



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Southern California & Las Vegas

Including Palm Springs

Thursday, September 16 –Friday, September 24, 2010

It's been said that "it never rains in Southern California," but that's not the only reason we encourage you to join in this adventure. Begin in **San Diego**, consistently on the "best places to live in America," list, and described as beautiful, historic, sophisticated and multi-cultural. Visit famous **Balboa Park**—the nation's largest urban cultural park—home to 15 major museums, renowned performing arts venues and beautiful gardens. In **Old Town**, called "the museum without walls," the city's Latino heritage comes alive. Enjoy a special treat as you visit famous **Hotel del Coronado** and have lunch at this National Historic Landmark. Pristine desert air and breathtaking scenery await in the cosmopolitan oasis resort of **Palm Springs**. Your stay here is highlighted by a memorable visit to the Palm Springs Air Museum (accompanied by a WWII veteran) and a day of adventure at an old mining camp including a desert Jeep ride and barbeque with entertainment. Next up is **Las Vegas** with nearly two days at leisure to enjoy this dynamic resort in any way you want.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to San Diego, CA and Las Vegas, NV to Boston
- Eight nights' first class accommodations
- Twelve meals: seven breakfasts, one lunch, four dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$2,329 per person double occupancy

\$2,279 per person triple occupancy

\$2,939 single reservations

Add \$50 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$140 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking.

Travel Planner

Days 1-3: Sheraton Suites Symphony Hall, San Diego, CA

Days 4-6: Palm Mountain Resort, Palm Springs, CA

Days 7-8: Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, NV

Highlights

San Diego • Wine Tasting • Hotel del Coronado • Palm Springs • Air Museum • Mining Camp • Las Vegas

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, September 16, 2010 - Arrive San Diego, California - Tour Begins

Join us for an exciting journey through Southern California and Las Vegas. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in San Diego – a gem of the west coast, known for its ideal climate in every season. **(D)**

Day 2: Friday, September 17, 2010 - San Diego

Embark on a guided tour of San Diego, discovering the fascinating history of this unique California city. Travel through Balboa Park's sprawling 1,150 acres graced with botanical gardens. Visit San Diego's Old Town, taking in its reconstructed Mexican-style ambience and enjoy time to shop and sample one of its cafes. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore the best San Diego has to offer! **(B)**

Day 3: Saturday, September 18, 2010 - San Diego

Enjoy a leisurely morning in San Diego...perhaps taking a stroll through the nearby Gaslamp Quarter. This

afternoon, set off for Coronado Island to visit the famous Hotel del Coronado, which blends modern luxury with a storybook charm. Built in 1888, and a National Historic Landmark, this Victorian hotel has been heralded as one of the world's top 10 resorts. Relax over an elegant lunch before taking time to explore the shops and wander through the lovely gardens. **(B,D)**

Day 4: Sunday, September 19, 2010 - San Diego - Palm Springs

Today, leave San Diego behind as you're whisked off to the desert resort town of Palm Springs. En route, visit a local winery to soak in the stunning scenery and enjoy a wine tasting in the heart of one of California's best wine-growing regions. After arriving in Palm Springs, set off on a sightseeing tour that showcases the best of this popular playground of the rich and famous. A local guide brings Palm Springs' vast history and Native American heritage to life and tells stories of the celebrities who have lived in this area, including the legendary Bob Hope. Your afternoon is at leisure to stroll through town or simply relax by the beautiful pool at your resort. **(B,D)**

Day 5: Monday, September 20, 2010 - Palm Springs

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Palm Springs. This afternoon, visit the incredible Palm Springs Air Museum for a journey through history with a veteran of World War II. Knowledgeable docents, many of whom are veterans and former pilots, conduct tours through a remarkable tribute to World War II where you'll find historic military vehicle collections; visit the library containing every issue of Life magazine ever published; and witness flight demonstrations from the collection of aircraft at the museum. The remainder of your day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 6: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - Palm Springs

Enjoy some time after breakfast to relax before heading out for a day of adventure at an old mining camp! Upon arrival, climb aboard a big red Jeep and head into the desert to explore the steep-walled canyons carved by water and the San Andreas Fault. Try your hand at the Old Time Shooting Gallery or pan for gold! Feast on a Big Willies BBQ for dinner and then listen to a performance by a country rock singer who takes you on a nostalgic journey through this genre, as well as classic tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's. **(B,D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 - Palm Springs - Las Vegas, Nevada

After breakfast depart for the dynamic resort city of Las Vegas for an exciting two night stay. Enjoy delightful scenery during your journey, arriving in Las Vegas by lunchtime. Vegas' fabulous skyline welcomes you with its famous icons such as a pyramid and sphinx and the Statue of Liberty. Bright lights glitter at night in Vegas and an exhilarating energy saturates the city. **(B)**

Day 8: Thursday, September 23, 2010 - Las Vegas

A full day at leisure in Las Vegas beckons and the opportunities for entertainment are endless. Enjoy a show, shop for souvenirs or relax by the pool at your hotel which overlooks the famous Strip. Of course, enjoying the city's most well-known pastime at the casino is always an option as well! Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a wonderful trip. **(B,D)**

Day 9: Friday, September 24, 2010 - Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Return home with countless memories of your west coast adventure.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*