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Adventures to Go...

carefree travel for ages 50 plus

November 2013 Newsletter

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**Trip descriptions are listed on the following pages.
Register early! Trips fill quickly. Waitlists available.
All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.**

Let's Talk Travel! Featuring A Presentation By Kanen Tours January 22, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

Let's Talk Travel! meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Mezzanine. Learn about upcoming tours. Santa Clara residents can register for newly released tours following *Let's Talk Travel*. Call 1 (408) 615-3170 for more information.

Please note: The December ATG newsletter will be available at 1:00 p.m. on November 27. Resident registration for new trips will begin at that time. Non-residents may register beginning December 2.

Adventures to Go – General Information

Trip Availability: All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Register early! Trips fill quickly! Wait lists are created once trips fill; those on the wait list are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

Senior Center Registration Form: Travelers are required to complete a Senior Center registration form and sign a liability release each calendar year prior to participation in the *Adventures to Go* travel program.

Trip Attendance: Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

Refund Policy:

- **Day/Extended Trips** – Please choose wisely; refunds will ONLY be given when a replacement can be found from the Senior Center trip wait list or trip is cancelled by the Senior Center.
- **Travel Insurance** – The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance, especially for extended trips. Check online at: <http://www.insuremytrip.com>, with Kanen Tours, AAA, or any insurance provider of your choosing.

Trip/Meal Substitutions: Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary. Hosted meals may be modified at the discretion of the restaurant.

Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs: Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should call the Travel Administrator.

Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off: Trips leave from and return to the old police station parking lot, near the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Civic Center Drive, in Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in; 30 minutes for overnight trips. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. *Please note:* During a trip, if a situation (urgent or non-urgent) arises where you are unable to meet-up with your "travel group" at the pre-designated time and place identified by the tour escort(s), it will be your responsibility and expense to make arrangements to get yourself home. This would also apply to any other traveler who may decide to stay with you. A tour escort is not able to stay behind with you for any situation that may occur.

Gratuities: Trip fees include a modest gratuity for the driver of the motor coach and servers at hosted meals. When you experience exceptional service, you may choose to tip an additional amount. City of Santa Clara employees and tour escorts cannot accept gratuities.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) – In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable modifications in policies, procedures, and/or practices will be made as necessary to ensure full and equal access and enjoyment of all programs and activities for all individuals with a disability. In order to allow participation by individuals with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity, or related disabilities, please **DO NOT wear scented products** to programs/activities at City facilities. Contact the Santa Clara Senior Center at (408) 615-3170 with accessibility concerns specific to this facility, and the Parks and Recreation office at (408) 615-2260 for accessibility concerns regarding other parks and recreation facilities/programs. For all other ADA questions, contact the City Clerk's office at 1 (408) 615-2220.

Adventures to Go – Trip Information

Trip availability can change from day to day. Contact the Senior Center office for registration information, 1 (408) 615-3170.

Day In Old Sacramento
\$55 per person

No. 51439

Thursday, November 7

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; long periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

Join us for a day in Old Sacramento. You will have plenty of time to explore the area and do what you please at your own pace. Whether it be visiting a museum, shopping, or enjoying a leisurely lunch, there will be plenty to keep you busy. Old Sacramento is a blast from the past of the American West, Gold Rush, and great railroad era. With a State Historic Park and several period museums, it gives you a rare look at the era that put Sacramento on the map and established California as a powerhouse of the United States. Be sure to set aside time to visit the California State Railroad Museum, widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum. Please note: The trip fee does not cover admissions or lunch. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Sargeant Equestrian Center
\$121 per person

No. 51437

Wednesday, November 13

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes.

