

Wilmington Recreation Department Invites You To...

Southern California Dreaming

April 12 – 19, 2019

The Hollywood sign is visible on a grassy hill under a clear blue sky. The letters are white and mounted on metal frames. In the background, there are some communication towers on the ridge. A palm frond is visible in the lower-left corner of the image.

\$2,975 pp dbl | \$3,950 sgl | \$2,675 trp

Featuring

Southern California has drawn adventurers for years. Now, it is your turn on this 8 Day tour. From Tinsel Town to Balboa Park & Catalina Island to the Oasis of Palm Springs, this region is loaded with intrigue, history and excitement. This tour combines the best of Southern California sights and sounds with ample down-time for exploration or relaxation.

- Tours of Los Angeles, Catalina Island & Palm Springs
- Walk-of-Fame Walking Tour, Hollywood
- San Diego Zoo & Balboa Park
- Villagefest in Palm Springs
- Domestic Airfare
- Centrally Located Hotels
- 12 Meals
- Classic California Diner Experience
- Full-time Tour Director

Activity Level |  

For Information & Reservations

Wilmington Recreation Department
978-658-4270



8-Day Southern California Dreaming – Your Itinerary

Day 1 | Home – Los Angeles, CA

This morning, transfer to Logan International Airport with your Tours of Distinction Tour Director for the flight to Los Angeles. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, we transfer to our hotel in Santa Monica with an orientation of the area enroute. After some down-time, we have dinner at a local restaurant.

LA is much more than Hollywood. It is America's second oldest city and entertainment capital and has 75 miles of pristine coastline, the San Gabriel Mountain Range and an ideal climate to explore year-round. Plus, let's not forget impressive Galleries, Museums and a thriving chef scene. Oh, and the shopping is second-to-none. Do not leave LA without making your own local purchase.

Our hotel for 2 nights is the DoubleTree in Santa Monica which is one of **National Geographic's Top 10 Beach Cities in the World**. We are ideally situated to enjoy the iconic Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade, numerous restaurants, shopping and cultural attractions that have attracted celebrities for decades.

Day 2 | Los Angeles

After breakfast, we journey through the city of Los Angeles on a tour guided by a local. Sights include: Downtown, Olvera Street - Old Town, Hollywood & Mann's Chinese Theater, Beverly Hills & Rodeo Drive, Farmer's Market, Chinatown & Little Tokyo. ... Look-out for the Hollywood Sign! This evening, have your own "Red Carpet Moment" on the Hollywood Walk-of-Fame Tour. Afterwards, we will enjoy dinner in the area.

Day 3 | Los Angeles – Catalina Island – San Diego

This morning, a short ferry ride will take us to the town of Avalon on Catalina Island! The town surrounds beautiful Avalon Bay on the southeast end of Catalina Island. We will take a guided tour off-the-beaten-path along "Skyline Drive" which travels 10 miles into the Island's lush and protected wilderness area. Keep an eye out for spectacular vistas, ocean views and the largest of their inhabitants – the Buffalo!

Enjoy some free time on Catalina before we ferry to Dana Point and transfer to San Diego.

Upon arrival, we check in to our centrally located hotel for our 2 night stay. With near perfect weather year-round, 70 miles of spectacular coastline, world-class attractions and a thriving urban core, complete with a sophisticated art, dining and nightlife scene, San Diego has earned the name of California's Beach City.

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Day 4 | San Diego

After breakfast, we head to the San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park. Our visit includes entrance to the Zoo (with bus tour). This 100-acre (40-hectare) zoo is home to more than 3,500 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. After, we tour through Balboa Park enroute back to our hotel. The afternoon is at leisure to explore America's Beach City. Some great sights to check out include: the Coronado, USS Midway & Maritime Museum to name a few. We have an Italian dinner tonight in the historic Gaslamp Quarter.

Day 5 | San Diego – Palm Springs

This morning, say goodbye to San Diego & the Pacific Ocean as we journey inland to Palm Springs. As we make our way into the desert, we stop and have a classic Diner Lunch and take the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. The Aerial Tramway in Palm Springs is the world's largest rotating tram car and travels over two-and-one-half miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting riders to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. After, we transfer to our hotel and check in for our 3 night stay. Tonight is at leisure for you to explore your hotel and the surrounding area on your own.

Palm Springs is a desert oasis set in the Coachella Valley. For more than half a century, Palm Springs has been a playground for Hollywood celebrities—Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Elizabeth Taylor all visited here often. Today, this trending and vibrant city has a unique food and drinks scene, a plethora of outdoor activities & great health escapes.

