



**November-December 2017 Travel Newsletter**  
***Explore, Dream, Travel with the Cupertino Senior Center!***

***Scheduled Day Trips include:***

November 2	Disney's Aladdin at the Orpheum Theater
November 8	Il Fiorello Olive Oil Co. & Downtown Benicia
November 14	Holiday Shopping at San Francisco Premium Outlets
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<b>NEW!</b> January 25	Klimt & Rodin: An Artistic Encounter at the Legion of Honor
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<b>NEW!</b> February 22	Rachel Dunn Chocolate Workshop
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***Scheduled Extended Trips include:***

December 11-15	Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday
<b>NEW!</b> April 29-May 8, 2018	Discover Scotland
<b>NEW!</b> September 18-25, 2018	Canyon Country
<b>NEW!</b> March 19-April 2, 2019	Discover the South Pacific Wonders

***See Trip Details inside!***

Cupertino Senior Center

## Share Discovery through Travel!

*Enjoy the many adventures created especially for members of the Cupertino Senior Center including wonderful local day trips and explorative extended tours.*

### Membership Benefits

- Your Senior Center Membership of just \$28 per year (\$23 for residents of Cupertino), entitles you to participate in classes, socials, visits to receive help through our social services office and other activities that are free only to members. Your membership includes a permit to park in the senior center parking lot while you attend senior center activities.
- As a member you will receive six issues of the bi-monthly newsletter “*The 50+ Scene*,” either by mail or email.
- Membership is open to residents and non-residents age 50 and wiser. Cupertino residents receive a discounted rate for their membership.

### Trip Sign Ups

- Members may register for new trips beginning on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at the Cupertino Senior Center. We encourage you to arrive by 7:30am to hear about the new trips being offered.
- If you are unable to join us for new trip sign up day, members may pick up a Trip Reservation Form in the flyer rack and fill it out in advance. Your completed reservation form and payment will be processed in the order received after walk-in registrations are completed.
- Non-members are eligible to sign up for new trips one week after member sign up eligibility.
- Trip registration continues as long as there are openings; waitlists are available.

### Trip Activity Levels

- Due to the strenuous nature of traveling and touring we encourage you to see the activity level listed on the trip flyer to determine whether the trip is right for you. Call the travel office if you have further questions about trip activities. If you would like to have a family member or friend assist you on the trip, please contact the travel office at 408-777-3154.

**City of Cupertino Recreation and Community Services Department**  
Creating a Positive, Healthy, and Connected Community

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**Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm**

## Day Trips

### Disney's Aladdin at the Orpheum Theater

**Thursday, November 2, 10am-6pm**

**\$94 per person**

Discover "a whole new world" with Disney's Tony-nominated production, *Aladdin* at the Orpheum Theater! From the producer of the *Lion King* comes the timeless story of Aladdin, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacles. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite. Experience "a fantastic point of view" for this enthralling production of Disney's *Aladdin* from our Orchestra seats at the Orpheum Theater. See a magic carpet flying high above the stage, and feel the thrill as a diamond in the rough wins the heart of the princess with the help of a one-of-a-kind genie. Enjoy a no-host lunch at one of the immense variety of restaurants available at Westfield San Francisco Centre before the show! A few of your many options include Nordstrom Café Bistro, Tap (415), Fire of Brazil, Buckhorn Grill, Coriander Gourmet Thai, and the wide variety of options in the their famous Food Emporium.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Orchestra seats, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking at your own pace for lunch

### Il Fiorello Olive Oil Co & Downtown Benica

**Wednesday, November 8, 8am-5:30pm**

**\$125per person**

Named one of the world's best olive oil producers in 2013, Il Fiorello will tantalize your taste buds with a guided tasting of their Italian, Greek, French, Spanish and Tunisian Varieties of olive oils, in addition to special beverages and food pairings prepared by their chef. During our visit, you will enjoy the chance to tour their culinary kitchen, olive groves, and more. Most thrilling is the opportunity to see their state of the art Perialisi Gold olive mill, capable of milling 3 tons of olives an hour! After the tour and tasting, relax on their patio overlooking 2,000 olive trees, enjoy the view and partake of a charcuterie board of the chef's selection of cured meats, artisan cheese with assorted accompaniments and condiments. You'll have time to explore for a no-host lunch. Highly rated restaurants along First Street include Venticellos Ristorante Italiano, the First St. Café, and Sailor Jack's where you can enjoy beautiful bayside views. There is lots of California history in Benica and it's an artsy town with many shops, galleries, and unique glass art studios for you to enjoy.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Tour, Tastings, charcuterie board, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; some walking on uneven ground

