

Spring Lake Park Recreation Department presents

2012 SOUTHWESTERN WINTER GETAWAY

January 29- February 11, 2012

DAY 1 - SUN, JANUARY 29, 2012 - Overland Park, Kansas

Our winter adventure begins today as we drive south on Interstate 35 stopping at the Welcome Center in Iowa for a break and for lunch on your own at the Machine Shed in Des Moines. Along the way, we'll get acquainted, play some games, watch a DVD and relax. Our home for the evening is the **Drury Inn and Suites in Overland Park, KS**. We will hopefully arrive in time to enjoy their **5:30 p.m. "Kick-Back"**. Dinner is on your own this evening at one of the restaurants located near the hotel.

DAY 2 - MON, JANUARY 30, 2012 - Amarillo Texas

After a delicious hot breakfast buffet at our hotel, we continue our quest for warmer weather as we travel south to Amarillo, Texas making stops along the way. Tonight is spent at the **Drury Inn and Suites in Amarillo**. Choose from one of the restaurants located next to our hotel for dinner on your own this evening. Tonight relax in the pool or whirlpool at this well-equipped hotel. (B)

DAY 3 - TUE., JANUARY 31, 2012 - Albuquerque, New Mexico

After a hot breakfast buffet at our hotel, we drive about 4 1/2 hours to the New Mexico town of Albuquerque. Our first stop is in the historic Old town where you'll have time to have lunch and do some shopping. We'll be joined by a knowledgeable local guide this afternoon for a **tour of the city — highlighting it's culture and history**. Our home for the next two nights is the **Drury Inn and Suites Albuquerque**. Enjoy the **5:30 p.m. "Kick-Back"** at the hotel, relax in the pool or whirlpool and have dinner on your own at one of several nearby restaurants offering a variety choices. (B)

DAY 4 - WED., FEBRUARY 1, 2012 - Touring Albuquerque

After a hot breakfast buffet at our hotel, we begin a full day of activities as we will visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** where you'll have a guided tour of the facility and learn about the Pueblo culture. There we're flying high as the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway** transports us about deep canyons and breathtaking terrain. Sandia Peak is in the Cibola National Forest and the observation deck affords an 11,000 square-mile panoramic view of the **Rio Grande Valley**. Atop Sandia Peak, in **High Finance Restaurant**, you'll enjoy a delicious included lunch. Before we return to our hotel, we'll make a stop at **International Balloon Museum** — we ARE in Albuquerque, home of the huge Hot Air Balloon Festival! Tonight is at your leisure at the hotel. (B, L)

DAY 5- THU., FEBRUARY 2, 2012 - Lake Havasu, Arizona

This morning, after enjoying an included hot breakfast at the hotel, we're off to Arizona! We'll make stops along the way. Once in **Lake Havasu**, we'll check into the all-suite riverfront **London Bridge Resort**, our home for the next three days. Tonight enjoy an included welcome dinner at our hotel. Throughout our stay you can enjoy the three pools, Jacuzzi, and close proximity to the famed **London Bridge** which now resides in Lake Havasu. (B, D)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Old Town Albuquerque
- Albuquerque City Tour
- Indian Pueblo Culture
- Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- International Balloon Museum
- 3 nights Lake Havasu Resort
- Desert Diamond Distillery
- Jet boat tour on Colo. River
- Laughlin Gaming
- Tucson City Tour
- Sabino Canyon Tram Tour
- Mission San Xavier del Bac
- Old Tucson Studios/Dinner
- Sedona Desert Museum
- White Sands Monument
- Tombstone
- Bisbee - Old Mining Town
- And much more!
- All accommodations
- Luggage handling for one bag
- 18 meals: 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Deluxe motorcoach
- Professional SLP Tour Manager
- Included deluxe comprehensive travel insurance through Travel Insured International (TII)

