

EXCURSIONS from the SQUARE LOS ANGELES

THE GLITTER & THE GETTY

FEBRUARY 20-26, 2012

WITH AN OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO SAN DIEGO

Travel with us once again to the City of Angels founded by missionary farmers in 1781. Explore this incredible sprawling metropolis, from its most popular landmarks in **HOLLYWOOD** and **BEVERLY HILLS** to its remarkable museums and diversity of architectural styles. We will visit the **GETTY CENTER**, set on a dramatic hilltop site in the Santa Monica Mountains, and spend a day enjoying the spectacular art and architecture in **PASADENA**. Special highlights on our agenda are **OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CATHEDRAL**, designed by Spanish architect Rafael Moneo, and the **WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL**, designed by Los Angeles native Frank Gehry.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – Depart Philadelphia or your home city this morning for Los Angeles. Upon arrival, transfer to the **HOTEL PALOMAR**, conveniently located near Westwood Village and the campus of UCLA. An afternoon walk will give us a chance to become acquainted with the neighborhood with a stop at the nearby **HAMMER MUSEUM** before an included dinner in one of Westwood's trendy eateries.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - Our morning sightseeing tour in Los Angeles will include the Wilshire corridor to downtown LA where we will see the **BRADBURY BUILDING**, the **BILTMORE HOTEL**, the art-deco **EDISON BUILDING** and the **LOS ANGELES CENTRAL LIBRARY**. The new **OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CATHEDRAL** and the **WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL** are among the striking postmodern buildings of Los Angeles included in our itinerary. Lunch is included today before a visit to the **FREDERICK R. WEISMAN ART FOUNDATION**, a spectacular venue for modern art.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – This morning we have planned a visit to the **GETTY CENTER**, the fabulous art complex designed by architect Richard Meier. We will take a train up the mountainside to the museum where we will have the opportunity to take an architectural tour and see the vast art collection of billionaire John Paul Getty. The adjacent gardens, designed by Robert Irwin, provide splendid views of Los Angeles.

OPTION: EVENING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEARBY GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE OF "THE JACKSONIAN" BY TONY AWARD WINNING PLAYWRIGHT BETH HENLEY, WITH A STUNNING CAST WHICH INCLUDES ED HARRIS, AMY MADIGAN AND BILL PULLMAN.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – Today is free to explore the city on your own. Options will be provided for a tour of the interior of Frank Gehry's **WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL**, a visit to the **LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART (LACMA)** and new **BROAD CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM** designed by Renzo Piano and other museums.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – Enjoy a guided tour of Los Angeles’ residential architecture in **WESTWOOD** and **WEST HOLLYWOOD** near our hotel. Our tour will include the architecture and sculpture garden at **UCLA**. Then on to **MALIBU** where we will visit the newly reopened **GETTY VILLA** dedicated to Greek, Roman and Etruscan arts and culture. You can have lunch on your own in their café. Dinner is included this evening.

OPTION: EVENING PROGRAM OF DEBUSSY, STRAVINSKY & PROKOFIEV OF THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC AT THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL WITH CHARLES DUTOIT CONDUCTING.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – Depart in the morning for **PASADENA**, where we will visit the **GAMBLE HOUSE**, the Craftsman-style bungalow designed in 1908 by Charles and Henry Greene. We will spend a relaxing afternoon in the San Gabriel Valley at the **HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS AND GARDENS**, with lunch on your own in a tearoom on the grounds. A **GUTENBERG BIBLE** and Thomas Gainsborough’s masterpiece **THE BLUE BOY** are among the treasures we will find at the former home of railroad magnate Henry Huntington. Our last stop is the **NORTON SIMON MUSEUM**, one of America’s greatest collections of European, East Indian and Southeast Asian art, before returning to our hotel where there are dozens of nearby restaurants for you to enjoy.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - Depart this morning for your home city or join us for an optional visit to **SAN DIEGO**. Additional nights at the **HOTEL PALOMAR** are available upon request.

TOUR COST: The cost for land arrangements is **\$1975** per person based on double occupancy. The single supplement is **\$575**. We will make every effort to arrange for a compatible roommate if you so desire. Costs are based on a minimum of fifteen participants.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO SAN DIEGO, February 26-March 2: Continue your winter vacation in San Diego, blessed with perfect weather and rich in history, architecture and, of course, its fabulous Zoo! Call for details.

THE LAND PACKAGE includes Accommodations for six nights at the first-class **PALOMAR HOTEL** including tax and portorage; all transportation and entrance fees for included sightseeing as mentioned; one lunch, and two dinners and continental breakfast daily; and a pre-trip reading packet. Airline tickets are additional.

SPACE IS LIMITED to 30 participants. Please complete the coupon below and mail it with a deposit of **\$450** to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103**. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express for an additional charge of \$75. Final payment is due no later than Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Full refund for land arrangements may be made up to November 29, less an administrative fee of \$450. Thereafter the cost of all land arrangements is non-refundable. Airline cancellations are subject to penalties imposed by the airline on which you are travelling. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

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