape District and located in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Our visit will include time to visit the Cliff House gift shop located in the new Sutro wing and offers historic memorabilia, gifts, and crafts. Following lunch we'll enjoy a docent-led tour discovering the history and beauty of the Conservatory of Flowers. As you walk into one of the first buildings in Golden Gate Park, you will encounter the oldest remaining municipal wooden conservatory in the U.S., and browse about some of the most exotic-looking blooms. Hosted 3-course bistro lunch at San Francisco's Cliff House Restaurant with a choice of: Caesar Salad or Clam Chowder, Grilled Chicken Breast or Grilled Salmon, Black and White Cheesecake, and Coffee or Hot Tea.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*



Graton Casino

No. 51843

Tuesday, April 29

\$43 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

Located in Rohnert Park, Graton Resort & Casino has a commanding presence amongst rolling hills of Northern California's wine country. Graton Resort & Casino is the complete entertainment experience, featuring 144 table games, 3,000 slot machines, and live poker. Choose from nine casual and convenient eateries at Marketplace where you'll find everything from piping hot pizza, overstuffed sandwiches, and gourmet wings, to light fare with international flair, including hand rolled sushi. Plus, everyone's favorites like ice cream, Starbucks specialty coffee and more! \$5 to \$500 for new Graton Rewards players card sign-ups. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards. Bonuses are subject to change without notice.

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Pageant of the Masters

No. 51845

Tuesday-Thursday, July 22-24

\$637 Double Occupancy; \$796 Single Occupancy

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 9 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing. Blankets and binoculars are recommended for the Pageant of the Masters performance.

Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters is an extraordinary whimsical adventure as real people recreate famous works of art by posing in an outdoor amphitheater with a live orchestra, original score, live narration, intricate sets and sophisticated lighting. This visual feast and its preparatory lectures are the culmination of a program that traces Southern California's multi-cultural history through the creativity of its many peoples. The 2014 theme, "The Art Detective," will reveal how lost treasures were discovered, where crimes of passion were uncovered (or covered up) and how creative riddles were unraveled, with a gallery of great masterpieces providing the clues! The stories and revelations are sure to provide fun for everyone and be anything but elementary. We depart on Tuesday, via Royal Coach motor coach, for Newport Beach, our hotel accommodations, and a hosted, waterfront dinner. The Holiday Inn Express Newport Beach is located on historic Mariner's Mile and within walking distance to a variety of excellent restaurants, shops and entertainment venues, and, of course, the ocean! Wednesday is filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences including: the Sawdust Art Festival where you are invited to shop along sawdust-covered paths through a hand-crafted village of fine arts and superb craftsmanship, the Festival of Arts walking tour where we'll learn about mediums and processes that make each artist's works unique, hosted dinner at Tivoli Gardens, and the Pageant of the Masters evening, outdoor performance! On tour days to and from Newport Beach, rest stops will be provided for your comfort. Detailed itinerary and menu options will be provided in Spring 2014.

- *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM on Tuesday and returns at approximately 7:30 PM on Thursday.*



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Next Let's Talk Travel! Featuring A Presentation By Kanen Tours
January 22, 2014 at 12:30 PM

Let's Talk Travel! meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Mezzanine. Learn about upcoming tours. Santa Clara residents can register for newly released tours following *Let's Talk Travel*. Call (408) 615-3170 for more information.

Please note: The February ATG newsletter will be available at 1:00 PM on January 22.
Resident registration for new trips will begin at that time.
Non-residents may register beginning January 27.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) – In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable modifications in policies, procedures, and/or practices will be made as necessary to ensure full and equal access and enjoyment of all programs and activities for all individuals with a disability. In order to allow participation by individuals with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity, or related disabilities, please **DO NOT wear scented products** to programs/activities at City facilities. Contact the Santa Clara Senior Center at (408) 615-3170 with accessibility concerns specific to this facility, and the Parks and Recreation office at (408) 615-2260 for accessibility concerns regarding other parks and recreation facilities/programs. For all other ADA questions, contact the City Clerk's office at (408) 615-2220.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN 2014

San Francisco Giants vs. the Oakland A's and the San Diego Padres
San Francisco Opera – "Show Boat"
Extended Tours to Locations Throughout California

Look in upcoming Adventures to Go newsletters for more information.

**Trip destinations, dates, and fees are subject to change.*

