



Urbandale High School Band and Choir
Performance Tour of Southern California
March 8 – 13, 2023

Proposed Itinerary

Day One – Wednesday, March 8, 2023

- 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.
- 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 3rd 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 9, 2023

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 10, 2023

Breakfast Included

**♪ School Exchange
Concert**

Each ensemble will participate in a school exchange concert in the Los Angeles 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 11, 2023

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	La Jolla Cove is one of the most scenic vistas in San Diego. Stroll along the park and observe sea lions, seals, and water adventurers. There are great shops and restaurants along Girard Ave.
🎵 Public Performance	Each ensemble will perform for the public at the USS Midway or similar. <i>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.</i>
USS Midway	The USS Midway Museum is an unforgettable adventure. Visit the aircraft carrier with nearly 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.
Hotel	Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.
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 12, 2023

Breakfast Included

🎵 Clinic Each ensemble will 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.*

Safari Park 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 13, 2023

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.