

Updated Information – Registration Still Open !!

BUDDHISM IN THE BAY TOUR 2017 June 17-24, 2017 (8 days, 7 nights)

Join us on a guided tour of the highlights of the San Francisco Bay area. Our week will include accommodation at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley and visits to the Jodo Shinshu Temples in Berkeley, San Jose and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 Depart Calgary for San Francisco arriving at 1:12 pm

Transfer from San Francisco airport to Jodo Shinshu Center (JS Center), Berkeley. Upon arrival at the Center, we will have lunch and settle into our rooms. We will have an opportunity to tour the Center and browse in its extensive Buddhist bookstore.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

All breakfasts for the week will be continental and self-served in the kitchen made available to us at the JS Center.

We will attend morning service at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple near the JS Center. We look forward to meeting their Minister and Sangha! In the afternoon we will share in a tea ceremony presentation, after which we will have time on our own. The JS Center is conveniently located in downtown Berkeley and is adjacent to the University of Berkeley campus.

From Monday through Friday we will have the benefit of a local guide and motor coach transportation.

MONDAY, JUNE 19 Full Day Tour in San Francisco

Today we take a walking tour of the **Civic Center area** to see City Hall, Civic Center Plaza, the Public Library, and Pioneer Monument. Later the coach will drop us off at **Union Square** for time and lunch on your own. This is a public plaza area that is designated a California Historical Landmark. It is surrounded by a large collection of department stores, theatres, upscale boutiques, gift shops and art galleries making it a cosmopolitan gathering place in downtown San Francisco.

In the afternoon we will visit **Fisherman's Wharf** and ferry from there to **Alcatraz Island** where we will tour what was once home to some of America's most notorious criminals. The federal penitentiary that operated here from 1934 to 1963 brought a dark mystique to the Rock. The presence of infamous inmates like Al "Scarface" Capone, and the "Birdman" Robert Stroud helped to establish the island's notoriety. **Dinner: Swiss Louis** – Italian and Seafood

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 Full Day Tour to San Jose

We travel to San Jose to visit the **San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin** located in the Japantown section of Central San Jose. It has a history dating back to 1902 with the current temple being completed in 1937. It has a membership of approximately 1000 families throughout the Santa Clara County. We plan to meet one or both of the resident ministers, Rev. Fujimoto and Rev. Sakamoto, and share in a brief service. Lunch: **Fuji Sushi** in **Japantown** and a short time visiting the area.

Later in the afternoon we will stop at the **Winchester Mystery House**, an extravagant maze of Victorian craftsmanship – marvelous, baffling, and eerily eccentric, to say the least. Wander through 110 of the 160 rooms of this Victorian mansion, designed and built by the Winchester Rifle heiress. Then some shopping time at **The Great Mall** of the Bay Area, a large indoor outlet shopping mall in Milpitas. **Dinner: Applebees**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 Full Day Tour to San Francisco

Today in San Francisco's **Golden Gate Park** we will visit the California Academy of Sciences, the de Young Museum and the Japanese Tea Garden. The **California Academy of Sciences** is a renowned scientific and educational institution dedicated to exploring, explaining, and sustaining life on Earth. It is home to a world-class aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum—all under one living roof. Founded in 1895 in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the **de Young Museum** has been an integral part of the cultural fabric of the city and a cherished destination for millions of residents and visitors to the region for over 100 years. The **Japanese Tea Garden** is the oldest public Japanese garden in the United States. It provides visitors from around the world with an opportunity to experience the natural beauty, tranquility and harmony of a Japanese-style garden in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. **Lunch: Seoul Garden - Korean BBQ** and **Dinner: Million Thai**.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 Full Day Tour to Napa Valley

After breakfast depart for our full day tour to the Napa Valley visiting two wineries. **Castello Amarosa Winery**. An authentically-built, 13th century inspired Tuscan castle and winery in world famous Napa Valley. We'll tour and **enjoy a tasting of the Italian-style wines**, found exclusively at the Castello. Next we'll visit **Robert Mondavi Winery**, established in 1966 with a vision to create Napa Valley wines that would stand in the company of the world's finest. There will be a **tasting tour** here as well. Tour and tasting. **Lunch: Allegria Ristorante - Italian**. **Dinner** in Berkeley: **Smoke BBQ**.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 Full Day Tour in SAN FRANCISCO

This morning we visit the **Asian Art Museum of San Francisco**. The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco houses one of the most comprehensive Asian art collections in the world, with more than 18,000 works of art in its permanent collection, some as much as 6,000 years old. Following the museum, onto **Chinatown** for a **walking tour** and **lunch at House of Banquet**. San Francisco Chinatown is the largest Chinatown outside of Asia as well as the oldest Chinatown in North America. It is one of the top tourist attractions in San Francisco.

In the afternoon we will visit the **Buddhist Church of San Francisco** which was established in 1910. It houses relics of Shakyamuni Buddha and his disciples Shariputra and Moggallana. We plan to meet the resident minister, Rev. Kobata, and share in a brief service. We will then have time on our own in **Japantown** with the option of a self-guided walking tour. **Dinner: Benihana** (whole crab)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 Depart for Calgary

Transfer from Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley to San Francisco airport, departing at 2 pm and arriving in Calgary at 5:40 pm.

Current estimated cost: **\$2,900/person Canadian (single occupancy rates only)**
Includes flights, accommodations, tour guide,
motorcoach, 9 meals and all entrance fees as
highlighted in the itinerary above.

Tour maximum: **25 people**

Deposit required to register: **\$200/person**
Deadline for registration: **March 31, 2017**
Final payments due: **April 21, 2017**

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