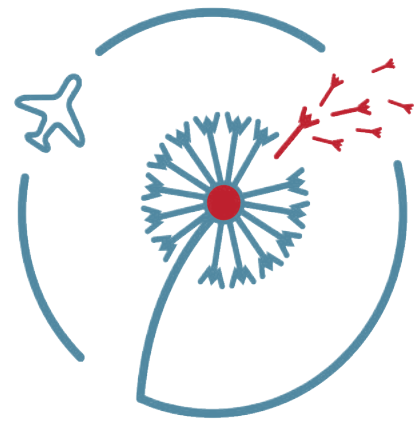


CULINARY, CULTURAL, COASTAL CALIFORNIA

“BAKE MY DAY!”

with Women of the Midwest

October 13-18, 2024



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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Your Stunning Waterfront Hotel



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Calling all food enthusiasts! Please join us on an epic culinary adventure.

We can all be California Girls for one dreamy week with our gal pals in So Cal. Imagine a fully international foodie experience, listening to ocean waves, eating leisurely dinners with your traveling friends, and viewing the stunning Pacific coast by train. Was it Californian Clint Eastwood that said, “Bake My Day”?

We are wonderfully excited to be able to partner again with Curt Tucker for a culinary adventure through coastal California. If you were able to join the Rose Parade Tour in 2023, you know the quality of Curt’s craft. If you were unable to join that trip, please read the rave reviews on our Facebook page.

This journey promises nothing less than an explosion of flavors; let’s take a trip to enjoy our favorite foods! Fresh-baked bread and pastries, homemade pasta, cold-pressed extra virgin olive oil, sweet balsamic, delightful wines, and other delicacies from around the world are the highlights of this trip. You’ll experience this foodie tour while taking in the stunning coastal views on the train from Santa Barbara to Oxnard, business class, of course, and visiting iconic locations like Hearst Castle.

October 13-18, 2024, join us for a sunny respite, put your toes in the sand, indulge in international cuisine, and toast to another exquisite experience with Women of the Midwest.

I can’t wait to welcome you!

Liset Garcia-Bates,
Ambassador, Women of the Midwest



Call Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel’s Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

Coastal California



October 13, 2024, Sunday Traveling to Los Angeles

Embark on your “Bake My Day” culinary adventure as you arrive at the iconic LAX airport. From there, you’ll be whisked away to The Portofino Hotel & Marina, a tranquil oasis situated on a serene peninsula. The Portofino Hotel & Marina stands as the premiere destination for both locals and travelers in search of oceanfront relaxation and elegant marina-front dining. The Portofino Inn, as it was originally named, opened in 1962 by racecar enthusiast Mary Davis. The inn



Crisp & Sweet Baklava

Homemade Tamales



drew thousands of visitors for a three-day welcome celebration for the King Harbor opening and soon became a hangout for racers, including Peter Revson, an F1 Grand Prix Winner. The Cannonball Run, a car race from New York to Los Angeles, turned into a feature film, was first run in 1971 with The Portofino Inn as the final destination. Its prime South Bay location provides a serene escape from the city, complemented by warm and attentive service that guarantees an authentic Southern California experience.

We will check in and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax and unwind. Later in the day, we will gather for a welcome toast and introduction to what is guaranteed to be a once-in-a-lifetime Californian Dream! T

October 14, 2024, Monday Bakery Tour - International Exploration

You will enjoy breakfast during our bakery tour today!

Your bakery tour leads you through diverse neighborhoods, each offering a distinct and delectable cultural experience. Indulge in the irresistible allure of Baklava, the origins of which date back to ancient times in the Assyrian Empire. Delicious unleavened flatbreads in layers, with chopped nuts in between, to be enjoyed during special events. Savor the authenticity of traditional Tamales, explore the intricate flavors of Asian delicacies, and immerse yourself in the rich, flavorful world of Cuban pastries similar to an American turnover with a warm and flaky crust surrounding a fruit

Solvang



or other filling. For lunch, we stop at the historic Tam O’Shanter, where bakery history entwines with tradition, and you’ll savor a meal that captures the essence of LA’s rich bakery heritage.

In the evening, you will have the opportunity to explore and dine on your own in the picturesque surroundings of Redondo Beach. Your Tour Director will provide suggestions. B (during touring) | L

October 15, 2024, Tuesday Coastal Adventure - Wine, Chocolate, and Olive Oil - Solvang

Start your day with an included breakfast at the hotel. Afterward, we will embark on a coastal escapade filled with scenic stops that unveil the breathtaking beauty of California’s pristine coastline.

Delight in a memorable meal at AJ Spurs Saloon & Dining Hall, where you will be treated to vaquero soup, tequila beans, and homemade salsa, followed by your choice of succulent steak, savory chicken, or delectable pasta.

In the afternoon, indulge in a wine-tasting experience paired with decadent chocolate truffles at Kaena Winery. Sip on exquisite wines while savoring the rich flavors of artisanal chocolates, creating a perfect harmony of taste sensations.