PRICE PER PERSON:
\$1,859 double; \$2,575 single
\$1,649 triple*

**please expect 2 double beds. Roll-a-way beds MAY be available at additional cost.*

DAY 6 - FRI., FEBRUARY 3, 2012 - Lake Havasu Area

This morning enjoy an included breakfast in the Splash Grill. We then board our motorcoach with a local guide for a **city tour combined with a tour of the lighthouse replicas** throughout Lake Havasu. After time for a little shopping and lunch on your own, we board the **Blue Water Jet Boat** for a **2-1/2 hour Topock Gorge tour**. It travels 25 miles north on the Colorado River through the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge where you will be on the lookout for the **394 different species of birds and waterfowl**. You'll see **beautiful desert landscapes** as well, all in the comfort of a climate controlled cabin with a restroom and snack bar on board. There also is an aft viewing deck for those who want to step outside. The evening is at your leisure to enjoy the resort amenities and have dinner on your own. (B)

DAY 7 - SAT., FEBRUARY 4, 2012 - Lake Havasu Area

After your included breakfast, we travel to Kingman Arizona to visit the **Desert Diamond Distillery** for a 30 minute tour and an opportunity to taste some of their specialties such as Gold Miner Agave Rum. After touring the facility, you'll enjoy a delicious boxed lunch and have a Desert Diamond Shot Glass to take home as souvenir. Leaving Kingman, we venture into Nevada for a stop in **Laughlin** — you will have some time to gamble, eat, shop — your choice. We'll head back to Lake Havasu along the **Needles Highway** in California (3 states in one day). The rest of the evening is at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 8 - SUN., FEBRUARY 5, 2012 - Tucson, Arizona

We bid farewell to Lake Havasu and make our way south through Phoenix into Tucson today. We will have some surprises along the way for you. We will spend the next three nights at our lovely hotel in **Tucson**. (B, D)

DAY 9 & 10 - MON. & TUE. FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2012

While we are in the **Tucson, Arizona** area we will be doing a variety of day trips and activities to include: a **guided tour** of the Tucson area, **Bear Canyon Trail tram in Sabino Canyon**, **Mission San Xavier del Bac**, **Old Tucson Studios**, **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**, and much more. (B, B)

DAY 11 - WED., FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - Las Cruces, NM

We start our journey northbound today stopping in **Tombstone**, and the old mining town of **Bisbee, AZ** and traveling

along a very scenic byway to our final destination of **La Cruces New Mexico**. Our home for the evening is the **Drury Inn and Suites**. Enjoy the "5:30 Kickback" at the hotel and dine at your leisure at a restaurant near the hotel. (B)

DAY 12 - THU., FEBRUARY 9, 2012 - AMARILLO TX

Continuing North, we drive to **White Sands National Monument**. Rising from the heart of the **Tularosa Basin** is one of the world's great natural wonders - the glistening white sands of New Mexico. Here, dunes have engulfed 275 square miles of desert creating the world's largest gypsum dunefield. White Sands National Monument preserves this dunefield, along with the plants and animals that have adapted to this constantly changing environment. After stopping at the Visitor's Center and driving the 16 mile **Dunes Drive** we continue to Amarillo Texas. Tonight you will enjoy an included farewell dinner Texas Style at **Big Texan Steak Ranch**. Our home for the evening is the **Drury Inn and Suites Amarillo**. (B, D)

DAY 13 - FRI., FEBRUARY 10, 2012 - KANSAS

As we travel north, we'll enjoy some on-board entertainment to pass the time. Our final hotel on this tour is the **Drury Inn and Suites Overland Park**. (B)

DAY 14 - SAT., FEBRUARY 11, 2012 - HOME

We are homeward bound today. We should arrive back in Spring Lake Park early evening. (B)

Cost includes: all hotel accommodations, luggage handling for one bag, deluxe motorcoach transportation, professional Spring Lake Park Recreation Tour Manager, all tours, admissions and tickets as described comprehensive travel insurance through Travel Insured Int'l. (TII),

CANCELLATION POLICY: TII will provide refunds in accordance with the evidence of benefits (a copy of which is provided to each paid participant) if cancelled after final payment is received. Completed documentation required. Prior to final payment deposit will be returned in full upon cancellation.

\$100 deposit due with registration. Final payment due December 29, 2011. Tour dates are subject to change pending availability of hotel properties.

2012 SOUTHWEST WINTER GETAWAY REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ROOMMATE(S) _____

DBL. (\$1,859) [] SGL. (\$2,575) [] TRIPLE (\$1,649) [] AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to: Spring Lake Park Recreation Dept. Send completed forms with check to: Spring Lake Park Rec. Dept., 1301 81st Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

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