

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES

di Rosa Center, Sonoma Plaza & Jack London State Historic Park

This exciting excursion will begin with a tour of the di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, an art park located in Napa that encompasses multiple galleries and a sculpture meadow on protected land. Next, we will travel to Sonoma Plaza where you will have time for lunch on your own, browsing in the many shops, wine-tasting, and exploring the historical sites in the immediate area. Before heading home, we will travel to Jack London State Historic Park for a tour of the newly redesigned park museum, The House of Happy Walls, which celebrates the adventurous and inspiring story of Jack London and his wife, Charmian, and inspires visitors to pursue life with passionate curiosity.

Napa, Sonoma, Glen Ellen – Ages 30+

Sun 5/19 8:00 AM-7:30 PM \$86 / \$95 #6905



Delta Cruise, Rio Vista and Western Railway Museum

Enjoy three modes of transportation with us on this fun-filled excursion! After traveling by bus to Antioch, we will board the River Dolphin for a cruise on the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, exploring the cultural and natural history of this critical area. The cruise will enter the San Joaquin River before crossing through Three Mile Slough and entering the Sacramento River. Witness the levees, wetland areas, birds and people that all co-exist here. We will disembark in Rio Vista, where you will have time to explore the historic town, visit the Rio Vista Museum and have lunch on your own. Next, we will board the bus and travel to the nearby Western Railway Museum. There will be treated to a car house tour and an approximate one-hour ride aboard a restored historic electric rail car.

Antioch, Rio Vista, Suisun – Adults & children - Age 7+

Sun 6/2 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM \$129 / \$142 #6906


Backyard Treasures

The first stop on our journey will be at the Bay Area Glass Institute, where we will be treated to an educational glassblowing demonstration. Next, we will tour the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, which features a central dome, cupolas, finials, towers and 39 beautiful and unique stained-glass windows. After stopping for lunch on your own, we will travel the short distance to the Winchester Mystery House for a guided tour of the world's longest renovation project, spanning 1886 to 1922. This architectural wonder and curiosity was built at a price tag totaling over \$5 million in 1973! Please note: The Winchester Mystery House tour cannot accommodate walkers, wheelchairs or electric scooters. Canes are permitted.

San Jose - Adults & children - Age 7+

Sat 6/8 8:30 AM-6 PM \$88 / \$97 #6909



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San Francisco Giants Game

See the San Francisco Giants embark on what hopes to be another winning season. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon, at AT&T Park watching the San Francisco Giants vs. the New York Mets (**Section LB 127**). Bring a friend or grandchild with you to enjoy this special day in the city. Pack a lunch or grab a bite after we arrive at the park, where you will have a variety of food and beverage options to choose from. Fee includes transportation, shuttle from parking lot, and entrance to the game.

Oracle Park, San Francisco - Adults & children - Age 7+
Sun 7/21 8:30 AM-6 PM \$130 / \$143 # 6907

Chardonnay II Cruise

Join us for a 2-hour cruise aboard the 70' sloop, Chardonnay II on Thursday, September 5, 2019 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This FREE event is made possible by the generosity of Chardonnay Sailing Charters. This trip is open ONLY to seniors age 55+, who have NOT participated before; **entries will not be accepted** from those who have previously attended. **To make your entry**, please mail-in, walk-in, or e-mail your name, address, and telephone number to: Jessica Beebe, 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, 95062. E-mail to: jessica.beebe@santacruzcounty.us. Please neatly PRINT all of your information. Your contact information is due by August 16, 5:00 p.m. **One entry per person**. A drawing will be held on August 19 to choose the lucky winners for this year's cruise. A wait list will also be created. Winners will be notified via mail or email. If you don't hear from us it is because your name was not selected.

Golden Gate Park and Lunch at the Cliff House

Live harp music and panoramic ocean views will set the stage for a delectable Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch in the Terrace Room at the Cliff House. After your lovely meal, you will board the bus and travel to Golden Gate Park, a testament to the will of San Francisco's residents to preserve a place to play, relax and grow culturally. Once at the park, a free shuttle will transport participants to several points of interest within, including: The Conservatory of Flowers where the dahlias should be presenting beautiful blooms, Japanese Tea Garden, Strybing Arboretum, Academy of Sciences, de Young Museum, McLaren Lodge, and more. Equipped with a map and a comprehensive guide that you will receive in advance, you will have the choice to visit those attractions that interest you. Many are free, while others charge small fees. Trip fee includes Champagne Brunch, transportation and guide to park.