The Sargeant Equestrian Center in Lodi is home to the Laurelvale Clydesdales. Enjoy a private group presentation that includes draft horses, quarter horses and mustangs. Learn about the different breeds, tour the barns and enjoy a carriage ride along the countryside. Afterward enjoy a delicious catered buffet luncheon and wine tasting at Oak Ridge Winery. Founded in 1934 and housed in a historic landmark building this winery is proud of its heritage and passionate about creating wonderful wines. From there make a stop at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum and discover the roots of California's heartland as a docent led tour reveals the fascinating history of the region. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN 2014

San Francisco Giants Games
Graton Resort & Casino
Bay Bridge Lights
San Francisco Opera – "Show Boat"
Festival of the Arts and Pageant of the Masters

Look in upcoming Adventures to Go newsletters for more information.

**Proposed Trips May Be Changed*

Reno Getaway **No. 50648** **Monday-Wednesday, November 18-20**
Per person: \$219 double occupancy and \$269 single occupancy

OPTIONAL:

- **Reno Dinner & Show Package** **No. 50649** **Tuesday, November 19**
- **\$42 per person**

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 6 hour drive each way that includes an extended rest stop for no-host meal. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to the travelers approximately two weeks prior to the trip.

Enjoy round trip motor coach transportation provided by Royal Coach Tours and 2 nights deluxe accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino in Reno. On Monday we will make a stop mid-way for a no-host meal and will arrive in the Biggest Little City in the World at lunchtime. Upon arrival we will stop at the Nugget Casino in Sparks where you'll receive a casino bonus of \$5 Cash & \$5 Food Credit. The \$10 total bonus may be used for your lunch while at the casino. We will check in at the hotel around 5:15 PM. The remainder of the time in Reno is free to use as you wish. On Tuesday there will be an optional trip to Sheel's in Sparks. You'll be amazed at this shopping experience offering over 248,000 square feet of retail space that includes a Ferris wheel, 16,000 gallon aquarium, fudge factory and more! You may also add an optional dinner & show package which includes the fabulous Eldorado buffet and *Fantasy on Ice* at the beautiful Eldorado Showroom; register at the Senior Center. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this brand new original production where Cirque meets Ice. Our return trip will include a casino stop at Boomtown in Verdi where you'll receive a casino bonus of \$5 Cash and \$5 Food Credit. While at Boomtown you may enjoy the complimentary shuttle for a visit to Cabela's, a 125,000 square foot retail showroom featuring décor of museum-quality animal displays. Price includes driver gratuity, baggage handling, and breakfast buffet during your stay at the Eldorado. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM on Monday and returns at approximately 5:30 PM on Wednesday.*

Red Hawk Casino **No. 51444** **Thursday, November 21**
\$41 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

Spend 5 hours at Red Hawk Casino, situated on an impressive mountain top in the City of Placerville. Red Hawk offers a new class of excitement and gaming action which includes: 2,100 Slots, Progressive Slots, 75 Table Games, Premier High-Limit Area, and an entirely Non-Smoking Lower Level, plus Premium Restaurants. Upon arrival, with valid I.D., receive a Casino Bonus of \$15 Free Play. Bonuses subject to change without notice. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Poinsettias, Fruit, & Nuts **No. 50664** **Thursday, December 5**
\$93 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes. Cash or check required at Duarte's Nursery.

We've put a new twist on an old favorite! A unique holiday shopping experience awaits you as we tour, taste, and shop our way through a few central valley towns. Visit Duarte's Nursery for a guided tour and opportunity to purchase spectacular Poinsettia and Cyclamen plants to grace porches, hearths and to be given as gifts. Duarte's Nursery will be overflowing with crimson, pink, cream, seven different reds and now purple flowers creating a sea of brilliant color. Remember to bring cash or check, as credit cards are not accepted. From there we'll enjoy a hosted lunch at the Fruit Yard Restaurant, Modesto. From there we'll make stops at Nature's Country Store, Manteca for the opportunity to purchase farm fresh fruit, nuts, wine and more. We've saved the best for last with a visit to the Ghirardelli Factory Outlet, Lathrop. As you enter you'll be greeted by the wonderful aroma of chocolate and a free sample. Purchase a treat for yourself at the ice cream counter and coffee bar or shop for friends at family with many special holiday gift packs available for purchase. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Beach Blanket Babylon**No. 50650
No. 50651****Sunday, December 8
Sunday, December 15****\$139 per person****Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking. You must be able to walk one flight of stairs to theatre entrance and to the balcony.**

