

# 2009 CALIFORNIA ROSE

*A Garden Lovers Tour*



*PREMIUM GROUP TOURING*

Fully Escorted 18 Day Coach Tour

Departing **18 APRIL 2009**



# CALIFORNIA

## Sat 18 Apr Adelaide - Los Angeles

Depart Adelaide today on Air New Zealand via Auckland, bound for Los Angeles. We travel by coach to Anaheim and check-in to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free. Join our Tour Manager and fellow travellers tonight for a Welcome Dinner.

Hotel: Clarion Hotel (D)

## Sun 19 Apr Anaheim

This morning we visit the 26 acre Fullerton Arboretum which is located in the heart of Fullerton on the California State University Campus. The afternoon is at leisure.

Hotel: Clarion Hotel

## Mon 20 Apr Anaheim

Enjoy a full day tour to the Pasadena area visiting the Huntington Botanical Gardens (pictured below) with a personal escorted tour of the gardens by Rose Garden curator Clair Martin. In the afternoon we visit the nearby Descanso Gardens meeting with the Garden curator, Wen Wang.

Hotel: Clarion Hotel



## Tue 21 Apr Santa Barbara

We depart Anaheim and Los Angeles today, passing the Watts Towers and visiting Rancho Camulos on the way to Santa Barbara Mission, the 10th Mission, founded by Father Fermin Lasuen. There are 21 missions founded by Father Junipero Serra and the Spanish Franciscans along the El Camino Real ("King's Highway"), which weaves its way along the Californian coast from San Diego de Alcalá to San Rafael Arcangel. Explore the A C Postel Rose Garden.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Santa Barbara (B)

## Wed 22 Apr Santa Barbara

Today we visit the late Madame Ganna Walska's large estate and botanic garden, 'Lotusland' and then two local gardens. This evening dine with the Santa Barbara Rose Society.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Santa Barbara (B/D)

## Thu 23 Apr Cambria/San Simeon

Travel along El Camino Real to Misión La Purisima Concepción De María Santísima (Mission of the Immaculate Conception of Most Holy Mary) which was founded in 1787 by Father Fermin de Lasuen. Destroyed by earthquakes in 1812 it was rebuilt northeast of the original mission but fell into disrepair toward the end of the 1800s. In 1934 it was reconstructed and is now within La Purisima Mission State Historic Park. One of the most evocative of the Missions.

Hotel: Quality Inn San Simeon (B)



## Fri 24 Apr Cambria/San Simeon

A morning visit to Hearst Castle (pictured above) with a special tour of the "Art of the Gardens", and a personalised tour of the rose garden's restoration with horticulturist Christine Takahashi.

Hotel: Quality Inn San Simeon (B)

## Sat 25 Apr Monterey

Continue on the Pacific Coast Highway via Big Sur. Enjoy lunch (additional expense) overlooking the coast at Nepenthe before continuing on to Carmel to visit the San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission. This is the 2nd mission founded by Father Serra and is named for Saint Charles. Father Serra is buried in the small Adobe Church next to his long time friend Father Crespi. A few

years later the current large stone church was built around the small Adobe church and it was here that Fr Lasuen was buried. We have arranged a special walking tour of the Cooper Historic Garden, a 2.4 acre recreated period garden with horticulturally correct plants available to John and Encarnacion Vallego de Cooper before 1865, the Larkin House and the Robert Louis Stevenson House with Frances Grate. We travel on to Monterey and our hotel.

Hotel: Best Western DeAnza Inn

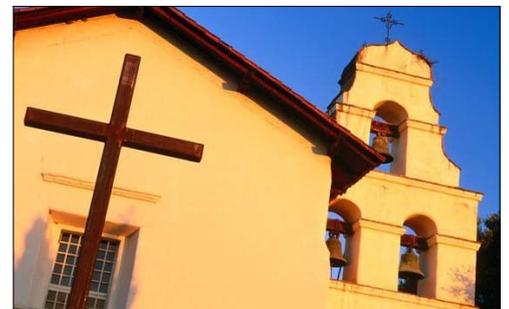
Monterey (B)

