

# Urbandale High School Concert Choir Performance Tour of Southern California March 9 – 14, 2022

# **Proposed Itinerary**

Day One - Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Depart** Meet at Urbandale High School to travel to the Des Moines Airport. (Transportation to and

from airport is not included.) It is recommended that groups arrive at least three hours prior

to departure.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, every air traveler 18 years of age or older will need a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID, passport or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States or enter federal facilities. Visit <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/real-id">https://www.dhs.gov/real-id</a> to learn more.

Arrival Welcome to Los Angeles! Your Gateway Tour Manager will greet you upon arrival.

Santa Monica Pier The beach in Santa Monica is famous for its pier, lined with shops, restaurants, an

amusement park as well as the best sand along the California coastline. Bike rentals are available to ride along the famous boardwalk and close by is 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Promenade for more

shopping!

Griffith Observatory Drive up the south-facing slope of Mount Hollywood in Los Angeles' Griffith Park, to the

Griffith Observatory for breathtaking views of Los Angeles and the Hollywood sign from

different vantage points.

The Grove and

**Farmers Market** For shopping, dining and simply loving life, The Grove is your ultimate entertainment

destination. From your favorite boutiques and restaurants to choreographed fountains, free live concerts in The Park and the adjacent historic Farmers Market, you'll enjoy an experience

like no other in Los Angeles.

**Dinner** A meal coupon will be provided at the Farmers Market.

Hotel Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.



# Day Two - Thursday, March 10, 2022

Breakfast Included

Disneyland and Disney's California

**Adventure** Discover the magic of the Disneyland Park and experience the fun and adventure of the

Golden State at Disney's California Adventure Park.

**Dinner** Disney Youth Dining card is provided for dinner (\$15.00 value).

# Day Three - Friday, March 11, 2022

Breakfast Included

**Concert** Participate in a school exchange concert in the San Diego area.

School exchange concerts are held in rehearsal rooms or auditoriums at local schools. Audiences are comprised of students at the local school, ranging from members of one ensemble to larger segments of the student body.

The Getty

**Center** Visit the Getty Center, well known for its art, architecture, gardens, and the spectacular views

overlooking Los Angeles.

Hollywood Walking and

**Driving Tour** Join a professional guide for a walking tour of Hollywood and Highland. The tour will

include the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, El Capitan, and the Egyptian Theatre with plenty of entertainment and history along the way. The second part of your Hollywood tour begins when your professional guide steps onto your motorcoach and takes you to Sunset Strip, downtown Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive, the La Brea Tar Pits and

much, much more.

**Dinner** Pig and Whistle or similar

LA Phil/Walt Disney

Concert Hall Attend a LA Phil concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall (schedule pending). This hall is

recognized as being one of the most acoustically sophisticated halls in the world (based on a

\$85.00 ticket value).



#### Day Four - Saturday, March 12, 2022

Breakfast Included

Check Out Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.

**Depart** Board the motorcoaches and travel south to San Diego

La Jolla Cove is one of the most scenic vistas in San Diego. Stroll along the park and

observe sea lions, seals, and water adventurists. There are great shops and restaurants along

Girard Ave.

Public

**Perform** for the public at the USS Midway or similar.

Public performances occur in locations that attract the general public. Indoor venues may include museums, and shopping centers. Outdoor venues may include bandstands, park gazebos, courtyards, monuments, town squares and theme parks. Gateway obtains advance authorization and secures a performance time. Typical

lengths range from 30-60 minutes. Audiences are ambient, comprised of people visiting the site.

five decades of service. Named after the Battle of Midway in 1942 but wasn't commissioned until a week after WWII. Explore more than 60 exhibits with a collection of 25 restored aircraft.

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Old Town The birthplace of San Diego, Old Town is now a living Museum and Cultural Park that

recreates life in the Mexican and early American periods of 1821 to 1872, giving you a feel of a Southwest marketplace. Spend time exploring its many historic buildings & shops, some of

which are in or near original adobes.

**Dinner** Cafe Coyote Mexican Restaurant in Old Town San Diego or similar



#### Day Five - Sunday, March 13, 2022

Breakfast Included

☐ Clinic Participate in a clinic in the San Diego area.

Clinics are often held in churches, school auditoriums or rehearsal spaces. Ensembles perform selections of their repertoire and receive instruction from a respected local music director. Typical lengths range from 45-60

minutes per ensemble. There are no audiences.

San Diego's Safari Park, cousin to the San Diego Zoo, is an 1800-acre wildlife preserve that

houses over 3500 animals representing 260 species and is also a botanical garden. One of its most notable features is the Africa Tram which explores the expansive African exhibits. These free-range enclosures house such animals as antelopes, giraffes, buffalo, cranes, and

rhinoceros.

Harbor

**Dinner Cruise** Enjoy a farewell dinner cruise along the San Diego Harbor with a DJ dance.

### Day Six - Monday, March 14, 2022

Breakfast Included

**Check Out** Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.

Coronado Island Depart for Coronado Island and walk along the white sand beach, visit the shops, rent a

surrey bike, or visit Hotel del Coronado.

**Depart** Travel to the airport for return flight.

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. Performance venues may be subject to availability and/or acceptance.