



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM  
PRESENTS....

# NEON TO NATURE

FEATURING LAKE LAKE VEGAS LEISURE STAY, GRAND CANYON SKYWALK, NELLIS AIR SHOW, HOOVER DAM

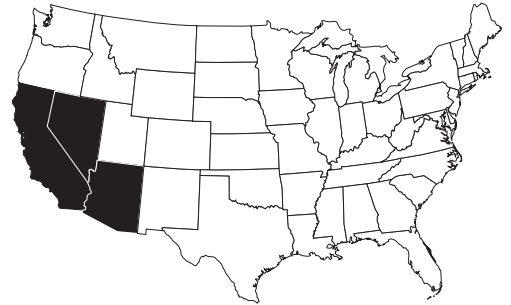
NOVEMBER 8-12, 2012 ~ 5 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE      ACTIVITY LEVEL  
Leisurely     On the Go      Low     High

### ~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

*This new single-hotel journey will showcase the new and the historic treasures in and around Las Vegas. We'll go from "neon to nature" as we go backstage on the "Strip", cruise on Lake Mead, ride the rails, descend into Hoover Dam, walk over the Grand Canyon, visit the newest museums and see the aerial acrobats of the Thunderbirds overhead. All the while, unpack and relax for four nights at a luxurious four-star resort in the desert oasis of Lake Las Vegas.*



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Spend four leisurely nights at the 4-star *Ravella Resort & Spa* (formerly *Ritz Carlton*) on the shores of Lake Las Vegas and next door to *Casino MonteLago*
- ◆ Attend the Nellis Air Show to see the Air Force *Thunderbirds* and other military and civilian aircraft performing intricate maneuvers overhead
- ◆ Tour Hoover Dam and it's Power House, walk across the new Bypass Bridge, ride the rails aboard the Nevada Southern Railway from Boulder City on the tracks used to build the Dam, and take a narrated sightseeing lunch cruise on a Mississippi-style paddlewheeler
- ◆ Visit The Atomic Testing Museum, Mob Museum and take a back stage tour of *Jubilee* to learn about the costumes, backdrops and other secrets of this long-running Vegas show
- ◆ Optional visit to the *Skywalk* jutting 70 feet over the west rim of the Grand Canyon



Grand Canyon Skywalk



Thunderbirds

### ◆DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE LAKE LAS VEGAS◆

From our departure points this morning we travel by motorcoach to Las Vegas making several rest stops along the way. Later this afternoon we'll check into our beautiful and luxurious resort hotel in the desert oasis of **Lake Las Vegas** for a leisurely four-night stay. Sculpted from the colorful desert terrain of Southern Nevada, Lake Las Vegas is a private 320-acre lake that lies nestled within the desert mountainside just 17 miles from the Las Vegas Strip. This four-star Mediterranean-inspired resort hotel was formerly a *Ritz Carlton* and re-opened in 2011 after an extensive remodel. It features a breathtaking setting, unimaginable luxury, full-service spa, swimming pool, private lagoon with a private white sand beach, and the *Casino MonteLago* is located next door. Enjoy an included **welcome dinner** this evening. (Dinner)

scheduled to perform as well as other military and civilian aircraft. The event also celebrates the history of American aviation and salutes the recent accomplishments of America's military through approximately 100 military and civilian aircraft expected to be on display. This afternoon we visit the **National Atomic Testing Museum**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian that opened in 2005 to recognize the unique role that Nevada played in defending the United States during the Cold War. A **docent-guided tour** will showcase this repository for one of the most comprehensive collections of nuclear history in the world featuring a wide variety of materials and artifacts relating to the Cold War, the Nevada Test Site, Area 51, and nuclear and radiological science and technology. We return to Lake Las Vegas with the balance of the evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

### ◆DAY 2 ~ NELLIS AIR SHOW, LAS VEGAS◆

Following an included breakfast at the resort we head to **Nellis Air Force Base** and honor our Veterans this Veteran's Day weekend at the **Nellis Air Show**. The event is not open to the general public on Friday and the crowds will be minimal. The **Air Force Thunderbirds** are