Next, explore Solvang, an idyllic Danish-style village, where you will have the opportunity to explore a charming bakery and discover unique treasures. Afterward, experience the enchanting

Neptune Pool at Hearst Castle



Olive Oil & Balsamic Vinegar



Scenic Rail Journey



charm of Los Olivos, a quaint town celebrated for its eclectic shopping and the exquisite allure of olive oil tastings. As you explore Los Olivos, you will discover a treasure trove of boutique stores, galleries, and tasting rooms that showcase the region's finest olive oils and wines.

Stroll down charming streets adorned with unique shops and savor the delightful atmosphere of this hidden gem. Spend the night at The Seacrest Ocean View resort, a perfect reflection of California's Central Coast vibes, offering bright ocean-view guest rooms, a heated pool, terraces with amazing Pacific Ocean views, and much more. B | T | L

October 16, 2024, Wednesday
Hearst Castle & Wine Tasting - Cambria
Start your day with a filling breakfast, providing you with the energy needed for the adventures ahead.

Day four unveils a journey back in time as we visit the illustrious Hearst Castle, a symbol of opulence and grandeur from America's Gilded Age. Hearst Castle, a Hollywood legend, is not just a castle but a testament to an era of unparalleled luxury and elegance. We will explore the castle's rooms, each adorned with an exquisite art collection, antiques, and historical artifacts.

Stroll through enchanting gardens that offer panoramic vistas of the Pacific Ocean and transport yourself to an era when grand parties were the norm. Following the castle visit, enjoy a wine-tasting experience at Hearst Winery,

where you can sample a selection of fine wines in a picturesque setting overlooking the coastline.

Afterward, we will continue our journey to the charming coastal town of Cambria, renowned for its quaint charm and the famous Olallieberry Pie.

Conclude the day with a delightful dinner at Rosa's Pismo Beach before heading back to our hotel for a good night's rest. B | T | D

October 17, 2024, Thursday
Santa Barbara - Coastal Train Ride
We will begin our day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel.

Then, depart for Santa Barbara to enjoy lunch on your own at Stearns Wharf, a historic pier with a variety of dining options and stunning ocean views. Who doesn't love Santa Barbara?! And next, undoubtedly one of the highlights of our tour, a scenic coastal train ride, business class, to Oxnard. Our train departs at 1:45 PM; it is time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the views!

We will arrive in the late afternoon at our hotel in El Segundo for the night. B

October 18, 2024, Friday
Traveling Home
After a leisurely breakfast, we bid a fond farewell to your local team, carrying cherished memories and lingering flavors with us as we head home from Los Angeles.

We will transfer to the LAX Airport, where we will wrap up our tour and begin indulging in the enjoyable recollection of our touring sisterhood. B

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast, T = Tasting
L = Lunch, D = Dinner



Santa Barbara - Stearns Wharf



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Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$3,995
 Per person in a single room: \$4,795

Remember our "Pair & Share" program for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on June 17, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!

SAVE 3.5%!

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Tour Activity 1 2 3 4 - This journey is a level 2:

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk approximately 3 miles over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Airfare, included in your package:

See separate insert. A small supplement may occur, if you fly from/to a different city than Omaha, NE.

Accommodation:

Redondo Beach: Portofino Hotel (marina view) or sim.
 Pismo Beach: Sea Crest Hotel (ocean-view rooms) or sim.
 Los Angeles: Embassy Suites or sim. (standard rooms)
 Final accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

Included

- Airfare to/from Los Angeles (LAX), economy class (direct flights not guaranteed)
- 5 nights accommodation
- 4 x breakfast at hotels, 1 x breakfast during tour (day 2)
- 2 x lunch
- 1 x dinner
- Welcome "toast," October 13, 2024
- All tastings as per tour program
- Daily provision of bottled water and snacks
- All transfers as per tour program
- Amtrak tickets, business class, Santa Barbara-Oxnard
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Gratuities to local guide and drivers
- Professional tour director as per tour program
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, Oct. 13-18, 2024
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and electronic format)
- All local taxes as per February 10, 2024

Excluded:

- Airline baggage fees (estimate \$35-40 per checked bag per way)
- Travel Insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person due at time of registration
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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GROUP AIRFARE DETAILS

Group airfare (economy class, including taxes and fees) with United Airlines is included in your package:

October 13, 2024	Omaha* - Denver	6:20 AM - 6:55 AM
October 13, 2024	Denver - Los Angeles	9:52 AM - 11:18 AM
October 18, 2024	Los Angeles - Denver	1:15 PM - 4:30 PM
October 18, 2024	Denver - Omaha*	5:20 PM - 7:45 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you (a small supplement may occur). If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Los Angeles around the same time as the arrival of our Omaha group. On October 18, we aim to have you depart from Los Angeles around the same time as the Omaha group.

Important notes:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle).
- **Premium seating upgrades** (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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