### Holiday Shopping at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore

**Tuesday, November 14, 9:30am-3:30pm**

**\$45 per person**

Travel with us as we go shopping for all of the people on your nice or naughty list this holiday season! Shop at stores offering over 180 iconic brands and designer names while enjoying the state's largest outdoor outlet shopping center. The center features an impressive collection and variety of high-end retailers and brands including. You will find savings up to 25%- 65% at these retailers and many more. Enjoy an assortment of lunch options such as Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen, Johnny Rockets, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and more while shopping, or choose to bring your own lunch. Either way, you'll find the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore to be the perfect spot for a pleasant getaway and a head start on your holiday shopping.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; walking and shopping at your own pace

## Day Trips

### **Niles Canyon Railway Train of Lights**

**Wednesday, November 29, 12-7pm**

**\$114 per person**

Get in the holiday spirit with an enchanting, fun-filled train ride through Niles Canyon! This Bay Area tradition has grown over the decades from a simple three-car train to the largest fully-decorated holiday train in the world! Come and enjoy this rare opportunity to experience a train ride through Niles Canyon at dusk, when it is light enough to take in the beautiful scenery of Niles Canyon but dark enough to enjoy the train's mesmerizing lights. It's a perfect time for friends to gather with warm beverages and holiday goodies for lots of excitement and joy. We will ride in the First Class Dome Car, enjoying swivel seats in the upper level glass dome for an awesome view of the canyon. Warm cider and hot chocolate will be served along with small bites and holiday goodies that we will provide for you! Before our journey, enjoy time in historic Niles for a no-host late lunch or perusing the darling shops. Favorites for "nothing fancy, but real good food" are Joe's Corner, Bronco Billy's Pizza Palace and Skillet'z Café. If cute and fancy is what you're craving, you will love Tyme for Tea & Co. Browse in Suda Mae Antiques for "to-die-for" antique china!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Two docent-led tours, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking at your own pace

### **The Rotunda at Neiman Marcus**

**Tuesday, December 5, 10:15am-4:15pm**

**\$139 per person**

Get into the holiday spirit and take dining to the next level at the elegant and one-of-a-kind restaurant – The Rotunda! Indulge in a delicious 3-course lunch and enjoy the view of the top of their 80-foot Christmas tree rising through the four story atrium. Set beneath their landmark stained glass dome and offering a bird's eye view of Union Square through floor to ceiling windows. The Rotunda's famous upscale elegance and class is the perfect way to begin celebrating the holiday spirit. This beautiful luncheon will begin with your choice of lobster bisque or farm green salad. You'll find an entrée to enjoy among a variety of choices, including Lobster Club, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, Shrimp & Crab Louie Salad, Andean Dream Quinoa Pasta, and Pan Seared Salmon Filet. Top off this exquisite meal with either triple chocolate mousse or a seasonal sorbet. The holidays are a magical time, and Union Square is the heart of holiday fun and winter merriment!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Delicious luncheon, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to Moderate; walking at your own pace

### **Windham Hill: Winter Solstice 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert – Montalvo Arts Center**

**Sunday, December 17, 4-9:30pm**

**\$112 per person**

Join us for a joyous holiday concert featuring the talented musicians of Windham Hill at the beautiful and intimate Villa Montalvo. Celebrate the winter season with the artists of Windham Hill! Founded in Palo Alto in 1975, the label's recordings were a runaway success, and the name "Windham Hill" became synonymous with the best in acoustic music. These masterful instrumentalists will toast the winter solstice and its warm traditions with a mix of original music and seasonal classics drawn from their well-loved and multi-platinum selling Winter Solstice series. Prior to the concert, enjoy a leisurely no-host lunch in charming downtown Saratoga. The area is filled with diverse and great dining options including Hachi Ju Hachi (Japanese), Big Basin Café (American), Bella Saratoga (Italian), and Hong's Gourmet (Chinese).

