

Wendinger Travel invites you to the

# Tournament of Roses Parade

December 29, 2021- January 2

**\$2,576 per Person**

Only \$222 additional to add Palm Springs and return January 4, 2022!

Optional 2-Day extension to include sunny Palm Springs



## Itinerary

### Wednesday, December 29

### Los Angeles, CA

Early this morning we take to the skies for Los Angeles, California. On arrival, we'll meet our local tour guide who will introduce us to the "City of Angels." As we'll soon find out, Los Angeles has something for everyone, with 75 miles of sunny coastline, a flourishing Downtown, lifestyle playgrounds for the rich and famous, trend-setting art and fashion scenes, and internationally flavored neighborhoods. Stay at the *Doubletree By Hilton Hotel* in Torrance, adjacent to Del Amo Fashion Center, one of the largest malls in Southern California. Your local guide will be happy to make dinner reservations for you at one of the many restaurants in the immediate vicinity.

### Thursday, December 30

### Los Angeles, CA

After a sumptuous breakfast, we depart the hotel to see what goes into the making of the spectacular bloom-covered floats of the Tournament of Roses Parade with an early morning, behind-the-scenes visit to the Parade Float Construction Barn in Pasadena or Irwindale. We'll view the floats up-close and in living color, always an exciting activity. It's amazing to see firsthand the variety of fruit, seeds, bark, grasses, and of course, breathtaking flowers being applied to the floats by hard working volunteers and experienced professionals. Afterward, we journey to the adjacent village of San Marino to tour Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, a collections-based educational and research institution. In addition to the library, the institution houses an extensive art collection with a focus of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century European art and 17<sup>th</sup> to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century American art. The property also includes approximately 120 acres of specialized botanical landscaped gardens, most notably the "Japanese Garden", the "Desert Garden", and the "Chinese Garden" (Liu Fang Yuan). See the art collections, exhibits and rare and exotic plants from around the world before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon. Your tour guides will be happy to make dinner reservations for you at one of the area restaurants

### Friday, December 31

### Los Angeles, CA



After breakfast, we'll enjoy an exciting tour of Los Angeles, Hollywood and Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica. Our adventure begins with the drive to downtown Los Angeles, the hub of a metropolitan area with 10 million residents. Our first stop is the old Mexican quarter

known as Olvera Street, where Los Angeles was founded in 1769. We then pass the Music Center, Disney Concert Hall, designed by famed architect Frank Gehry, and Staples Center, home to the Los Angeles Lakers, Clippers and Kings. Continuing past the Hollywood hills, we arrive at Farmer's Market & The Grove, where the food is the freshest, the produce the best and the shops unique! There is time for an extended lunch and shopping stop before entering Hollywood to see Grauman's Chinese Theater, with its permanent collection of handprints, footprints and signatures of



famous stars. Then take a stroll along the Walk of Fame past the Dolby Theatre where each year the Academy Awards are presented. From Hollywood, we drive on the Sunset Strip into Beverly Hills. Adjacent to Beverly Hills is Century City, the business center of the entertainment industry and home of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Movie Studios. Our tour continues to the

community of Santa Monica, known as "Paradise by the Sea." We'll visit the Santa Monica Pier, the West Coast's oldest amusement pier, before traveling to the Third Street Promenade. Once a decaying shopping street, the promenade today is three pedestrian blocks lined with shops, cafes, bookstores and theaters - making it one of the liveliest places in Los Angeles. Our visit to Santa Monica will come to an end as we travel to beautiful Palisades Park, where 26 picturesque acres stretch along 1.6 miles on the bluffs overlooking the Pacific. In the late afternoon we return to your hotel. We'll celebrate New Year's Eve with the east coast to ring in the new year, before retiring for the early in eager anticipation of the exiting events of the following day.



