



PALM SPRINGS AND SAN DIEGO

MARCH 1-7, 2020

Provided by Universal Travel

March 1: Palm Springs. Welcome to one of the most beautiful places in the country! Your Universal Travel partner will meet you at the airport and take you to the Hilton Palm Springs, located in the heart of Downtown Palm Springs. After some time to relax, enjoy a welcome dinner in town. **(D)**

March 2: Palm Springs. This morning you embark on a Panoramic city tour of Palm Springs. Learn about a remarkable group of architects, builders, Hollywood celebrities and their stories that add life, humor and intrigue to Palm Springs' extraordinary modernist legacy. After lunch, let's have some fun! Extraordinary scenery abounds as your Big Red Jeep winds its way through the canyons of the San Andreas Fault Zone. Your naturalist guide will entertain you with stories of the area. Explore a natural palm oasis where crystal clear water bubbles up from the underground aquifer. Dinner and the remainder of the evening is all yours. **(B, L)**

March 3: Temecula and San Diego. After breakfast, travel to Southern California's wine country - the Temecula Valley. Stroll through Main Street with its quaint shops and restaurants and enjoy some free time and lunch on your own. After lunch, visit one of the 40+ wineries for a wine tasting! Later this afternoon, check into your home for the next four nights - The USGrant Hotel, located in the Gaslamp Quarter. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. Dining choices are plentiful, with options of al fresco on the sidewalk, sky-high at a rooftop lounge, or in an intimate and ornate restaurant. **(B)**

March 4: San Diego. This morning depart for a half-day panoramic city tour of San Diego. Stop for lunch on your own at Seaport Village, a waterfront shopping and dining complex adjacent to San Diego Bay. Early this afternoon, your local step-on guide will take you to Balboa Park, a magnificent cultural oasis that includes 17 museums, tranquil gardens and the world-famous San Diego Zoo. Later, return to the Gaslamp Quarter to embark on a Private food walking tour with delicious food tastings, specialty cocktail and beer sampling at four popular restaurants. Listen to stories of the seedy port towns history as you travel back in time to the post-gold rush era. **(B, D)**

March 5: San Diego. First stop this morning is the USSMidway Aircraft Carrier. The USSMidway was America's longest serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century. Explore this floating "city at sea" with it's amazing flight deck and 29 restored aircraft onboard. Next, enjoy a piece of history on board the Coronado Ferry, the oldest wood working ferry in the US. Take a short ride across the bay from San Diego to Coronado Island where you will enjoy lunch at the legendary Hotel Del Coronado. After lunch, take some time to explore this iconic hotel - take a stroll on the beach or sip a cocktail on the beach deck. Enjoy a brief city tour of the island before making your way to Old Town, the historic heart of San Diego. Created in 1769, Old Town was California's first settlement with only a mission and a fort. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is right in the center of town. Here you can experience life from the early Mexican-American period of 1821-1872. Watch forms come to life at the blacksmith and woodworker shops and read a newspaper from the 19th century. Return to your hotel this evening for dinner on your own. **(B, L)**

March 6: San Diego. Today is yours to explore San Diego on your own! With your hotel's central location, you are in the perfect spot to make the most out of your day. Perhaps you want to visit the World-Famous San Diego Zoo, or return to Balboa Park. Maybe take a walk to the Westfield Horton Plaza and browse through the many shops, or take an Uber to the nearby Little Italy and enjoy an Italian lunch. Tonight, get ready for a farewell dinner in town. Universal Travel will be offering an optional 5-hour excursion, at additional cost, to La Jolla with lunch at a microbrewery (w/ enough participation). **(B, D)**

March 7: San Diego to Home. This morning you will leave for the San Diego airport for your flight home. Your memories of southern California and its beauty will last a lifetime! **(B)**

***itinerary is subject to change**

Trip inclusions:

- Round trip airfare to Southern California
- Full size luxury motor coach
- 2 Nights in Palm Springs, 4 Nights in San Diego
- Daily breakfast , 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Admissions & inclusions to all events listed on the itinerary
- Luggage handling for one bag per person (excludes air line baggage fees)
- All resort , service, and government fees
- All gratuities for drivers & guides
- Service of a Tour Director

Trip cost:

\$3598.00/ per person

\$4398.00 Single rate

**Travel protection is available
and strongly recommended!**



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A \$500.00 deposit is due at time of reservation

Final payment is due November 16, 2019

**Cancellation: NO penalty through November 21, 2019
50% non-refundable November 22, 2019
100% non-refundable January 1, 2020**

