






CITY AND WINE COUNTRY TOUR - Thursday, September 22




An all day excursion to include the highlights of San Francisco and a visit to the Wine country is being offered on Thursday.




The tour will depart at 8:30 am from the Hyatt Hotel Burlingame to San Francisco for a partial city tour to include Civic Center (photo shoot), Union Square, Chinatown, North Beach, the Crookedest Street, Nob Hill, Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf. The tour will cross the Golden Gate Bridge with a stop at the Vista point (a rest stop and photo shoot). This vantage point offers some of the most spectacular views of the Bridge, the City, the Bay and Alcatraz.



We will continue to the Wine Country stopping at Viansa Winery for a wine tasting and continue to Sonoma. Lunch is not included in the price of the tour, but there will be ample time and many choices for lunch in picturesque Sonoma town square, as well as an opportunity to browse the many quaint shops. If time permits there may be another wine tasting stop.



Our return journey takes us back across the Golden Gate to continue with the remaining City sights of Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, the Castro District, the "Painted Ladies" - San Francisco's colorful Victorian homes - Twin Peaks for another photo shoot, Noe Valley and back to the hotel by approximately 5 pm.



Space is limited for the tour and will be offered on a first-come basis. September is peak tourist season for San Francisco and in order to assure buses and tour guide availability, our tour operator needs to plan ahead. The deadline for booking this all-day tour is July 15, 2011.



For attendees who may come early and stay later San Francisco and the Bay Area have many attractions to offer. One of the most popular choices is Alcatraz. Because the National Park Service has specific requirements for large tour groups, it was not possible to arrange a group tour. For those who may be interested, it is a trip you can plan to do on your own. Many tour companies offer Alcatraz Tours with significant mark ups and the best and least expensive way to book is via the National Park Service web site www.nps.gov/alcatraz or by calling them at 415-981-7625 (they do not have a 1-800 number). Tickets are made available about 60 days in advance and should be booked as early as possible, as September is peak tourist season in San Francisco.