San Francisco – Age 30+
Sun 8/25 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM \$139 / \$153 #6908



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A Day in the Presidio

Join us on an excursion to the Presidio of San Francisco, a premier national park with a remarkable past and a variety of enjoyable experiences to offer visitors. Upon disembarking at the park, you are welcome to explore on your own or join the trip host in exploring the offerings around the Main Post area, including the Walt Disney Family Museum. The hosted tour will also include exploring the newly opened Visitor Center, which features exhibits that tell the park's fascinating history, in depth information about current park features and a gift shop. Next, a visit to the Presidio Officers' Club will offer deeper insight into the park's history and culture, and features Arguello Restaurant for lunch on your own. For those who choose to explore on their own, hopping on one of the free park shuttles will give you access to beautiful views of the Bay from Crissy Field, 24 miles of trails, Fort Point, and more. Trip fees include transportation and the "Tour Including Walt Disney Family Museum" fees include museum admission. Food trucks and entertainment will also be available on the Presidio's Main Parade Ground.

San Francisco – Age 30+

Sun	9/15	8 AM – 6 PM	\$75 / \$83	Tour Including Walt Disney Family Museum	#6910
Sun	9/15	8 AM – 6 PM	\$55 / \$61	Self-Guided Tour Without Disney Museum	#6911

Safari West, Charles Schulz Museum & Petaluma

Discover wildest Africa in the heart of wine country! Safari West offers adventurous treks in search of cheetahs, romping rhinos, towering giraffes and more. Our 90-minute trek with a highly-trained safari guide will consist of a ride in a larger safari vehicle, which has a smaller step up to get in than their classic tour vehicles, and 40 minutes on foot. Next, we will board the bus and travel to the Charles Schulz Museum, where you can get acquainted with Charles M. Schulz and his lovable cast of characters during a docent-led tour. The next stop will be the quaint downtown area of Petaluma, where you will have time to do some exploring on your own. There you will find many wonderful restaurants, antique shops, art galleries, specialty shops (including Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company's only west coast location), historic architecture of many structures that survived the 1906 SF earthquake and the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum.

Santa Rosa, Petaluma - Adults & children - Age 7+

Sat	10/12	7:00 AM-7:00 PM	\$127 / \$140	#6928
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Golden Gate Fields

Join us in an exciting outing to Golden Gate Fields where we will enjoy a day of thrilling Thoroughbred racing and a lavish luncheon buffet in the Turf Club. The expansive viewing area offers a close-up view of your favorite rounding the turn, heading toward the finish line. Don't miss out on action packed horse racing, a mouth-watering meal and a chance to taste victory! Fee includes transportation, admission, reserved seating, racing program, and luncheon buffet.

Golden Gate Fields, San Francisco – Age 30+

Sat	10/26	9 AM-6 PM	\$86 / \$95	#6765
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Forestiery Underground & Shinzen Friendship Garden Tours

Discover the underground home and garden built by Italian immigrant Baldassare Forestiere, patterned after the ancient catacombs of his native land. Forestiere designed a network of rooms, grottos, and passageways that once honeycombed almost 10 acres and three separate levels. The stonework, the scallop-shaped seats carved into the walls and passageways, and the lush greenery of trees and grapevines growing *beneath the ground* proclaim Forestiere's love for life, nature, and the divine. After stopping for lunch on your own, we will continue to the Shinzen Friendship Garden, where we will enjoy a guided tour of the peaceful and beautiful 5-acre North American Japanese Garden and discover the art of bonsai in the notable Clark Bonsai Collection. Please note: This trip will require a moderate level of walking to enjoy attractions. It may be too strenuous for those who find walking for extended periods of time difficult. Poor weather conditions will cancel this trip.

Fresno, CA - Age 30+

Sat 11/9 6:30 AM- 5:30 PM \$99 / \$109 #6912



San Francisco Shopping, Sightseeing & Holiday Lights in the City Tour

Join us for a fun outing, beginning with an amazing shopping experience in downtown San Francisco. The bus will drop us off in the heart of Union Square, where you will be able to choose from a variety of stores and restaurants. If you like, you may choose to stay in one location and enjoy shopping at the Westfield San Francisco Centre. The Centre is home to the second largest Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's in the country as well as over 170 specialty stores and exclusive boutiques for an awe-inspiring blend of commerce, couture, cuisine and culture. New this year: We have added a drop-off and pick-up location at Pier 39 for those interested.