Day 6 | Palm Springs

Discover Palm Springs on a 2.5 hour bus tour of the place that was once known as 'Hollywood's Playground.' Your guide will provide commentary on stars who have lived in this exclusive California destination: including luminaries like Marilyn Monroe, Nat King Cole, and Elvis Presley. We then explore the oldest windmill farm in the USA! After, we round out our tour of Palm Springs with a visit to Joshua Tree National Park. The remainder of the day is at leisure until our dinner this evening. Later, we embark on a Stargazing experience.

Day 7 | Palm Springs

A playground in the desert, Palm Springs has endless activities on offer. The day is at leisure and your Tour Director can provide some great sightseeing ideas. Or, just relax by the pool. The evening is free to experience Palm Springs' VillageFest, where you will be enticed by booths of unique artwork, handcrafted goods and a variety of foods.

Day 8 | Palm Springs - Home

This morning, we head to the airport and check in for our flight. Upon arrival, we transfer home with memories of that California Sunshine.

8-Day Southern California Dreaming – The Details

Roundtrip Airfare | Airport Transfers | Motor Coach Transportation
7 Nights Accommodations with Baggage Handling | 12 Meals
LA City Guided Tour | Skyline Drive Tour of Catalina Island
Return Ferry Catalina Island | Entrance to San Diego Zoo with Bus Tour & Balboa Park
Palm Springs Guided Tour | Stargazing Experience
Palm Springs Aerial Tram | Tours of Distinction Tour Director
All Gratuities (Except Tour Director & Tour Driver)

Hotels

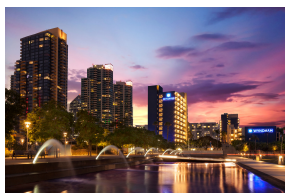
Los Angeles

DoubleTree Santa Monica



San Diego

Wyndham Bayside San Diego



Palm Springs

Courtyard by Marriott



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$250 per person due at time of reservation + Optional Travel Protection

Final Payment: January 24, 2019

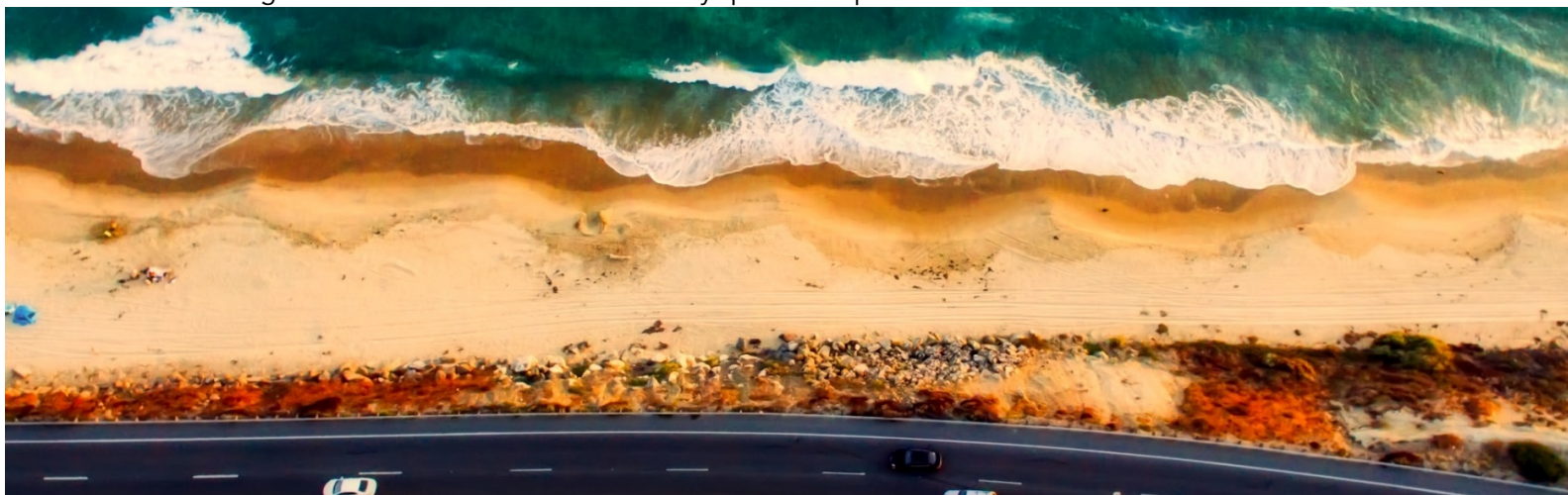
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Optional Travel Protection cost per person:

Double Occupancy: \$172 | Single Occupancy: \$242 | Triple Occupancy: \$172

The Travel Protection Plan Document will be provided to you with your trip confirmation packet. Read this document carefully as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A cancellation fee of \$250 per person + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure.



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