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Taylor Guitars & SDG&E
October Sky at Old Globe
Nixon Library

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HMLA-369 Helicopters
Oak Glen Fall
Excursion

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Holiday Lights
Dinner Cruise
Cuban Music Concert
Cirque de Soleil

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for everyone
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Registration will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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Each tour is evaluated to assist you in determining the appropriateness of the tour based on your physical abilities.

E Easy—Limited walking, or walking mobility is at your own pace, and leisurely free time is included. Few stairs are involved and elevators are usually present at destinations.

M Moderate—Some stairs and or inclines are present at destination. Moderate walking is required. Elevators may not be present at all destinations. Persons of limited mobility should consult with a physician as to the appropriateness for this tour in relation to their physical abilities.

S Strenuous/High—Considerable walking and/or numerous steps involved, possibly on uneven surfaces. No elevators are present at destination. This tour may not be suited for persons with mobility limitations.

Denotes City of Vista Bus



*** Those with ambulatory issues should let us know when signing up**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1400 B Vale Terrace Dr., Vista CA 92084

Regular office hours are
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

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MUSEUMS & GARDENS

Benedict Castle & Jensen Alvarado Ranch



Benedict Castle is the jewel of the Inland Empire in Riverside. This unique and historic one-of-a-kind castle residence was designed by Charles Benedict to mimic the castles in Europe. He began the construction in 1922 and it took 9 years to complete. The castle has over 19 rooms, 10,000 square feet including a butler's pantry and maid quarters. Unique among all the castle rooms is the cloud covered domed ceiling in the breakfast room. This beautiful castle is designated as one of the City of Riverside's Cultural Heritage Landmarks. After lunch, we'll head over to the Jensen Alvarado Ranch and step into life as they lived it in the 1880's. Don't miss these exciting destinations!



DATE: Oct 25/Tues **LOC: Riverside**

LV: 8:15 am

COST: \$96

MEAL: Included

RT: 4:30 pm

Nixon Library

Someone says "Richard Nixon". What's the first thing that comes to mind? Watergate? The evacuation of Saigon and end of the Vietnam War? Resigning as President? Opening relations with China? Do you remember he was Eisenhower's VP for eight years? Or that he ran and lost to JFK for president in 1960? Did you know after leaving the office he was an advisor to President Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush?

Join us on an exciting journey through history as we visit his birth place and Presidential Library in Yorba



Linda. The library site has recently undergone an extensive \$15 million renovation. The library sits on nine acres and features Nixon's

MUSEUMS & GARDENS - Continued

fully restored 1910 birthplace (with original furnishings) and replica of the White House East Room. Explore the memorial sites of President and Mrs. Nixon and Marine One, the helicopter used by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford. Come see and feel history come alive as we walk through Nixon's boyhood home and the library's extensive interactive displays.



DATE: Nov 3/Thurs **LOC: Yorba Linda** **LV: 8:00 am**
COST: \$104 **MEAL: Included** **RT: 5:00 pm**

HMLA-369 Helicopters & Marine Museum

If you've always wanted to be a Marine pilot, but didn't want to go through boot camp, this is the adventure for you! Today we head for squadron HQ at Camp Pendleton for a meet-and-greet briefing with a command representative

followed by a tour of the facility. Bring your camera for a photo op at the Static display of AH-1W Cobra and UH-1Y Huey helicopters! Bring your smiles and comfortable walking shoes as we'll be "up close and in-person"



with these magnificent helicopters. Explore the Marine Corps Mechanized Museum with an outstanding collection of transport and battle vehicles from WWI to present. These battle ready vehicles are housed in the base's Terminal Building for the railroads that serviced the base in 1948. Imagine the thousands of troops and equipment moving through its doors during the war years! Uncle Sam wants you on this tour! To capture the full Marine experience, enjoy lunch on base (bring your photo id).



DATE: Nov 10/Thurs **LOC: Camp Pendleton** **LV: 9:15 AM**
COST: \$42 **MEAL: Included @ Pacific Events Center** **RT: 3:00 PM**

MUSEUMS & GARDENS - Continued

In Our Backyard #10

We're touring Encinitas for our new "In Our Backyard" adventure! Visit the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and Nature Center. San Elijo Lagoon is a special place and one of San Diego County's most



diverse coastal wetlands. Next, explore the Self-Realization Fellowship Garden for a short tour of this beautiful, amazing and historic ocean front gem. The scenery and exotic plants provide a quiet place to meditate before we travel

to our next destination – Lunch at the local Encinitas hangout – the Potato Shack Café. After lunch, we'll head to the San Dieguito

Heritage Museum to experience how the communities of the San Dieguito River lived and worked. The museum area was founded in 1988 to collect, preserve and interpret the local history of the San Dieguito River area, including



Leucadia, Encinitas, Olivenhain, Cardiff, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Rancho Santa antiquities such as old school house in barber shop and an



complete with old gas pumps that provided the petrol for the residents in the community. What an exciting and unique "In Our Backyard" – our 10th tour celebrating the North County of San Diego! Don't miss this trip – it is sure to be one of your favorites!