The fun only begins there! After a day of shopping, a tour guide will meet us, board our bus, and narrate as we tour the city. As darkness falls, we'll be treated to views of holiday lights in San Francisco and even have the opportunity to disembark and have a closer look at some of the city's best displays! Please note: we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Union Square/Westfield Ctr. & Pier 39, San Francisco – Age 30+

Tues 12/3 8:30 AM-8:30 PM \$87 / \$96 #6766

Holiday Art & Craft Faire

Simpkins Family Swim Ctr. - Community Room

Saturday, December 7, 10 AM-4 PM

FREE to event visitors! Whether you're looking for a unique gift for that special someone or festive stocking stuffers, you'll find a wide variety of high-quality, handmade art and crafts will be showcased at the annual Holiday Art and Craft Faire! You'll find unique items created by local Santa Cruz County artists and craftspeople, including jewelry, hats and bags, textiles (knitted items, clothing), ornaments, chocolates, soaps, art, candles, nightlights, pottery, original artwork, cards, pillows, art glass, and much more! Come on by to find that perfect last-minute gift or something for yourself!



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“A Holiday Tradition” at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate

Step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-century Holiday Tradition, one of Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate’s premier events. Take a guided tour of the magnificent 16,224 square foot, 37-room mansion, transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of Edwardian holiday, featuring elegant holiday trees, antique furnishings, and festive decorations in each room.

After the tour, purchase a light lunch and sip something warm in the Carriage House Café, enjoy holiday entertainment and discover a unique shopping experience at the mansion’s holiday gift shop. The event also features kid-specific activities sure to delight grandchildren should you choose to also treat them for the day.

Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, Oakland – Adults & children – Age 7+

Sat 12/14 9:30 AM-5:30 PM \$65 / \$72 #6769

Hamilton Update

There are no group sales tickets available for *Hamilton* this season. However, we will continue to pursue the purchase of *Hamilton* tickets in the future and will contact those on the waitlist when we are able to acquire them. Thank you for your patience!

Additional Theater Trip Possibilities

If you are interested in Santa Cruz County Parks offering trips to the following shows, please call 454-7941 to be placed on the show’s respective interest list:

- **Fiddler on the Roof** - Broadway San Jose, May 2019
- **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** - Orpheum, San Francisco, May 2019
- **Chicago** - Golden Bough Playhouse, Carmel, Nov/Dec 2019 (A humble local production company who put on a good show with tickets at reasonable prices)
- **Les Misérables** - Broadway San Jose, April 2020
- **Teatro Zinzanni** – San Francisco, Spring 2020 (A bewitching evening of European cabaret and cirque, divas and madmen, spectacle and sensuality, with live music and a gourmet five-course dinner)



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The Santa Cruz County Arts
Commission is pleased to announce
2019 Artist of the Year



ELLEN BASS

Profile Performance
Saturday, May 11, 7-9 PM
Live Oak Community Room at the
Simpkins Family Swim Center

Poet and writer Ellen Bass has been named 2019 Artist of the Year by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission. Join us on May 11 for a Profile Performance where Ellen will be reading her poetry and talking about how she makes her poems. Admission is FREE to the public; seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis the night of the event.

Ellen's work as a poet, educator, activist, and pioneer in the field of healing from childhood sexual abuse has enriched the cultural life in Santa Cruz County for 45 years. She has published six books of poetry, the most recent of which, *Like a Beggar* (2014), was a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize, among others. Among her other literary honors are three Pushcart Prizes, the Pablo Neruda Prize, the Chatauqua Poetry Prize, and fellowships from the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. She served as Poet Laureate of Santa Cruz County from 2014-2016.

Ellen is also a celebrated nonfiction writer and a pioneer in the field of healing from child sexual abuse. She is coauthor with Laura Davis of *The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse* (1988, 2008) which has been translated into twelve languages, and *Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth—And Their Allies* (1996). From her work with survivors, Ellen helped found and build two thriving Santa Cruz-based non-profit organizations, Kidpower, Inc. and the Survivors Healing Center.