### Saturday, January 1

### Los Angeles, CA

Hot coffee and tea will be waiting for you in the hotel lobby as will box breakfasts to take along with you on the early morning departure to the Tournament of Roses Parade, for many a once in a lifetime experience. Known as "America's New Year Celebration," the parade has been a grand tradition since 1890. The smell of flowers will fill the air as the beautiful pageantry and tradition of magnificent floral floats, high-stepping equestrians and spirited marching bands highlight this popular holiday event. Be sure to bring your camera along for this amazingly beautiful photo-op of these vivid displays of floral extravagance. Following the festivities,



# Tournament of Roses Parade Reservation Form - Dec. 29 - Jan. 2 or 4, 2022



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling Companions \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes I/we would like to purchase the Optional Group Deluxe Travel Protection @\$174 per person. The insurance cost increases to \$206 as a single traveler.
- Yes I/we would like to purchase the Optional Group Deluxe with CFAR (Cancel For Any Reason) Travel Protection @ \$261 per person. The insurance cost increases to \$309 as a single traveler.

**Please select one option**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to return **January 2, 2022** from Los Angeles to Minneapolis.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to include the **2-Day Extension to Palm Springs** for additional **\$222** per person.

**Make \$300 deposit per person payable to:**

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we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then proceed to Victory Park, where the floral and animated masterpieces are parked along Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards for up close viewing. Here you can truly see the design and workmanship that went into each float entry and learn more about the float process from Tournament volunteers – "White Suiters" – on hand. In the late afternoon we return to the hotel.

**Sunday, January 2 Home or Palm Springs, CA**

Today we bid farewell to Los Angeles as you will either be transported to the airport for your return flight back to Minneapolis or continue our travels to Sunny Palm Springs! We will travel through the Coachella Valley to a winter Paradise. En route, we



stop at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway—the world's largest rotating tram car—which travels over two-and-one-half miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting riders to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Once you reach the Mountain Station—elevation 8,516 feet—enjoy two restaurants, observation decks, natural history museum, two documentary theaters, gift shop and over 50 miles of hiking trails. After lunch in the Mountain Station, we ride the Aerial Tramway back down in the Coachella Valley and continue on to downtown Palm Springs to meet our local guide. This afternoon we will have a guided tour, passing many of the modern and famous homes from a storied past. Most of them were built between 1940 and 1960. Elvis Presley's honeymoon house, Marilyn Monroe, Liberace, Dean Martin, Elizabeth Taylor, just to name just a few. Following the tour, we arrive at the Hyatt Palm Springs, for a two-night stay in the sun. It is located in the town center of Palm Springs, where you will be able to enjoy views from

the furnished private balcony or lounge in the separate parlor area.

**Monday, January 3 Palm Springs, CA**

After breakfast, the day is at your leisure to enjoy a hot air balloon ride, shopping, golf, Air Museum and/or the amenities at the hotel.

**Tuesday, January 4 Home**

Following breakfast, we transfer to the Palm Springs Airport for the return flight to Minneapolis.

**General Information:**

**Tour price: \$2,576.00** per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are **\$349** additional charge. To add the Palm Springs extension, it is an additional **\$222** per person and **\$200** more for single accommodations.

**Deposit and Payments:**

A deposit of **\$300.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by August 15, 2021. Credit cards are not accepted.

**Responsibility:** Wendinger Travel acts only in the capacity of an agent for travelers in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation by motor coach; and not held responsible for damage expense or inconvenience caused by itinerary or schedule changes, nor for loss, injury or damage to any person or property from any cause whatsoever. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. Wendinger Travel is not responsible for individual needs of travelers. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, a travel companion **MUST** accompany all guests requiring special assistance.

**Your Trip Includes:**

- Roundtrip Airfare from Minneapolis
- Airport Transfers
- Five days deluxe motor coach transportation
- Four nights accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Breakfast each morning
- Excursions to Rose Parade Float Decorating Pavilions & Huntington Library and Gardens
- Full Day sight-seeing of LA and the surrounding areas.
- New Year's Eve Celebration
- Tournament of Roses Parade with an included lunch, seat cushion & program
- Post parade viewing at Victory Park
- Fully escorted and local tour guide for the duration of the tour

**Palm Springs Extension:**

- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- 3-Hour Tour of Palm Springs
- 2 nights accommodations in Palm Springs with two additional breakfasts.

*Wendinger Travel recommends all travelers to purchase trip insurance. We will provide options for purchase.*

**Cancellation pertaining to non-medical:**

A full refund will be made up to 90 days prior to departure date. Up to 90 days prior, 50 % of the tour price will be refunded. Within 60 days before departure date no refund will be given.

