

# Gardens and Highlights of SAN DIEGO AND PALM SPRINGS

MARCH 8–12, 2008

Member price: \$1,995 including airfare



Minnesota Landscape  
ARBORETUM

Take a break from winter with this visit to Southern California in its most delightful season. This region has so much to offer: great scenery, world-class attractions, good food, and pleasant temperatures!

## Itinerary

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

We take a morning flight from Minneapolis to San Diego, board our coach, and visit Cabrillo National Monument for a spectacular overlook over San Diego, the harbor, and Coronado Island. Next is the picturesque San Diego Spanish Mission and its courtyard garden. There's some free time to view the historic buildings and shops of Old Town San Diego before we check into our adjacent hotel. We regroup for a welcome dinner at a fine Coronado Island restaurant overlooking the bay and downtown.

*Best Western Hacienda Old Town*

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

We visit San Diego Zoo, justly famous not only for its pandas and other rare animals, but also for the luxuriant and diverse tropical and subtropical landscaping. We spend the afternoon in scenic Balboa Park, where we have lunch at a beautiful colonial-style restaurant and visit the Japanese Garden and San Diego Museum of Art.

*Best Western Hacienda Old Town*

*B, L*

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

Quail Botanical Garden delights us with an outstanding collection of Southern Hemisphere plants. Next we'll have a tour, tasting, and lunch at a lovely winery in the Temecula Valley. Then we drive through splendid scenery across the Santa Rosa Mountains down to the desert city of Palm Springs. Our attractive hotel here is right next to Palm Canyon Drive, a popular promenade filled with shops and restaurants.

*Best Western Las Brisas*

*B, L*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Today we tour The Living Desert, a remarkable combination garden, zoo, and natural history museum dedicated to the flora and fauna of the the desert. We also allow some time for you to browse the sophisticated shops at El Paseo. Later that afternoon a spectacular aerial tramway takes us to dinner at 8,500 feet altitude on Mount San Jacinto, with a breathtaking view of Palm Springs and the desert valley floor.

*Best Western Las Brisas*

*CB, D*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

We make a brief visit to the Palm Springs Art Museum before going to the Palm Springs airport for our convenient nonstop flight home. *CB*

*(B= Breakfast, CB= Cont. Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)*



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airfare from Minneapolis to San Diego and from Palm Springs.
- Motorcoach transportation.
- All entrance fees, guide fees, driver and meal gratuities.
- Hotel accommodations (double occupancy), including local taxes. Single rooms require a supplementary charge of \$250.
- Services and garden commentary by a tour host from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and services of the tour escort, Floor Kooyman of Flying Dutchman Tours.
- 2 breakfasts, 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.
- A pre-trip orientation meeting at the Arboretum.
- A \$200 contribution to the Arboretum.

## TOUR PRICE

Total price is \$1,995 per person for members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (nonmembers: \$2,145), for double occupancy. Single room supplement is \$250. This supplement is waived for single travelers requesting to share with a roommate of the same gender, even if no roommate is found. A deposit of \$300 is due at time of booking. Final payment is due Friday, February 1, 2008.

## LAND-ONLY TOUR PRICE

If you wish to make your own travel arrangements you may pay a land-only tour price of \$1,645 (nonmembers \$1,795). You will then be responsible for meeting the group flight at the San Diego, CA airport. No refunds for missing the group's arrival.

## CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be in writing. Full refund for cancellations received by January 4. Cancellations received January 5–February 1: \$150 cancellation fee. Cancellations received February 2–February 15: \$850 fee. No refund for cancellations after Friday, February 15, 2008. If the Arboretum cancels the tour prior to departure, a full refund of the trip fee will be made to registered participants. No refund for unused sightseeing or other tour functions.

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## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Luggage handling.
- Medical and tour cancellation travel insurance (**highly recommended** to avoid trip cancellation penalties). This insurance can be purchased online at: <http://www.travelguard.com/> or by calling Travel Guard International at 1-800-826-4919.
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and phone calls.

## PLEASE NOTE

Minimum group size: 15 participants. Maximum group size: 30, depending on hotel and air availability. Changes to the itinerary are sometimes unavoidable. Hotels of equivalent quality may be substituted. As with any garden and natural history tour, some places can be reached only on foot. Gardens and other sights on the itinerary may have uneven grounds and care must be taken to avoid falls. The amount of walking is moderate, but for maximum enjoyment at least some walking is necessary.

## LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

This tour is organized jointly by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours. In all matters related to organizing and conducting the tour, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours, and/or their agents, act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services such as the hotels, restaurants, all transportation, sightseeing, and other tour activities. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours maintain no control over the personnel, equipment, or operators of these travel service suppliers and cannot assume responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any death, injury, damage, or loss occasioned by any act of omission during the tour.

FOR FURTHER TOUR INFORMATION, CONTACT FLOOR KOOYMAN OF FLYING DUTCHMAN TOURS AT 763-509-9375.  
TO CHECK AVAILABILITY, CALL PAT O'BRIEN AT THE ARBORETUM AT 952-443-1443  
TO SIGN UP, MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM WITH A DEPOSIT OF \$300 PER PERSON

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## RESERVATION FORM - SAN DIEGO AND PALM SPRINGS TOUR

I (we) have read and hereby accept and consent to all the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Gardens and Highlights of San Diego and Palm Springs" brochure.  
Please print your **full first name, middle initial, and last name** as it appears on your driver's license or other government-issued photo ID (required by the airline).

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(1): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Arboretum/MSHS membership number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### San Diego and Palm Springs Tour, March 8-12 (check one):

- \$1,995 including airfare (nonmembers \$2,145)
- \$1,645 without airfare (nonmembers \$1,795)  
(single room supplement: \$250)

**Single applicants, check one room option:**  
 I want a single room and will pay the single supplement  
 Roommate requested  
 My roommate will be: \_\_\_\_\_

**Smoking room (check one):**  yes  no  
**Any food allergies?** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with \$300 deposit per person (check payable to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, or charge to Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_, expiration \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, name on card \_\_\_\_\_). Send to:

**Garden Travel Tours, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318-9613**