The Artist of the Year program is sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission and the County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services. For more information, please call (831) 454-7901 or visit www.scparks.com.



May 14 – 21, 2019 - The Best of Eastern Canada featuring Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Niagara Falls & Toronto

From the European-styled, old world elegance of Quebec City to the thundering magnificence of Niagara Falls, you'll love every moment of this tour of Eastern Canada. Enjoy two-night stays in Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto, as well as an overnight stay in Ottawa and city tours of each of them. Have a breakfast of regional specialties at a local sugar shack and learn about maple syrup making. Board a boat to experience Niagara Falls up-close and cruise through the spectacular unspoiled 1000 Islands. Watch the busy St. Lawrence River from high atop Montreal's Mount Royal and experience the energy of multicultural Toronto. Walk the cobblestone streets of Old Quebec. From picturesque countryside to glistening skyscrapers, a truly unforgettable cultural and historical experience awaits you in the heart of Eastern Canada.



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VACATIONS

Oct 16 – 28, 2019 - Treasures of Egypt

The mysteries and treasures of Egypt unfold before you on your journey along the intriguing Nile River. Begin by spending time at the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza – one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Stand in awe at the iconic Great Sphinx. Travel to ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara. Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise on the Nile, the world's longest river. See Luxor's impressive Temples of Karnak. On the West Bank of the Nile in Luxor, uncover countless ancient treasures including the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. Partake in a special evening, and dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabeya party. Choose to sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island aboard a felucca (wooden sail boat) or experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum. Egypt's fascinating story awaits to be discovered.

April 23 - May 2, 2020 – British Landscapes featuring England, Scotland and Wales

Sleepy villages where sheep wander the grassy hillsides, lakes set amidst mountains that inspired centuries of literature, and cities thriving with arts and culture – these are the landscapes of Britain. Discover them on this memorable journey through England, Scotland and Wales. Sleep in a historic castle. Enjoy medieval York and its historic Minster. Soak up the pastoral landscapes of the Cotswolds. Walk in the footsteps of William Shakespeare and enjoy dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespearean family home. Explore London and Edinburgh. Personalize your tour with a choice of included excursions in Stratford and Edinburgh. Experience the wonder of Stonehenge.

October 2020 – Exploring Greece and Its Islands

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings. This comprehensive journey explores Greece's most important ancient monuments, like the famed Temple of Zeus, archeological site of Olympia and ancient artifacts of Delphi. Explore Athens your way – choose a tour of the incredible Acropolis, or embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems. Visit a local farm in the countryside to see how olive oil and wine are produced. Learn how to cook traditional Mediterranean cuisine during a cooking demonstration. Wander the winding streets, vineyards, marketplaces and beaches of Mykonos and Santorini. Explore the excavations of the ancient city at Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. In Athens, enjoy traditional cuisine, wine and entertainment at a family-owned taverna in the lively Plaka district. Learn the history of this fascinating country from local experts on guided tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia and Corinth.

Attend an informative slide presentation to learn more about upcoming Collette trips and see what exciting destinations 2019-20 has in store!

Join us in the conference room upstairs at
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Wednesday, June 19 at 6 p.m.
Call Jessica at (831) 454-7929 for more details or to book a trip.



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May 2020 – National Parks of America

Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore five fantastic national parks on this exciting journey. Relish overnight stays in a lodge nestled in the heart of Yellowstone and in a National Historic Landmark inside the Grand Canyon. Enjoy a breakfast cruise on Lake Powell. Marvel at the magnitude and color of Zion's cliffs. Enjoy 2-night stays in Salt Lake City and Jackson Hole. Drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and the great Sioux Nations Territory before seeing Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument. Meet a local Lakota Native American at dinner and learn about their fascinating way of life, past and present.

September 3 – 7, 2020 – Spotlight on New York City

Experience the best of "the Big Apple" in this spectacular 5-day tour. From Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village, New York City is a destination that will dazzle even the most seasoned traveler. Spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park and Times Square. Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway shows. Ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. See the Empire State Building and Central Park. Visit the poignant 9/11 Museum and Memorial. Enjoy plenty of free time to shop and explore this fabulous city on your own. Get ready to "start spreading the news!"