We're off to San Francisco for a hosted luncheon at Capp's Corner. The meal begins with minestrone soup and green salad. Your entrée choice of Filet of Sole, Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Scaloppine, or Pork Tenderloin will be served with pasta marinara and braised vegetables. Dessert is Spumoni Ice Cream. After lunch we'll enjoy a festive holiday performance of Beach Blanket Babylon, the longest running musical revue in theatre history. The delightfully entertaining musical spoof of pop culture featuring extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats is a great way to usher in the holidays, and an excellent excuse to let loose and laugh. The holiday show features a chorus line of tap dancing Christmas trees, special parodies of traditional Christmas carols, and those GIGANTIC zany hats that have made the show so famous. We'll end our day with a holiday lights tour. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 1:30 PM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM.*

Shopping In Union Square**No. 51445****Tuesday, December 10****\$44 per person****Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long periods of walking and standing; wear good walking shoes and dress in layers. Bring shopping bags.**

Feel the energy of the holiday season in San Francisco! You will be dropped off at Union Square, where you can do what you please. Enjoy a leisurely no-host breakfast or lunch at one of the many fine restaurants in the area, browse and shop for those perfect Christmas gifts, take in the beauty of the holiday decorations in the stores and on the streets. Merchants charge for bags. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

Golden Gate Fields**No. 51438****Thursday, December 12****\$78 per person****Activity level: LOW – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator.**

Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, a variety of salads, fresh fruits, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Book of Mormon**No. 51440****Sunday, January 5****\$183 per person****Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long period of sitting. Eat before arrival or bring a lunch to eat on the motor coach. No lunch or stop for lunch provided.**

The Book of Mormon is coming back to San Francisco by popular demand and is the hottest ticket in town. This religious satire musical follows two young Mormon missionaries sent to a remote village in northern Uganda, where a brutal war lord is threatening the local population. The naïve and optimistic missionaries try to share the Book of Mormon, one of their scriptures – which only one of them has read – but have trouble connecting with the locals who are more concerned about their lives than religion. *The New York Times* calls it "the best musical of this century." *Entertainment Weekly* says it's "the funniest musical of all time." See for yourself from our orchestra seating at the Orpheum Theatre. This Broadway phenomenon from *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone won nine Tony Awards® including Best Musical in 2011. Please note: The show contains very explicit language and subject matter that some may find offensive. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:45 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Exploratorium
\$97 per person

No. 51446

Thursday, January 16

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

Experience the wonders of San Francisco's Exploratorium in its new home on Pier 15 in the center of the city's new waterfront development. With triple the space and breathtaking views, the new museum is sure to impress. Prior to your visit at the Exploratorium enjoy a hosted lunch at Fog Harbor Fish House at Pier 39. Entrée choices are Fish & Chips, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, and Cheeseburger. Meals include Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie for dessert and Coffee. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

Thunder Valley Casino **No. 51618**
\$41 per person

Tuesday, January 28

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

We're traveling to the Thunder Valley Casino & Resort in Lincoln, offering over 144,500 square feet of gaming excitement. Enjoy a drink or delicious cuisine served at one of the 14 bars and restaurants on the premises. Receive a \$10 slot play and \$5 food credit that can be used at many of the dining facilities. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Love Letters
\$112 per person

No. 51619

Sunday, February 9

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking and sitting.

