



AMERICAN STAGE TOURS



Presents...

The Date Festival
February 19 - 25, 2023
\$2595.00 per person, double
\$2375.00 per person, triple
\$3625.00 single

Sunday, February 19 - Come join us as we travel south to celebrate the "Date". The Coachella Valley produces 90 percent of America's dates, and the desert fruit remains an important part of the region's economy. **The National Date Festival** includes the Blessing of the Date Garden, a traditional ceremony invoking safety and success for the date harvesters. Our first stop will be a Pea Soup Andersen's for a hosted breakfast. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **DoubleTree Hotel** in Claremont. We will have a hosted dinner at Buca Di Beppo.

Monday, February 20 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we depart for **Hadley's Fruit Orchard** for some shopping time. We will have a hosted lunch at **Billy Reed's**. This afternoon we will have a **Guided Tour of the Palm Springs** area where we will see some of the star's homes of the past and present. Our step-on guide will give us a tour of the Palm Springs area, Las Palmas and the Old Movie Colony. We will also see the estates of Frank Sinatra and Walter Annenberg and the church that Dolly Sinatra refurbished. Our accommodations for the next four nights will be at the beautiful **Aqua Caliente Resort Casino Spa** in Rancho Mirage

Tuesday, February 21 - This morning we will visit the **George S. Patton Memorial Museum**. This museum was erected in tribute to General George S. Patton on the site of the entrance of Camp Young, part of the Desert Training Center of World War II. This afternoon we will explore the **National Date Festival**. Watch the unpredictable and hilarious ostrich and camel races, enjoy musical entertainers of all kinds, view over 1,000 exhibits including animal, agricultural, arts, gems and minerals. Tonight we will see the performance of the spectacular **Arabian Nights Pageant**, a musical production that should not be missed.

Wednesday, February 22 - Our first stop this morning will be at the **Living Desert** for a guided tour. The Living Desert is a wildlife and botanical park featuring rare plants in 12 ecosystems and 140 animal species from the world's deserts. Afterwards we will have a hosted lunch at **Las Casuelas Nuevas**. This afternoon we will go to the **Palm Springs Air Museum** for a guided tour. This museum houses one of the nation's largest collection of World War II flying aircraft displayed in modern, well lighted, air-conditioned and clean hangars. Their Buddy Rodgers Theater shows daily documentaries about aviation in the military with an emphasis on World War II. In addition to planes and historic artifacts, the museum is host to a library of 8500 volumes primarily related to aviation and American military history.

Thursday, February 23 - Hop aboard for an off-road adventure into a private, pristine wilderness preserve on a Covered Wagon pulled by mules! Your expert, on-board naturalist will entertain and educate you as you explore the rugged, canyon landscapes, natural oases, plants & wildlife of this ancient, desert wilderness. Journey through this unchanged land as nature had created it. Your wagon master driver will lead the wagon through a lush palm oasis where you can enjoy an optional, guided walk along the natural landscape created by the San Andreas Fault. As the wagon returns to the ranch, you will be greeted with live, western music and the smell of a chuck-wagon BBQ. Tonight we will enjoy **VillageFest** in downtown Palm Springs.

Friday, February 24 - This morning we depart Palm Springs stopping for a hosted lunch at **Hodells** in Bakersfield. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Hampton Inn** in Fresno. Tonight we will go to **Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater** for a hosted dinner and the performance of "Singing in the Rain". It's the roaring 20's and a pair of silent screen stars are preparing for their first musical "talkie". Chaos ensues when the studio decides to secretly dub the arrogant leading lady's screechy voice.

Saturday, February 25 - Our Final Day! Today we travel north toward home stopping for a hosted lunch at **The Sizzler**. Afterwards we will go to **Ghiradelli Chocolates** for a hosted ice cream treat and time to browse in the store. Approximate arrival time home will be 4 pm.

Tour Includes: 6 nights deluxe lodging, 10 meals, guided tour Of The Palm Springs Area, , guided tour of the Palm Springs Air Museum, guided tour of The Living Desert, entrance to the George C. Patton Museum, entrance to the Date Festival, Covered Wagon ride w/cowboy poetry & entertainment, VillageFest, the performance at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, ice cream treat at Ghiradelli Chocolates, Luggage Handling, motorcoach transportation, taxes and gratuities on all hosted meals.

Deposit: \$500.00 Per Person Balance Due No Later Than December 16, 2022

You may cancel up to December 16 with a \$25.00 penalty. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. After December 16 there is no refund. Please remember there are no refunds after December 16 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. There will be a \$25.00 surcharge for sign-ups after December 16.

Travel Insurance: For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call **800-228-9792**, mention AST & code **05-1782**. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y

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