- TRIP INCLUDES: Festive concert,, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking at your own pace

## Day Trips

### **Klimt & Rodin: An Artistic Encounter at the Legion of Honor**

**Thursday, January 25, 7:30am-3:30pm**

**\$124 per person**

For the very first time on the West Coast, works by renowned Australian painter Gustav Klimt's will share the galleries with sculptures by Rodin at the Legion of Honor. Discover the full evolution of Klimt's artistic output. Our docent-led tour of *Klimt & Rodin: An Artistic Encounter* will explore the works of French "father of modern sculpture" Auguste Rodin and Austrian painter Gustav Klimt, and examine their numerous connections. Klimt produced only a very limited number of canvases over his career, and many of these canvases are deemed too fragile to travel, making this sizable display of his work a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. After our visit, enjoy a hosted lunch in the relaxing atmosphere of the Presidio Café on the grounds of the legendary Presidio Golf Course. This delicious meal will include choice of Cobb Salad, Presidio Birdie Special (club sandwich with turkey, ham, and bacon) or Fairway cheeseburger, as well as the Chef's Choice dessert.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Docent-led tour, lunch, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to Moderate; 45-minute museum tour, walking at your own pace

### **The Charles Schulz Museum**

**Wednesday, January 31, 8am-5:30pm**

**\$74 per person**

View the largest collection of original Peanuts artwork in the world at the Charles M. Schulz Museum and learn about one of the most popular comic strips of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Charles M. Schulz Museum is located on the property where Charles Schulz spent the last thirty years of his life – drawing, eating and as he described it, "hanging out." Our docent-led tour of this fun and fascinating museum will be the perfect opportunity to explore one of the most popular comic strips of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Here, you can laugh at Schulz's original comic strips, view a re-creation of Schulz's art studio, and dive into their chronicle of his early artistic abilities. Afterwards, there will be time to explore Santa Rosa's historic Railroad Square, the heart of downtown Santa Rosa since the first trains arrived in the 1870's. Now, this charming area is a perfect spot for your no-host lunch, with choices such as Jackson's Bar & Oven, LoCoco's Cucina Rustica, Omelette Express, and The Pullman Kitchen. To finish our day, enjoy a special stop for a sweet treat (and maybe shop for some cheese) as we journey home.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Docent-led tour, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to Moderate; 45-minute museum tour, walking at your own pace

**Registration continues until trip is full; waitlist available once trip is full.  
For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

### **Out to Lunch Bunch at Dishdash**

**Tuesday, December 19, 11:30am**

Take a break from your holiday "to do" list and join us for a great time! Enjoy interesting company and share travel stories as you linger over your no-host meal. Dishdash serves up fresh and simple Middle Eastern Cuisine featuring protein-rich legumes, earthy grains, and exotic spices with a contemporary twist. Please register at the Cupertino Senior Center front desk so we can save you a seat. We will meet at the restaurant, located at 190 S Murphy Avenue in Sunnyvale.

## Day Trips

### **The House of Prime Rib**

**Thursday, February 8, 4:15-9pm**

**\$135 per person**

Join us for a savory evening of fine dining in San Francisco at this renowned restaurant that has been topping the charts since 1949! Featured by ZAGAT as the best steakhouse in the San Francisco area, The House of Prime Rib serves well-marbled Prime Rib in the English Tradition. Their Eastern corn-Fed Beef, the top 2% of all beef marketed, is aged for 21 days, to make “the most tender, juicy and flavorful beef available.” The owner, Joe Betz, meticulously maintains the restaurant, which has several rooms, replicating an English men’s club. All the prime rib is baked in rock salt and carved tableside. Menu selections include: 16oz. King Henry VIII cut, 10oz English Cut of Prime Rib, a thinner slice that many believe produces better flavor, 12oz, House of Prime Rib Cut, a hearty 10-12 oz. portion of juicy tender beef, and Salmon or special catch of the day fish. Each meal comes with salad tossed tableside in a spinning salad bowl, creamed spinach, mashed or baked potato and Yorkshire pudding. Your choice of a dessert from the cart includes English trifle, Tiramisu, bread pudding, pie, ice cream, Meals include coffee or tea. Cocktails and soft drinks will be available for you to purchase.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Hearty meal, transportation, taxes, gratuities, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low

### **Rachel Dunn Chocolate Workshop**

**Thursday, February 22, 9:30am-4pm**

**\$123 per person**

Enjoy an immersive experience for your senses of taste, touch, and smell as you dip and decorate a generous and delicious assortment of confections at Rachel Dunn Chocolate. A lovely day at Rachel Dunn Chocolate Factory awaits you for a hands-on chocolate workshop where you’ll make your very own delicious American and French chocolates with acclaimed chocolatier Rachel Dunn! Rachel is renowned chocolatier heralded by great food authorities such as Williams-Sonoma and The Food Network. In her 30-year career, Rachel’s confections have been praised in publications and television shows such as San Francisco Chronicle, Fancy Food Magazine, and Oprah. Enjoy a hosted lunch at Jack’s Restaurant & Bar. Here we will enjoy a delicious meal starting with a mixed green salad, and your entrée choice of meatloaf and gravy, Greek pasta with grilled chicken, or blackened catfish. A slice of chocolate tuxedo cake will be a sweet finish to your meal.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Chocolate workshop, delicious chocolate, lunch, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; standing or sitting for workshop