## Sun 26 Apr Santa Clara/San Jose

Travel inland to San Juan Bautista Mission (pictured below) and meet up with Jill Perry for morning tea and a tour of the town. Bautista sits on the San Andreas Fault and is the 15<sup>th</sup> mission founded by Father Lasuen and named for John the Baptist. An earthquake destroyed the mission in 1803 with the ruins to be seen from the highway. There are interesting rose plantings in the town and cemetery, including plantings around the buildings which surround the Old Spanish Plaza, where a model rose garden provides a glimpse of roses grown in Alta California prior to the Gold Rush. Then travel on to visit the world renowned San Jose Heritage Rose Garden with a personal tour of the garden by curator Jill Perry before heading to our hotel.

Hotel: Comfort Inn San Jose (B)

Mon 27 Apr San Francisco



This morning we visit the boundary fences of climbing roses, which border the Santa Clara Mission and University. The enormous old standard plant of Fr. Schoener's *Rosa abyssinica* in the plaza of the University and the walkways of century old wisteria vines will beckon. We continue on to our San Francisco accommodation.

Overnight: Radisson Hotel

Fishermans Wharf (B)

# ROSE

## Tue 28 Apr San Francisco

Enjoy a morning tour of the Berkeley Rose Garden before we travel to Alcatraz Island (pictured below) to meet Carola Ashford, leader of the Alcatraz gardens restoration project that is replanting roses known to have been growing at Alcatraz in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Late afternoon and the evening have been left open for you to enjoy some personal touring at Fisherman's Wharf, on the cable cars or dining in Chinatown (additional charge).  
Overnight: Radisson Hotel

Fishermans Wharf (B)



## Wed 29 Apr Sebastopol

We travel over the Golden Gate Bridge to Muir Woods and its Giant Redwoods. Then on to Garden Valley Ranch Rose Nursery at Petaluma before heading to Sebastopol (pictured below) for an overnight stay. A special evening Wine & Roses dinner in the restored carriage house at Garden Valley Ranch hosted by Rosa Mundi and the HRF.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Sebastopol (D)



## Thu 30 Apr Santa Rosa

Visit Vintage Rose Gardens, the home and garden of rose experts Gregg Lowery and Phillip Robinson. We travel on to Luther Burbank's experimental farm in Sebastopol, followed by the Santa Rosa gardens of Luther Burbank and the 1870 private garden of 'Mabelton' which featured in "Pollyanna" (picture back page).

Hotel: Quality Inn Santa Rosa

## Fri 01 May Sacramento

On to Sacramento, the capital of California to visit Sacramento Old City Cemetery for a morning tour of its Historic Rose Garden. Enjoy a boxed lunch as we meet Barbara Oliva and her garden volunteers. This afternoon visit Sutter's Fort where we will see how the pioneers lived. We will see examples of the Indian culture in the adjacent interpretive centre. This evening share a meal with the Yolo and Beyond Heritage Rose members in a local restaurant

Hotel: Holiday Inn Sacramento (L/D)

## Sat 02 May Motherlode

Tour of the Motherlode (pictured below), travelling the old gold route from Placerville to Sonora along Highway 49 visiting gold rush towns and cemeteries featured in, 'In Search of Lost Roses' by Thomas Christopher - seeing old rose plantings along the way and meeting the authors of the book 'Field Report of Rose Characteristics.'

Hotel: Days Inn Sonora



## Sun 03 May Depart San Francisco

We return to San Francisco airport for our flights via Auckland to Adelaide. (B)

## Mon 04 May In-Flight

## Tue 05 May Auckland & Adelaide

Arrive Auckland and remain in transit before continuing on to Adelaide.