Fe. Discover the local the Teton House, an Olivenhain, a historic old Texaco station



DATE: Nov 29/Tues
COST: \$54

LOC: Encinitas
MEAL: Potato Shack

LV: 8:45 am
RT: 4:15 pm

SYMPHONIES & CONCERTS

WOW Wednesdays

October 5 Featuring Todo Mundo – World Music

Got Rhythm? Can you feel the beat? Join us as we move to the sounds of the group Todo Mundo. Winners of



San Diego's Best World Music group in both 2014 and 2015. Todo Mundo



combines Spanish Rumba, Reggae, Brazilian, & Balkan sounds that explode. You will definitely be snapping your fingers and shaking your booty to their distinctive beat! After the show, we'll stop at Fillippi's Pizza Grotto to catch our breath and have dinner "On Your Own".

DATE: Oct 5 LV: 2:30 pm RT: 7:00 pm COST: \$23

November 2 - Featuring G Burns Jug Band – American Roots

Ready for more toe tapping music? Let Clinton Davis and his American Roots jug band take you back to the 1920's and 30's with a combination of urban blues, mountain



fiddle and popular hit songs. The G Burns Jug Band has been a dominate presence



on the west coast roots music scene, opening for legendary roots music acts like Jim Kweskin, Del

McCoury, and Beausoleil with Michael Doucet. After the show, we'll mosie over to Chin's for dinner "On Your Own".

DATE: Nov 2 LV: 2:30 pm RT: 7:00 pm COST: \$23

December 7 - Featuring The Cherries Jubilee – Jazz Cabaret

The Cherries Jubilee Jazz Cabaret pays tribute to the music and dance of the early jazz era, taking inspiration from Harlem Landmarks, The Cotton Club and Apollo Theatre. Created in 2008 by Claudia Gomez, a San Diego native and tap dancer extraordinaire, The Cherries Jubilee Jazz Cabaret blends choreographed dance numbers,



SYMPHONIES & CONCERTS – Continued

improvisation, singing, audience engagement, and live music to transport audiences back to the early 1900s when jazz was new and entertainment was hot.

Please note the later departure time as we'll stop for dinner first at Cocina Del Charro "On Your Own" followed by the concert.

DATE: Dec 7 LV: 3:45 pm RT: 9:30 pm

COST: \$23 LOCATION: Escondido

La Jolla Music Society presents Omara Portuondo 85th Anniversary Tour



Embodying the musical spirit of the original Havana club and encapsulating Cuba's "musical golden age," Buena Vista Social Club's leading lady Omara Portuondo headlines this 85th Anniversary Tour. A

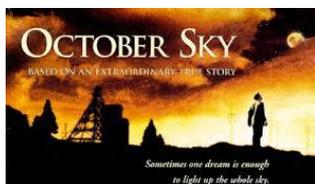
legendary vocalist who has been singing professionally for an incredible 70 years, the great Cuban Diva Omara Portuondo's voice reflects a long, creative life and passion for music.



DATE: Oct 7/Fri LOC: San Diego – Balboa Theatre LV: 6:00 pm
COST: \$61.50 MEAL: N/A RT: 11:00 pm

PLAYS & MUSICALS

Old Globe presents **October Sky**



The beloved film is now a triumphant new American musical that will send your heart soaring and inspire your whole family to reach for the stars! In the small town of Coalwood, West Virginia, every young man's future is in the coal mines,

but after the launch of Sputnik in 1957, the world's race to space inspires local highschooler Homer Hickam to dream of a different life. Against the wishes of his practical-minded father, he sets out on an unlikely quest to build his own rockets and light up the night sky. *October Sky* is an uplifting musical portrait of small-town Americana packed with youthful exuberance, and a sweeping, unforgettable new score.



DATE: Oct 9/Sun

LOC: San Diego

LV: 12:00 pm

COST: \$80

MEAL: N/A

RT: 6:00 pm

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Thoroughly Modern Millie is a zany romantic spoof of the Roaring Twenties, it received an Oscar for Best Original Music Score!

Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of a small-town girl, Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love – a thoroughly modern aim in 1922, when



women were just entering the workforce. Millie soon begins to take delight in the Flapper lifestyle, but problems arise when she checks into a Hotel owned by the leader of a sexual slavery ring in China. This musical is a “must-see” classic comedy!

Before the show begins, we will enjoy our delicious picnic dinners at the beautiful Moonlight Amphitheatre.

DATE: Oct 20/Thurs

LOC: Vista

LV: 6:00 pm

COST: \$45

MEAL: Panera Picnic Dinner

RT: 10:00 pm

PLAYS & MUSICALS – Continued

Welk Theatre presents Sweet Charity

Have you ever known a girl who wanted something so badly that she tried too hard to get it? Meet SWEET CHARITY, the girl who wants to be loved so much that she has lost sight of who she is.

Charity sings, dances, laughs and cries through romances with the “animal magnetism” hero, the “ultrachic continental” hero and the



her way

“impossible-to believe-but-he’s-better-than-nothing” hero. Neil Simon has a particular talent for looking at the truly amusing side of life. It’s a dancing show too, with great opportunity for use of dramatic movement. Wonderful musical numbers include BIG SPENDER, IF MY FRIENDS COULD SEE ME NOW, TOO MANY TOMORROWS, THERE’S GOTTA BE SOMETHING BETTER THAN THIS, I’M A BRASS BAND and BABY, DREAM YOUR DREAM.

Buffet is included on this event at Welk.

DATE: Oct 27/Thurs

LOC: Escondido

LV: 10:30 am

COST: \$89

MEAL: Included

RT: 4:00 pm



CASINOS

Pala Casino



Feeling Lucky? Good! It's time to roll the dice, spin the wheel or pull the lever for fortune and fun! (And you thought exercise was boring?) For instant winnings, join

Pala's "60+Club" for 30% discount at Pala's Buffet and free entertainment at Infinity.



DATE: Oct 11/Tues **LOC: Pala** **LV: 10:00 am**

COST: \$24 **MEAL: On Your Own** **RT: 4:30 pm**

Viejas



Today's the day! We've checked the charts, the stars are aligned! This is your lucky day! Grab your coat, we're off to Viejas for casino games and bingo! Explore the outlet stores for holiday gifts and souvenirs.



DATE: Nov 17/Thurs **LOC: Alpine** **LV: 8:30 am**

COST: \$10 **MEAL: On Your Own** **RT: 6:00 pm**

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZAS

Oak Glen Fall Excursion



Discover the apple growing foothills of historic Oak Glen. Riley's Farm is a working apple orchard and living history farm. Enjoy living history, a hayride

adventure, candle or tomahawk making. Experience a charming 18th century cabin at Hawk's Head as we enjoy hearty portions of chicken pot pie and more... Acres of pumpkins to choose from to take home and enjoy.

DATE: Oct 18/Tues **LOC:** Oak Glen **LV:** 7:30 am
COST: \$103.50 **MEAL:** Included-Hawk's Head **RT:** 5:30 pm



Christmas Concert



Join us for this celebration of holiday favorites, featuring fantastic vocalists, during a Christmas concert at Emmanuel Faith in Escondido.

Enjoy an Italian dinner at Fillippi's Pizza Grotto after the concert.



DATE: Dec 10/Sat **LOC:** Escondido **LV:** 2:00 pm
COST: \$48 **MEAL:** Fillippi's Pizza Grotto **RT:** 7:00 pm

Holiday Parade of Lights Dinner Cruise



The annual boat parade is a holiday tradition on the water in beautiful San Diego Harbor. Join us for this spectacular up-close view and prepare to be dazzled as we embark on our Holiday Dinner Cruise.

DATE: Dec 11/Sun **LOC:** San Diego **LV:** 3:30 pm
COST: \$104 **MEAL:** Included **RT:** 10:00 pm



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA – Continued

Holiday Lights Tour on the Motorcoach



We never seem to outgrow the thrill of seeing holiday lights. As always, our terrific motor coach driver will pinpoint the locations with the most spectacular lighting and decorations! (And just think – we won't have to string them up or take them down either!) Come and ride along: join in a chorus or two as we circumnavigate San Diego, all in the comfort of a motor coach. This trip will include a stop for a holiday treat during our tour of lights!



DATE: Dec 13/Tues LOC: San Diego LV: 6:00 pm
COST: \$47 MEAL: Included RT: 10:00 pm

Irish Christmas Concert



If visiting “Ireland at Christmas” is on your bucket list, have we got a trip for you! Close your eyes and listen to traditional Irish songs or keep them wide open to see lovely ladies and their partners perform amazing Irish dances.