Join us this Valentines' season for a production of A.R. Gurney's Love Letters at the Coastal Rep in Half Moon Bay. Through this Pulitzer-nominated script, a 50-year relationship is explored between troubled Melissa Gardner and go-getting Andrew Makepeace Ladd III as a series of letters written to each other throughout their separated lives. In this show, you'll have the opportunity to experience performances by some of the most well-loved, real-life Coastal Rep theatre couples of the last 20 years. This celebrated script brings us laugh-out-loud lines and an emotional ending sure to touch your heart. Prior to the performance, we will also enjoy a hosted Sunday brunch at the ocean side Miramar Beach Restaurant. Menu choices include: French Toast, Classic Eggs Benedict, and the Miramar Omelet (with crab and shrimp). Meal includes: fresh-squeezed orange juice and choice of coffee or tea. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Georgia O'Keeffe & Pier 39
\$73 per person

No. 51620

Thursday, February 20

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing.

This extraordinary exhibition will explore the full range of work O'Keeffe produced in the Lake George area of New York. The exhibit includes magnified botanical compositions inspired by the flowers and vegetables that she grew in her garden and telescopic views of leaves that are based on the variety of trees that grew around Lake George. Architectural subjects include abstracted paintings of the weathered barns and buildings on the Alfred Stieglitz property and panoramic landscape views of the lake and surrounding hills that influenced her subsequent work in New Mexico. Afterwards, we will visit Pier 39, for a no-host lunch and Tulipmania, which comes alive with the vibrant colors of thousands of blooming tulips and seasonal garden favorites throughout both levels of the pier. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:15 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

Cirque du Soleil AMALUNA No. 51621 Sunday, March 2
\$114 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 15 min. drive each way; extended periods of sitting. Please eat before arriving. No lunch or lunch stop provided.

Cirque du Soleil is coming to San Jose! Amaluna invites audiences to an island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. In the wake of a storm, a group of young men lands on the island, triggering an epic, emotional story of love between the queen's daughter and a brave young suitor. The couple must face demanding trials and overcome daunting setbacks before they can achieve mutual trust, faith, and harmony. Enjoy a Sunday matinee, in the Grand Chapiteau, with accessible seats and a great view of the production. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 12:00 PM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*

A Tangled Web We Weave No. 51622 Saturday, March 8
\$85 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; extended periods of sitting.

Don't miss this year's production of *A Tangled Web We Weave*, Buddha's Universal Church's annual luncheon and show. Experience an afternoon in Ancient China. Enjoy humorous wit in bilingual prose and song, glittering Chinese operatic costumes, playful forest animals, a graceful imperial dance, exciting kung fu, and an elaborate traditional Chinese wedding. Before the performance, we'll enjoy a hosted family-style luncheon at Four Seas Restaurant in Chinatown, San Francisco. Our special menu will include 10 traditional Chinese dishes and hot tea. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Spring Training & Sedona No. 51448 Friday-Tuesday, March 21-25
Per person: \$1469 double occupancy and \$1794 single occupancy

A deposit of \$200 per person required at time of registration; balance due January 8, 2014. Check payments only, made payable to On Tour Trust.

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – flight approx. 2 hours each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Be prepared for warm weather. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to the travelers approximately 2 weeks prior to the trip.

We're flying to Arizona for Spring Training in Scottsdale. We'll attend 2 Giants games and get a close-up look at the players! There is no better place for fans to gather, wear their team colors, and talk about their favorite teams. We will spend 4 nights in deluxe accommodations at the Chapparral Suites, located near Old Town in Scottsdale. Our hosted meals will include 4 breakfasts and nightly happy hour at the hotel, lunch at the Camelback Inn and in Uptown Sedona, and dinner at the Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse. We will spend a day in Sedona where you will enjoy a guided trolley tour of town and have time to explore shops offering Native American crafts. There will be time to explore Scottsdale in the evenings. We will visit the Botanical Gardens in Phoenix offering one of the world's foremost collections of desert plant species. Trip fee includes private transfer to and from Santa Clara, round trip flight from San Francisco, deluxe motor coach transportation, tax & gratuity for all included features, including driver and sky cap. A proposed itinerary is available at the Senior Center. Please note: The order of the activities and times may change due to flight times and Cactus League schedule.