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Adventures to Go... **carefree travel for ages 50 plus**

May 2013 Newsletter

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**Trip descriptions are listed on the following pages.
Register early! Trips fill quickly. Waitlists available.
All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.**

Let's Talk Travel!

May 22, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Presentation: Southern Oregon Getaway

Join us and *Let's Talk Travel!* We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine. Come and learn more about upcoming tours, see travel presentations, or just to talk travel. Santa Clara residents can register for newly released tours following *Let's Talk Travel*. Call 1 (408) 615-3170 for more information.

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. Register early! Trips fill quickly! Wait lists are created once trips fill; those on the wait list 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 given when a replacement can be found from the Senior Center trip wait list or 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 any insurance provider of your choosing.

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 call 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) – 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 1 (408) 615-2220.

Adventures to Go – Trip Information

Trip availability can change from day to day. Contact the Senior Center office for registration information, 1 (408) 615-3170.

Ramona Pageant Getaway No. 49120 Saturday-Monday, May 4-6

Per person: \$628 double occupancy and \$814 single occupancy

Half the fee is due at time of registration; balance due April 12.

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 8 hour drive with a rest stop mid-way and lunch stop. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to travelers prior to the trip.

The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa has an illustrious history as a home away from home for world leaders, celebrities, and discerning travelers who seek a luxurious and classically elegant place of refuge and renewal. From its modest beginnings as a two-story adobe guest house in 1876 to its current position as an icon of breathtaking architecture, timeless beauty, and old world charm, The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa is a place where history, grandeur, and inspiration are found around every corner. Since 1923 "Ramona" has delighted audiences of all ages. Entering the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre for a performance of "Ramona" is like taking a journey back through time. The natural landscape of the Ramona Bowl remains almost as it was during that first performance, April 13, 1923. The romance and the tragedy of Ramona & Alessandro transfixes the crowd as they watch it unfold, offering a glimpse, though fictional, of the history of southern California. Tour highlights include a 2 night stay at the luxurious Mission Inn & Spa, docent led tour of the Mission Inn Museum and Property, a Welcome Banquet Dinner and shaded upper box seats with padded seating at the Ramona Festival with waitress service and a BBQ Lunch. Round trip transportation provided by Royal Coach Tours. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM on Saturday and returns at approximately 5:30 PM on Monday.*

Terracotta Warriors & Chinatown No. 49121 Thursday, May 9

ADDED TRIP: No. 49541 Tuesday, May 7

\$99 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive. Periods of walking and standing; some steps. Wear good walking shoes.

We will join San Francisco Tour Guide, Craig Smith, for a day of Chinese culture. Our first stop will be the Asian Art Museum to see the exhibit *China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy*. The exhibit features 120 rare objects from the massive tomb complex of China's first emperor. The centerpiece of the exhibit is 10 of the 8,000 extraordinary life-size terracotta figures that fill much of the emperor's tomb. In the afternoon we will satisfy our appetite with a hosted "family style" lunch at the Hunan Home Restaurant in Chinatown. Lunch will include appetizers, Sizzling Rice Soup, Sweet & Sour Pork, Cashew Nut Prawns, Chicken with Spicy Garlic Sauce, Sizzling Beef, Assorted Vegetables, Chow Mein, and Steamed Rice. We will end our day with a walk through Chinatown. Craig will share stories about the area and take us to points of interest that include the Fortune Cookie Factory, Tao Temple, and Street of the Painted Balconies. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:15 PM.*

Elkhorn Slough No. 49548 Wednesday, May 15

\$116 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive; long periods of walking on uneven ground and sitting on a pontoon. Dress in layers. Wear good walking shoes, a hat or visor, and sunscreen.

Come aboard a Coast Guard certified pontoon boat for a 2-hour program. You'll learn about various aspects of coastal wetland ecology at the Elkhorn Slough on a fully guided tour. The Elkhorn Slough is a wildlife-rich reserve which winds inland seven miles. It provides an important feeding and resting place for a wide variety of wildlife such as harbor seals, sea otters, and thousands of birds. We've planned our visit just in time to enjoy the spring babies! In addition to the guided boat tour our day will include a naturalist guided walk, time to visit the gift

shop and a hosted lunch at Phil's Fish Market with a choice of Fish & Chips, Fried Calamari, a Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken or Shrimp, or Sicilian Pasta in Roma Tomato Basil Sauce. Join us! *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.*

Carmel Walk No. 49554 Thursday, May 23

\$135 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive; long periods of walking and standing. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