Ravella Resort & Spa

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-4 **Ravella Resort & Spa**  
Lake Las Vegas, NV

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 4 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 6 Meals – 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 4 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

### PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$799 / Single \$1,049 • Deposit \$150

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan

\$53 Double occupancy / \$67 Single occupancy

## RESERVATIONS

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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)

♦ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

## TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Park and join this tour at one of the following locations:

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office

Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

*Departure time depends on location*

*Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure*

## ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location.

## FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog  
or www.goodtimestravel.com

### ♦ DAY 3 ~ HOOVER DAM ♦

An included breakfast this morning before we depart the resort and spend the day learning about the Hoover Dam and seeing it from a variety of vantage points. This National Historic Landmark stands today as a testament to the thousands of men and women who came to a harsh and barren land and in less than five years built a world renowned structure which changed the future of the west. Viewing this magnificent, massive man-made structure creates a respect for man's accomplishments. The strong desire to harness nature's power drove the human mind and body to build Hoover Dam in the hottest, driest area of the United States. First we head to **Boulder City** and board the **Nevada Southern Railway** for a 7-mile round-trip journey on a historic line that was built specifically to haul materials to build the Hoover Dam. You may ride in the recently refurbished Pullman Coaches dating back to 1911 or take in the views from the open car. Learn about the history of Boulder City, the city responsible for building the dam, and get close-up views of the Southwest desert. We'll then embark on a **Lake Mead lunch cruise** aboard a Mississippi-style paddlewheeler. The **Desert Princess** was designed specifically to cruise the glassy blue surface of Lake Mead. Enjoy an included lunch while we take in views of Hoover Dam and Mother Nature in all her raw beauty. Then, come face-to-face with the mighty **Hoover Dam** as we walk across the new **Mike O'Callaghan – Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge** (Hoover Dam bypass bridge). This bridge, completed in 2010, is the highest and longest arched concrete bridge in the Western Hemisphere and the second-highest bridge of any kind in the United States. Its setting is what sets it apart; it is perched 890 feet above the turquoise Colorado River; only 1,500 feet from the Hoover Dam. Walk to the center of the bridge and you'll walk right into Arizona! We then embark on a **guided tour** of the Hoover Dam. We'll see a brief video depicting the history of the Hoover Dam and then guides will escort you to an elevator for a 500-foot descent to get an up-close look at the power plant generators housed at the base of the dam. We return to the resort with the balance of the evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### ♦ DAY 4 ~ DAY AT LEISURE OR SKYWALK ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning you may enjoy the day at leisure or take advantage of an optional tour to the **Grand Canyon Skywalk** (*additional charge*). This all day adventure will take you to the west rim of the **Grand Canyon** and experience through the eyes of the Hualapai Indians the raw beauty of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. You will travel off the main highways through 21 miles of one of the world's largest and oldest Joshua Tree Forests to the Hualapai Reservation (9 miles are by dirt road). The Skywalk

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### ♦ DAY 5 ~ LAS VEGAS, JOURNEY HOME ♦

This morning, following an included breakfast we head to the **Mob Museum** – Las Vegas' newest museum, it opened in 2012. Located inside the historic former federal courthouse in **Downtown Las Vegas**, this building is a mob artifact in itself. Inside you'll find exhibits that focus on both sides of the notorious battle between organized crime and law enforcement. The museum features high tech theatre presentations, iconic one-of-a-kind artifacts and interactive environments. It's as close as you can get to the Mob without being asked to wear a wire. Then, we head to the Las Vegas **"strip"** for a backstage tour of **Jubilee!** – to learn about the costumes, the system of backdrops and other secrets of Vegas' longest-running show. Our guide will be a showgirl as we see first-hand what it takes to bring this \$50 million stage spectacular to life. See how the massive sets are constructed, maintained and moved during performances. Visit the dressing rooms, costume construction and repair shops. Through the experience of a **Jubilee!** dancer, we'll see how it all comes together and learn a few secrets of the trade. Later this morning we begin our journey home making a lunch stop enroute. We return home with great memories of our unique and varied experiences on our journey from "neon to nature". (Breakfast)