

Companion Tours

Will consist of two of the following to be determined.

Old Town Trolley Trip

Come along with San Diego's best tour conductors as they combine colorful anecdotes, humorous stories and well researched historical information into a fast moving two hour narrative that's both entertaining and educational.

Join us as we turn back the pages of history and relive San Diego's early days as it became the Birthplace of California. In Old Town San Diego (sometimes called the "Jamestown of the Pacific"), you will experience early Americana with its distinctive "West Coast Style" Spanish flavor.

San Diego Zoo

See the San Diego Zoo or San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park the way everyone wishes they could—with a private guide! The adventure begins with a guide to greet your group and leads you to exclusive exhibit areas as you learn about our animal and plant collection on a private bus or railway tour. The two hour tour is filled with experiences and information you couldn't get anywhere else. Tour package includes an unlimited stay on Zoo grounds for the remainder of the day and more.

Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma

The park offers a superb view of San Diego's harbor and skyline. At the highest point of the park stands the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, which has been a San Diego icon since 1854. A statue and museum in the Visitor Center commemorate Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo's exploration of the coast of California. In a former army building, an exhibit tells the story of the coast artillery on Point Loma. From late December to early March, migrating gray whales can be seen off the coast. Native coastal sage scrub habitat along the Bayside Trail offers a quiet place to reflect and relax. On the west side of the park is a small but beautiful stretch of rocky intertidal coastline.

Lunch Included.



IEEE/PES Transformers Committee Meeting

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San Diego, California***



San Diego Basics

In 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sails into San Diego Bay, under the flag of Spain and declares it a possession of Spain. At that time an estimated 20,000 native peoples known as the Kumeyaay live in the San Diego area. Two Spanish ships sail into San Diego Bay in 1769 and establish a settlement near the present site of Old Town. The settlers build "Mission San Diego de Alcalá", officially establishing San Diego as a Spanish settlement. This is the first of a chain of 21 missions established along the California coast. After the Spanish-American War ended in 1848, a treaty sets the new boundaries between the U.S. and Mexico, and San Diego officially becomes the first American city. Since that time, San Diego continues to grow and prosper and to be known as "America's Finest City". The leading industries are Bio-Sciences, Communications, Computer and Electronic Manufacturing, and Environmental Technology. There are 342.4 square miles within the city's limits, 70 miles of coastline, and a population of over 1.2 million. The NFL Chargers and the MLB Padres both call San Diego their home. Attractions include Balboa Park, the Del Coronado Hotel, the Palomar Observatory, the Birch Aquarium, and the world famous San Diego Zoo. Average temperatures in downtown San Diego range from 55-68 degrees and can change 8-12 degrees from day to night.



Hotel Information



THE CATAMARAN RESORT HOTEL

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Standard Guest Room \$145.00 (single or double)

Deluxe Rooms on a First Come, First Serve Basis.

Tuesday Luncheon Guest Speaker

James E. Tucker, finalist in the Toast Masters World Championships 2002 and 2003, will be our guest speaker will enlighten us all with:

"Happiness is a Choice"

Life is no joke...but it can be!! Life is a journey of challenging circumstances. How we respond to those circumstances determines how splendid our life will be. It is not what happens to us that matters, it is how we respond to what happens to us that matters. Life challenges are set-ups. All we have to do is find the punch-lines.

Technical Tours

Sunday March, 7th, 7:00am:

Edison ESI, a subsidiary of Southern California Edison (SCE). Tour the SCE large apparatus handling facility which specializes in large electrical and mechanical transformer and equipment repair. This facility also performs maintenance, test and calibration for the power and industrial markets. Lunch Included.

Tuesday March 9th, 6:00pm:

SDG&E Electric Distribution Operations. Tour SDG&E distribution and transmission grid operations facility in beautiful Mission Valley. Learn how SDG&E restores outages and our procedures from dispatching to computer applications for the entire SDG&E service territory.

Wednesday Evening Social

Cruising on the BAHIA BELLE.

Come, enjoy and all-board on this antique sternwheeler and cruise the calm waters of Mission Bay, enjoy food and drink all right on the boat off the Catamaran's very own beachfront dock.