Join us for an exceptional day tour with local guide and naturalist, Gael Gallagher. Discover the special charms of Carmel on a leisurely 2-hour guided walk through secret pathways, hidden courtyards, award-winning gardens, and by enchanting fairytale cottages...the homes, haunts and history of famous artists, writers and movie stars. Free time is included to allow for shopping or a walk on the beach. We will be divided into two smaller groups, with a tour in the morning and one in the afternoon, to provide a more personalized tour experience. Mid-day our group will meet at Porta Bella's Restaurant for a hosted lunch. The cuisine features beautiful specialties from France, Italy and Spain. The dishes are rich in color and flavor. Lunch will include Carmel Valley Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette, choice of Petit Filet Mignon, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Paillard, or Pasta Primavera, Crème Brulee for dessert, and coffee. Porta Bella is picturesque: awarded First Prize for Beautiful Flowerscaping from the Carmel Garden Club. The ambience is stylish and romantic, the setting historic. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

Black Oak Casino No. 49549 Wednesday, May 29

\$41 per person

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

Black Oak Casino is located in Tuolumne and is operated by the Me-Wuk Indians. The casino offers a variety of slots and table games. Upon arrival you will receive a bonus of \$15 free play and a \$5 food credit. You will be on your own for 5 hours to enjoy the casino and have lunch. Remember to bring your Players Club card to increase your bonuses and a Govt. issued photo ID. Bonus packages are subject to change without notice. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

SF Giants vs. Oakland Athletics No. 49550 Thursday, May 30

\$92 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long walk to seats from motor coach; stairs to seats. Dress in layers; seats are in the shade.

It's San Francisco Giants Baseball at AT&T Park—the hottest ticket in town! See the 2012 World Champions take on their cross-bay rivals, the Oakland A's, 2012 American League Western Division Champions. Root for your favorite team, or both, from reserved seats located in the lower box level on the left field side. We will be dropped off and picked up at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to and from our seats. Our early arrival when the gates open will give us plenty of time to explore the park and purchase food before the first pitch. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM. Please note: game time subject to change to accommodate television.*

IS YOUR SENIOR CENTER APPLICATION UPDATED?

Participants in the Adventures To Go travel program must update their application each calendar year before they can register for a trip, be placed on a wait list, or travel in that year. Current proof of age and residency is required at the time you update your application.

It is important that we have your current health information and emergency contacts when you travel with us. Please contact the Senior Center office when your information changes.

Safari West No. 49551 Tuesday, June 4

\$145 per person

Activity level: HIGH – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive; you must be able to get yourself on and off the safari trek vehicle; bumpy ride and walking on uneven ground. Wear good walking shoes, a hat or visor, and sunscreen.

This one and a half hour trek is led by experienced safari guides. You'll board a safari trek vehicle for a journey through the Sonoma Serengeti which offers a glimpse of majestic Giraffes and many other four legged friends, and then on to visit the White Rhinos in their creek side enclosure. Then it is time to explore on foot! The second half of your trek you will be escorted into the large bird aviary. Here you will come upon several beautiful and strange birds from around the world. You may even catch a glimpse of the smallest of the antelope family, the mini blue duikers. On the walk you will encounter Cheetahs, Colobus Monkeys and African Porcupines, and have the pleasure of watching ring-tailed lemurs folic on their very own island. Afterward enjoy a hosted lunch on the property at the Savannah Cafe offering a scrumptious safari ranch style BBQ meal. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Day In Downtown Sonoma No. 49552 Tuesday, June 11

\$44 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 hour drive; long periods of walking and standing. Wear good walking shoes.

Join us for a day of leisure. The motor coach will drop us off and pick us up at the plaza in historic downtown Sonoma. We will have 4 hours to do what we please. Whether it be shopping for specialty items or antiques, visiting historic sites, enjoying a leisurely no-host lunch at a restaurant, picnicking in the park, or wine tasting, the day will certainly be time well-spent. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*

AT&T Park Tour No. 49553 Saturday, June 15

\$91 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long periods of walking and standing during 1 1/2 hour tour; some stairs. Wear good walking shoes.

Get the players' eye view of baseball's perfect address, 24 Willie Mays Drive, better known as AT&T Park, home of the 2012 Worlds Champion San Francisco Giants. At this spectacular ballfield, home runs can be "splash hits" and the breathtaking Bay view rivals the action on the field. On your behind-the-scenes ballpark tour you will go to places only the players and staff go including a dugout, indoor batting cage, Visitor's Clubhouse, the Press Box, and a luxury suite. Your tour will include a deli sandwich lunch at the ballpark and time to shop at the Giant's Dugout. Lunch includes choice of Turkey & Havarti Cheese on sourdough roll, Tuna Salad on sourdough roll, Roast Beef on sliced sourdough, Turkey & Cranberry on sliced sourdough, Bavarian Ham & Cheese on sliced sourdough, California Vegetarian on Multigrain bread, and chips, water and dessert. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.*

Colusa Casino No. 49697 Tuesday, June 25

\$41 per person

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

Join us for a day in Colusa at a casino we have yet to explore. Each new Colusa Casino Club Member will receive \$30 Free Play; \$10 Free Play for returning guests. In addition the group will be eligible for a special promotion that offers 100% of your first visit slot play back in free play for new club members (up to \$250). Tuesday's are Senior Day and each guest will be eligible for \$5 off the buffet. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers No. 49698 Sunday, July 7

\$101 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long walk to seats from motor coach; stairs to seats. Dress in layers; seats are in the shade.

