

MISSION TOUR  
OCTOBER 22-29, 2005

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Reservations for the entire tour must be made per Kristine Monroe at either email: [kristine.monroe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristine.monroe@sbcglobal.net) , or mail PO Box 2901, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 707-591-9127

**No later than Tuesday, September 13, 2005.**

**Fees must be received by October 4, 2005** Send fee to: **Hearts Center of Santa Rosa, c/o Mission Tour, PO Box 2901, Santa Rosa, CA 95405**

Cost of tour *per person*, include:

\$160 for van & gas, \$400 for hotels, 8 days. Subtotal = \$560 to be paid in advance.

Other costs: Food is personal expenditure based on your habits. *Suggest* that group purchase grocery items and pack lunches and breakfasts. Dinners may be either eaten out or also packed. *Recommend* a \$25/day food budget (\$25x8=\$200).

Airline tickets: to San Diego on 21st and returning from Oakland or San Francisco (29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>) are also separate from tour costs, based on personal itineraries. Suggest coordinate with David Lewis regarding arrivals into San Diego International on October 21, shuttle to Super 8 Motel, leave on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> from San Francisco or Oakland. The 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of the tour so suggest you leave no earlier than 7 or 8 pm that eve.

TOUR AGENDA

Arrive in San Diego Friday, Oct. 21, and stay night at Super 8 Motel Mission Valley

Day 1, Oct. 22

Tour the Serra museum on Presidio hill at 9 a.m, the original site of the 1<sup>st</sup> mission and presidio in California (1-2 hours)

Visit to Mission San Diego and tour this inspiring museum (1-2 hours).

After lunch, drive to San Luis Rey (1-2 hours) and then decide whether to tour San Antonio de Pala Asistencia, some 30 miles east of San Luis (1-2 hours)

Drive to Orange County and stay in San Juan Capistrano for night.

- Best Western, 27174 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano

### Day 2, Oct. 23

Tour San Juan Capistrano (2-3 hours). This mission contains original Serra Chapel, ruins, extensive displays and gardens. Grab a bite and head for...

Town and mission of San Gabriel. This is an impressive fortress like church with a well-organized tour (1-2 hours)

Head for L.A. San Fernando Rey is a big complex that will take time to see properly, hit the highlights: the Convento, or Long House, the museum and the church interior (1-2 hours).

- Best Western Mission Hills

### Day 3, Oct. 24

Drive down the coast and stop in Ventura to visit San Buenaventura (1+ hours). The interior of the mission church has been nicely restored and there is a small museum and displays on the grounds.

Mid-morning drive to Mission Santa Barbara to see the mission which has an excellent museum and lovely grounds (1-2 hours). Have lunch and if time, visit the partially restored Santa Barbara Presidio.

Finish day at Santa Ines in Solvang. This is a wonderful mission with well preserved grounds and a lot to see (1-2 hours). Spend night in Lompoc (18 miles from Solvang).

- Best Western O Cairn Inn

### Day 4, Oct. 25

La Purisima in Lompoc, will take 2-3 hours to see as this mission was fully restored in 1930s and contains over 20 buildings.

San Luis Obispo. This is an interesting mission in an interesting town, but time is limited. Visit the church, walk the grounds and be sure to spend time in the museum (1-2 hours). Have lunch here.

Touring San Miguel will not take as much time as normally recommended due to earthquake damage in December, 2003, and much of the mission is closed (1 hour).

Spend night at former Hearst hunting lodge, Hacienda Guest Lodge at Fort Liggert.

### Day 5, Oct. 26

San Antonio de Padua is surrounded by a military reservation, Fort Liggert, so allow enough time to get thru the check points. This wonderfully

restored mission has a great church, an interesting museum, a full quadrangle, several important exterior displays and ample grounds (2-3 hours)

Make way to Route 101 north. Stop and see Mission Soledad (1 hour).

Spend night in Carmel:

- Carmel Mission Inn

Day 6, Oct. 27

Drive to visit Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo in Carmel. This is a beautiful mission with wonderful grounds, a great museum and plenty to see (2-3 hours).

After lunch drive to town of San Juan Bautista, which is quite charming, spend as much time as possible at the San Juan Bautista mission and the adjacent state park. This contains the only authentic Spanish era plaza and some 20 historic buildings (2-3 hours). Spend night in Santa Cruz:

- Best Western Torch Light

Day 7, Oct. 28

Begin day with a visit to Mission Santa Cruz. Be sure to visit the nearby Mission Santa Cruz State Historic Park where there is an authentic mission era adobe (former Indian housing).

Drive to Santa Clara University and visit historic Mission Santa Clara on the grounds of the school. Be sure to look at the rose garden (the former cemetery) and the ruins of the old walls that are preserved (1-2 hours).

Visit Mission San Jose (1-2 hours).

Spend night near or in San Francisco:

- Best Western, 9<sup>th</sup> St., San Francisco

Day 8, Oct. 29

Begin day by visiting San Francisco de Asis in downtown San Francisco. Be sure to visit the cemetery (1-2 hours)

Drive to San Rafael and see the mission replica (1 hour). Have lunch.

Drive to Sonoma and end day with Mission San Francisco Solano. Be sure to see the site of the Bear Flag Revolt on the square and the Soldiers Barracks. If so inclined drive to General Mariano Vallejo's house on the outskirts of town (2-3 hours).

End day with group celebratory picnic/BBQ at the Sonoma Plaza Park.

For those flying out, leave San Francisco or Oakland either late that night or the next day. Those who may wish to hang around can stay with local keepers if they would like.