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For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

### **Mardi Gras Travel Party at the Cupertino Senior Center**

**Tuesday, February 13, 1:30pm – Free to members**

Join us for a New Orleans-style party right here at home. Learn more about our exciting travel program of day trips, overnight and extended tours. There will be a free raffle with prizes (including a day trip). Register at the Cupertino Senior Center front desk. Space is limited. Admission is free to members. Senior guests pay \$5.

## Day Trips

### Thunder Valley Casino Resort

**Wednesday, February 28, 8:30am-5:30pm**

**\$57 per person**

Get ready to try your luck and get into the casino gaming action at Thunder Valley Casino Resort! Choose from a broad range of favorite slots and over 100 table games. Thunder Valley features a collection of more than 2,800 slots for your enjoyment, from classic reel favorites to newest digital machines in dazzling detail. For your no-host lunch, enjoy the Thunder Cafe which features farm-to-fork menu items and brand new pizza station where fresh pizza pies and Italian classics are baked in their custom 625 degree oven. Or, you can choose the Thunder Valley buffet brunch to enjoy all you can eat breakfast and lunch favorites, or enjoy a quick bite from one of the five fast-casual restaurants located inside the resort. Join us for a day of friends, food, and chance at Thunder Valley Casino Resort.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; exploring casino at your own pace

## Extended Trips

***Share Discovery through Travel. Explore! Dream! Discover!***

### Discover Scotland – April 29-May 8, 2018 – 10 Days

From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles rich in history, Scotland's treasures are as diverse as they are compelling. Learn how to play the bagpipes and enjoy dinner at the National Piping Centre's farm to table restaurant. Take a cruise on famed Loch Ness. Visit a local family on their working farm and meet their sheepdogs. Marvel at the stunning Isle of Skye, the magnificent landscapes of the Highlands and the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Explore the magical Orkney Islands' ancient Skara Brae and prehistoric Ring of Brodgar. Visit Dunrobin Castle. Enjoy a distillery tour. Stop in St. Andrews, home of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Explore the regal city of Edinburgh. Put a modern twist on traditional Scottish ingredients during an interactive cooking experience. Price includes, round trip air, hotel transfers, and gratuities.

- Member cost \$4,290 per person, double.

### Canyon Country – September 18-25, 2018 – 8 Days

A journey through Canyon Country brings you into a colorful world of stunning southwestern vistas and the unique topography of three national parks: Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon. Delve into the region's Native American history during a chat with a local tribe member. Take time to shop in Sedona's marketplace and travel through Kaibab National Forest. Spend a night on the South Rim of the Magnificent Grand Canyon. Luxuriate at the Lake Powell Resort for two nights. Personalize your Arizona travel by choosing to either take in the stark beauty of Monument Valley on a narrated ride or take a cruise through the canyons for a different perspective on the spectacular scenery. Then it's off to the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas. Price includes round trip air, hotel transfers, gratuities.

- Member cost \$3429 per person, double.
- Travel Presentation 1pm Monday, December 4. Sign up at the front desk.

**Detailed Trip Brochures are available at the Cupertino Senior Center.  
For more information contact Alex Corbalis, Travel Coordinator, 408-777-3375.**

## Extended Trips

### **Discover the South Pacific Wonders – March 19-April 2, 2019 – 15 Days**

Explore two great countries of the Southern Hemisphere – Australia and New Zealand. From the tropical splendor of the Great Barrier Reef on Australia's northeast coast, to the ethereal beauty of glacial fjords on New Zealand's South Island, this 15-day journey to the lands "Down Under" brings you the best of both countries at an enjoyable pace. Cruise Sydney Harbour and Milford Sound. Meet Australia's wildlife up close. Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture. Indulge in regional flavors at a wine tasting and experience Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world. Extend your adventure in Fiji, and experience the Sunday beaches and clear ocean water of tropical paradise. Price includes, round trip air, hotel transfers, and gratuities.

- Member cost \$6499 per person, double.
- Fiji extension cost \$999 per person, double.
- Travel Presentation 1pm Monday, December 4. Sign up at the front desk.

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