This award winning cast will transport you directly to Ireland for a memorable night of music and charm found only in Ireland. Sign up and you can check off “Ireland at Christmas” from your bucket list, without using your passport or losing your luggage!



DATE: Dec 15/Thurs LOC: Escondido LV: 6:00 pm
COST: \$75 MEAL: N/A RT: 9:30 pm



Balboa Park & Holly Jolly Trolley in Old Town

It's back! Residents Free Tuesday at Balboa Park! Explore the following museums: Mingei International Museum, the San Diego Art Institute, the San Diego Museum of Art, the San Diego Museum of Man, the Japanese



Friendship Garden and the Timken Museum of Art. So many choices!

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA – Continued

Travel on to Old Town where decisions continue: which restaurant for dinner and which shops to explore? We'll board the **Holly Jolly Trolley** to celebrate the sights, songs and traditions of the Holiday season – sing along caroling, and share holiday traditions. Enjoy the festive Christmas lights of Old Town, Embarcadero, Balboa Park, Garrison street and more. This is a popular trip and seats sell fast.



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DATE: Dec 20/Tues **LOC: San Diego** **LV: 2:00 pm**
COST: \$53 **MEAL: On Your Own-Old Town** **RT: 8:30 pm**

...and MORE

Desalination Plant Tour

Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink – one of the lines from the endless poem “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” Right off our coast lies a huge ocean of fresh water. As the poem states, we cannot drink it. Poseidon took the challenge and will convert those billions of gallons of salty water to drinkable water. Come with Culture Caravan as we take a behind-the-scenes tour of the desalination

SOLD OUT



plant, the largest in the Western Hemisphere to discover the wonders of the process of turning salty sea water into drinking water. After our tour we'll stop at Miguel's Cocina for authentic Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas and fresh salsa. Be advised, this “must-see” tour is strenuous with lots of walking and stairs.



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DATE: Oct 4/Tues **LOC: Carlsbad** **LV: 9:00 am**
COST: \$44 **MEAL: Included-Miguel's Cocina** **RT: 2:00 pm**
NEW TOUR DATES COMING IN 2017

...AND MORE – Continued

Classic Gas & Electric Guitars

Want to make music, beautiful music? Be it Classical, Electric, Hard Rock or Country, strum along with us as we visit the world famous Taylor Guitars in El Cajon. A leading guitar manufacturer for over 40 years, our tour will reveal how they design and manufacture some of the



best guitars in the world. After lunch at Chicken Pie Shop, we'll tour SDG&E's EIC – the Energy Innovation Center. We'll look into the future to see



SDG&E's technology creations to power our smart homes, smart phones and electric guitars!

DATE: Oct 12/Wed **LOC: El Cajon** **LV: 8:30 am**
COST: \$46 **MEAL: Chicken Pie Shop** **RT: 4:30 pm**

Cirque du Soleil Toruk



Experience the breathtaking world of James Cameron's AVATAR like you have never seen it before. The unique signature style of Cirque de Soleil captures your imagination through a riveting



fusion of cutting-edge visuals, puppetry and stagecraft buoyed by a soaring cinematic score.



DATE: Nov 27/Sun **LOC: San Diego** **LV: 11:15 am**
COST: \$87 **MEAL: N/A** **RT: 5:00 pm**

OUE Skyspace & San Antonio Winery



Ready for an out-of-this-world experience? No, we're not talking about blasting off to Mars

on a Virgin Galactic flight, but close. We'll travel by air-conditioned motor coach to OUE Skyspace LA. Using jet packs, or elevators, we'll zoom 1,000 feet above downtown



...AND MORE – Continued

LA. That’s 100 stories above the cares and woes of everyday life! From that height, you’ll have 360 degree views of southern California – Santa Monica and San Gabriel mountains, the Pacific Ocean, Catalina, beaches, even the short skyscrapers will look close enough to touch! If you tire of these views, OUE Skyspace LA has fabulous exhibits to explore: the Topography Wall of LA, the Infinity Mirror and the Silhouette Wall. To decompress from these heights, we’ll stop at the San Antonio Winery for another out-of-this world experience – lunch and a tour of the winery. Lunch is included in this unforgettable event – you’re on the hook for their great wines for your private wine cellar.