What better way to spend a day than to see the 2012 World Champion Giants take on their arch-rivals, the LA Dodgers. The intensity at AT&T Park will be high as both teams make a run for first place in the division. 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 in a shaded area by left field. Please note: Trading cards will be given to the first 20,000. Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Santa Clara County Crime Lab No. 49699 Thursday, July 11

\$70 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1/2 hour drive. Periods of walking and standing; some stairs. There is no elevator at the restaurant for upstairs dining. Wear good walking shoes.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Crime Laboratory is a nationally accredited forensic laboratory servicing all criminal justice agencies in Santa Clara County. The examiners evaluate and analyze evidence, interpret results, provide expert testimony related to the full spectrum of physical evidence recovered from crime scenes, and offer technical assistance and training to all user agencies. Service is provided in the major analytical disciplines of controlled substance analysis, firearms/tool marks, forensic biology (DNA), forensic toxicology, latent print processing, questioned documents, trace evidence and computer crimes. Even though we are not permitted to visit the lab, a video presentation conducted by a Criminologist will give us a good overview of the services the crime laboratory offers and offer an insightful question and answer session. Afterward, we'll enjoy a hosted lunch at Original Joe's in San Jose. Entrée choices include Ravioli & Meatball, Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich Au Jus, or Shrimp Salad, with a non-alcoholic beverage and dessert. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 2:00 PM.*

Table Mountain Casino No. 49705 Tuesday, July 23

\$38 per person

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

This Central Valley gaming destination has been celebrating big FUN and big WINS for a quarter of a century! The fun is offered through personalized service, a selection of 2,000 slot machines, an array of table games, a friendly poker room, and delicious dining. Come play at Table Mountain Casino and see for yourself why the Fun Starts here! Casino Bonus: \$5 per person. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Respect No. 49700 Sunday, July 28

\$116 per person

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

Join us for a matinee performance at the East Sonora Theater. The international hit musical, RESPECT tells the exciting story of women through popular music and the real adventures of women realizing dreams, lost loves, relationships and careers. The song list includes "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend," "I Enjoy Being a Girl," "Where The Boys Are" to "I Am Woman," "Seventeen," "Boots Are Made For Walkin'," "R.E.S.P.E.C.T.," "I Will Survive" and dozens more! "It's one heck of a fun ride – a must-see and must-hear musical that you will want to see more than once!" says Broadway World. Prior to the show we'll enjoy a hosted lunch at the historic National Hotel in Jamestown. The meal will include a choice of Garlic-Rosemary

Tri-Tip, Chicken Saute Sec, or Spinach Fettuccine Alfredo, Crème Brulee' for dessert and coffee. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Monterey Movie Tour No. 49706 Thursday, August 8
\$129 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 hour drive; long periods of sitting.

Join us for a spectacular tour in Monterey that will take us to locations we've seen in memorable movies such as *A Summer Place, Mutiny on the Bounty, Captain's Courageous, My Favorite Brunette, Play Misty for Me, National Velvet, Turner & Houch, The Candidate, The Parent Trap, The Big Bounce*, and many others. We'll travel in comfort on a special motor coach with luxury high-back seats. From our seats we will see actual scenes from the movies on the overhead monitors as we pass through the areas where they were filmed....downtown Monterey, Monterey Bay, Fisherman's Wharf, historic Cannery Row, Pacific Grove, 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, and charming Carmel-by-the-Sea. Mid-day we will stop for a hosted lunch at Pebble Beach. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.*

Murals of the Mission No. 49707 Tuesday, August 13
\$87 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 1 hour drive. This is a walking tour; wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

The Mission is the oldest, warmest and largest district in San Francisco. There are over 700 murals in the City...and we will see many of the best with San Francisco tour guide Craig Smith. Our day will begin with a tour of Mission Dolores, the Mission Museum and the cemetery. We will remain in the area to see some of the largest murals in San Francisco. Mid-day we will stop for a hosted lunch at Tacolicious. Lunch will be served "family style" and includes chips with salsa and guacamole, salad, two tacos (meat or vegetarian), and a non-alcoholic beverage. The afternoon will take us to 24th Street to see the Street of the Flags of Latin America. Along the way we will see many splendid murals in the heart of the Mission. Our tour will include a walk through Balmy Alley and a visit to the Precita Eyes Mural Center. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Golden Gate Fields No. 49708 Thursday, August 22
\$75 per person

Activity level: LOW – approx. 1 hour drive; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator.

Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, a variety of salads, fresh fruits, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN 2013

Santa Cruz Follies – September 12

SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres (Fan Appreciation Day!) – September 29

Southern Oregon Getaway, October 2-5

Look for trip details in upcoming issues of the *Adventures To Go Newsletter*.