## Tour Costs

\$ 7,750  
Per person twin share

\$ 1,400  
Single supplement

**FINAL PAYMENT DATE:**  
18 Feb 2009

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Departure transfer from home to Adelaide Airport (metro area only)
- International economy class flights
- Arrival and departure transfers in the USA (when travelling on group flights)
- Hotel accommodation as stated
- Entry fees, guided walks & talks at garden visits as specified in itinerary
- Entry fees, guided walks & talks at missions as stated in itinerary
- Entry fee in to Alcatraz
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary (B/L/D)
- Deluxe Mini-bus transportation
- Hotel service charges and taxes
- Fully escorted from Adelaide (when minimum numbers met)
- Tour booklet & Pre-departure meeting

## NOT INCLUDED

- Australian & International airport taxes & fuel surcharges (allow app \$500 pp)
- Travel Insurance - Premier Plus
- Items of a personal nature eg drinks, meals other than indicated on itinerary, laundry, phone calls, gratuities & tipping, optional sightseeing, etc

## USA VISA REQUIREMENTS

From January 2009, Australian Passport holders will be required to complete a new on-line visa prior to boarding a USA bound plane. Strict entry conditions must be met. All visas must be completed personally by each traveller on the US Embassy website.



*Patricia Toolan is the HRIA Coordinator, a Churchill Fellow and Old Rose Conservator. Join her on this tour which encompasses the extraordinary Rose Gardens, Botanic Gardens and Missions of California. Designed for like-minded travellers who share a love of history, plants and architecture, we are sure this tour is for you!*



**INSURANCE:**

**PLAN Premier Plus\***

**Single: \$ 196\***

**Duo: \$388\***

**\*TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY.** Cost will vary, depending on the length of your stay, age & if you suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions. This Travel Insurance is available for residents of Australia only.

**GROUP BOOKING CONDITIONS**

**Reservations**

A deposit of \$600 per person is required within 7 days of confirmation of your booking. The balance is due no later than 18 Feb 2009. If a booking is made after this date, the full tour price is due at the time of confirmation. Prices are subject to change at anytime until full payment has been received and tickets have been issued.

**Baggage**

The free baggage allowance on flights is 20kgs per person for economy passengers and 30kgs per person for business class passengers. Hand luggage is restricted to 1 piece per person weighing less than 7kg. Whilst on tour one main bag and 1 piece of hand luggage per person is allowed. Airlines may charge you for baggage in excess of these allowances, which will be at passenger's expense.

**Insurance**

Insurance is compulsory for cover against loss of deposit and loss of airfares, personal accident, medical cover etc. If you have an ongoing medical condition you may be required to complete a pre-existing medical form. If you are over 60 years of age, you are required to complete a seniors medical form. Your Consultant will provide all details.

**Medical Advice**

It is wise to seek medical advice before travelling as you may require vaccinations for this tour. We recommend seeking advice from a travel specialist such as Globe Medical, 21 Hindmarsh Sq Adelaide on (08) 8232 7372, or from your GP.

**Passport & Visas**

It is necessary for all passengers to be in possession of a valid passport which has at least 6 months validity beyond your return into Australia.

**Price Alterations**

Tour prices specified are based on airfares, taxes and land arrangement tariffs applicable at the time of printing, therefore they may be subject to alteration with or without prior notice until final payment date, as per brochure (18 Feb 2009).

**Minimum Numbers**

Group fares quoted for this tour are subject to a minimum 15 paying passengers travelling together. Phil Hoffmann Travel reserve the right to increase the tour price or cancel the tour should the numbers travelling not meet the required minimum. Tour escort travels when minimum numbers are met. If group numbers are not met, tour may revert to independent travel arrangements.

**Amendments/changes**

A fee of \$100, per amendment will be charged for any reservation changes after your booking is confirmed, unless change increases the value of your booking. This fee is in addition to any charges from airlines, land operators or cruise lines. Bookings are non-transferable.

**Cancellations**

Cancellations of firm bookings will be subject to \$600 per person service fee plus any charges imposed by principals involved in operating the tour. Therefore, the cancellation fee may be up to the total cost for land and/or airfares. Cancelled bookings are non-transferable

**Refunds/Credits**

No refund is available in respect of any sightseeing tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised or required during this tour. No refund is available for cancellations after the tour has commenced. Credit offers cannot be refunded or taken as cash.

**Responsibility**

Phil Hoffmann Travel reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change of reservation, features and/or means of conveyance without any notice and for any reason whatsoever.

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We reserve the right to take any reasonable action should your health, actions or behaviour impinge on the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other passengers. Phil Hoffmann Travel reserve the right to cancel or withdraw any person as a member of the tour at any time.

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