DATE: Nov 15/Tues LOC: Los Angeles LV: 7:30 AM
COST: \$127 MEAL: San Antonio Winery RT: 5:00 PM



Our First “Themed” Luncheon (viva Italia)



Join us on a new Culture Caravan

experience – “an authentic taste of Italy”. The Di Giovanni family has operated the restaurant for over 15 years and serves its Italian fare in the spirit and tradition of Trattoria – they create delicious food at reasonable prices. Meet new friends, eat good food! *Mangiare buon cibo e avere buoni amici!*



DATE: Nov 8/Tues LOC: Vista LV: 11:30 AM
COST: \$36 MEAL: Ciao RT: 2:30 PM



BROCHURE PARTY – WINTER WONDERLAND

DATE: Dec 1/Thurs 2:00 pm
Park Terrace Cafe



MULTI-DAY TRIPS

DEATH VALLEY National Park, November 8 – 11, 2016

**Celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of
the National Park Service**



Death Valley National Park, which is situated to the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range, is world renowned for its wildlife, charming

beauty, attractive mountain sceneries, ghost towns, recreational activities and several unexplained mysteries. Discover towering peaks frosted with winter snow, rare rainstorms bring vast fields of wildflowers, lush oases harbor tiny fish and refuge for wildlife and humans. Explore this beautiful National Park with us! Experience the **Furnace Creek Resort**, with western-themed grounds, that transport you back to the 1800's when this site was established as a working ranch. Amenities include quiet, recently refurbished rooms, a spring-fed swimming pool, tennis courts, and the National Park Service Visitor's Center. The Ranch is hosting the '49ers Annual Encampment during our stay. This is the perfect time of year to experience the Encampment and explore the natural wonders only **Death Valley** has to offer!



Per Person:

Single \$890

Double \$653

Triple \$597

(Departure and Arrival Times TBA)

LV: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

RT: Friday, November 11, 2016

MULTI-DAY TRIPS

SAN FRANCISCO THANKSGIVING TRAIN 2016

Travel back to a bygone era of style, service and supreme comfort! Upon boarding our first-class, fully restored, vintage rail car, return to the art-deco elegance of the 1930's. Savor gourmet meals & unlimited cocktail bar, served on fine china and linen by an attentive staff. Settle back and be pampered as the diverse scenery of California drifts by your window in the panoramic dome car. It's a sentimental journey you'll remember forever. All Aboard! 4 Days, 7 Meals.



Per Person:

Single \$1929

Double \$1639

(Departure and Arrival Times TBA)

LV: Thursday, November 24, 2016

RT: Sunday, November 27, 2016

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE

Louisville - KaLightscope Holiday display at Galt House, Christmas Holiday Musical Dinner Show, Mega Cavern "Lights Under Louisville", Derby Dinner Playhouse, Louisville Slugger Bat Factory, Kentucky Distillery Tour and Tasting, City Tour of Louisville.



Nashville – Opryland Hotel Atrium Christmas Display, RCA Studio B, Wildhorse Saloon, Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame, City Tour of Nashville. 5 Days, 8 Meals.



Per Person:

Single \$1989

Double \$1739

Triple \$1679

LV: Sunday, December 4, 2016

RT: Thursday, December 8, 2016

(Departure and Arrival Times TBA)

“Culture Caravan trip itineraries and amenities are based on the information available at the time they are advertised and are subject to change without notice. Changes beyond Culture Caravan’s control are not subject to refund.”

COMING SOON –

- Brainstorming Round Table for Winter and Spring Trips
- Mixer – Dinner for 8

Availability: Everyone is welcome to travel with us.

Payment – Day Trips: Payments can be made by mail, over the phone or in person at the Culture Caravan office. Acceptable forms of payments are: Check (payable to “City of Vista”), Cash, VISA or MasterCard.

Cancellations – Day Trips: Cancellations requested **30 days** or more before a trip will be refunded, less a \$10.00 service fee per person. If a reservation is cancelled less than **30 days** prior, no refund will be given unless your ticket can be sold.

Special - Overnight Trips: Deposits and refunds will be according to Tour Operator’s Policies.

Payment – Overnight Trips: A deposit of \$100.00 per person. The balance is due 45 days prior to departure. See individual trip itinerary for details.

Cancellations – Overnight Trips: Deposits paid toward a trip are refundable up to 45 days prior to travel, less a \$50.00 service fee. If a reservation is cancelled 45 days or less, money is not refundable unless your space can be sold.

Gambling Trips: All passengers must be 21 years of age or older. The casinos will issue you a membership card at no charge and require that you use this card while gambling. There are no refunds, transfers, or credits on Indian Casino trips.

Payment Procedure: We accept cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. Make checks payable to “City of Vista.”

Bus Procedures: All motor coaches leave from the rear parking lot of the Gloria McClellan Adult Activity and Resource Center, 1400 Vale Terrace. (Located at the east side of Brengle Terrace Park). We are not responsible for damage to vehicles left in the Center Parking Lot. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to departure.

Meet your Staff and Volunteer Escorts:

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Veronica Giancola Travel Coordinator

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