July 9 – 17, 2020 – Bluegrass Country and the Smoky Mountains featuring Louisville, Gatlinburg & Asheville

Take a delightful trip through the heart of Appalachia, discovering the equestrian culture of Kentucky, the pioneer spirit of Tennessee, and the mountainous beauty of North Carolina. Get a taste of Bourbon, baseball, and Thoroughbreds in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest as you make your way to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. From your home base of Gatlinburg, explore the natural wonders of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After a day of exploring, relax and tap your toes during Dolly Parton's Stampede and Dinner Show. Travel on to Asheville, North Carolina, and enjoy the city's historic architecture, engaging neighborhoods and robust arts districts. Tour the Biltmore Estate, George Vanderbilt's "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains. When you leave, you'll have the warmth and charm of southern Appalachia still in your heart.

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Sept. 26 – Oct. 4, 2020 - Spotlight on the French Riviera

Uncover the chic resorts, sun-soaked beaches and elegant allure that attracts the rich and famous to the exquisite French Riviera. Unpack for a leisurely multi-night stay, embracing the luxury and breathtaking beauty of the French Riviera, or *Côte d'Azur*. Spend time in the fairy-tale principality of Monaco. Discover the opulence of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and Gardens. Watch artisans create fragrant perfumes. Get a glimpse into the lives of the rich and famous in Cannes and St. Tropez. Enjoy leisure time to explore on your own. Shop like a local at Nice's colorful flower market. It's time you lived a little bit of the good life.

See previous page for Collette slide presentation dates and times.



Dec. 6-10, 2019 – San Antonio Holiday

Spend 4 festive nights in San Antonio, featuring old-Spanish flavor, multi-cultural heritage, numerous parks and plazas, and the Riverwalk. Highlights include: a San Antonio city tour, a visit to the San Jose Mission, shopping and entertainment in El Mercado Marketplace, an IMAX Theatre viewing of "The Price of Freedom," which recounts the battle of the Alamo, a visit to the Alamo, a Riverwalk Cruise, the scenery of the Hill Country, a tour of the LBJ Ranch, a visit to Fredericksburg, and a Fiesta de las Luminarias experience, which features thousands of candles illuminating the Riverwalk. On optional Austin city tour includes a visit to the State Capital, LBJ Library and Museum at the University of Texas and the Bullock Texas State History Museum to learn the continually unfolding "Story of Texas."

Attend an informative PowerPoint presentation to learn more about Premier World Discovery's San Antonio Holiday and Cuba Discovery trips!

Join us in the conference room upstairs at Simpkins Family Swim Center (979 17th Ave.) on **Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m.**
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Feb. 24-29, 2020 – Cuba Discovery highlights of Havana, Vinales and the Pinar del Rio

Enjoy 5 nights in Havana, Cuba's enigmatic capital city and home to the largest collection of Spanish-Colonial architecture in the Americas. Trip highlights include: a visit to the Plaza de la Revolucion, where millions of Cubans listened to speeches by Fidel Castro; a tour of the Colon Cemetery, known for its elaborate sculpted memorials containing more than 500 major mausoleums and chapels; tours of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the beautiful Cathedral de la Havana, and the Havana Club Rum Museum; visits to the famous Museum of the Revolution and home and work shop of world famous artist, painter and ceramicist Jose Fuster, often called the "Picasso of Cuba;" a guided tour of La Corona Cigar Factory; a performance by the amazing Habana Compas Dance Group; a tour of the famous and historic Nacional Hotel; a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vinales Valley and Pinar del Rio, known for its stunning scenery, tobacco plantations, caves and rivers; a visit to a traditional Tobacco Farm and Farmhouse; lunch at Finca Paraiso Paladar, an organic farm offering incredible panoramic views; and visits to Ernest Hemingway's Farm, Finca La Vigia, the Morro Castle and the San Jose Craft Market and Art Center.

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Capitola Mall Walking



Join the Mall Walkers for health, fitness, and fun. Meet friendly, supportive people and walk in a safe, protected environment. The Mall Walk Desk is staffed by volunteers who record daily distances, answer questions and introduce you to other walkers. Improve your flexibility and relax at stretch classes offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Drop by the desk at the entrance to the food court. Monthly events include birthday celebrations and social luncheons at local restaurants (individuals purchase their own lunch). Members who have reached certain mileage categories are honored with certificates and mileage pins at awards ceremonies, which include a raffle for prizes donated by local merchants.

Capitola Mall - Age 50+

M-F on-going 8-10 AM \$25.00 annual fee



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