



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

Travel Solo Together

2024 ROSE PARADE TOUR

With Women of the Midwest!

December 29, 2024

January 3, 2025



Dear Women of the Midwest,

I'm beyond thrilled to be your host and ambassador on this once-in-a-lifetime journey! The 136th Tournament of Roses Parade with the theme "Best Day Ever"! And because this trip was one of the most popular from last year we are adding seats to accommodate between 30 and 40 travelers!

The 2025 theme celebrates life's best moments – those unexpected times that bring a smile, warm our hearts and fill us with joy. Bands, floats, and equestrian units from all over the world participate in the largest and most beautiful floral parade in the world. And we have the best category of seats!

But there's more to this trip than the beautiful Rose Parade! Join me as we experience the best the L.A. area has to offer. We will visit Warner Brothers Studio, tour downtown Los Angeles, participate in Float Decorating, attend the London New Year's Eve celebration, cheer with a glass of bubbly to welcome 2025 in style, eat where Walt Disney once did, sip wine at stunning San Antonio Winery, see Santa Monica and Venice Beach, enjoy the Original Farmers Market (L.A.'s sprawling historic market featuring a range of trendy shops and gourmet grocery purveyors), and explore Floatfest. And our boutique hotel, the Portofino Hotel and Marina, where we will spend our five nights, is a treat for the mind and soul. I can't wait to return to where I grew up; our local tour director and I have so many stories to share with you!

Yours in travel and adventures,
Liset Garcia-Bates, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

Redondo Marina at Sunset



Luxury Shopping



Beverly Hills Mansion



December 29, 2024 - Sunday Traveling to Los Angeles

Your journey begins with a warm welcome at Los Angeles International Airport. Step off the plane and into the excitement as our friendly local guides greet you with open arms and a specially curated gift bag, brimming with treats and essentials for your stay. Next, you'll be whisked away in our private transport to the iconic Portofino Hotel at Redondo Beach, facing the marina and the Pacific Ocean. We will spend our five-night retreat at this beautiful hideaway in stunning Redondo Beach. Unwind in the fresh sea air and take in the modern elegance. Take a few moments to settle in, then gather with your fellow travelers for a delightful meet and greet. Indulge in small bites, fine wine, and camaraderie as we prepare for the adventures ahead.

From the moment you arrive, you'll be immersed in the excitement and energy of the Rose Parade, one of the most iconic events in the country. Off to bed now for a good night's rest.

S/C (snack and cocktails)

December 30, 2024 - Monday Float Decorating, Tam O'Shanter & Warner Brothers Studio

Prepare for an unforgettable day of hands-on creativity and Hollywood glamour! Dive into the iconic Rose Parade experience by joining in on Float Decorating. Engage your senses as you dive into the intricate world of floral design, helping to craft one of the stunning floats that will steal the show on parade day. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, you'll work with vibrant

flowers, seeds, and other materials, witnessing firsthand the magic behind these magnificent creations. After your morning of creative immersion, you'll be treated to a delightful lunch at the historic Tam O'Shanter. This beloved restaurant holds a rich history dating back to 1922, making it one of Los Angeles' oldest dining establishments. Its charming Scottish atmosphere and hearty fare have attracted generations of locals and celebrities alike, including Walt Disney himself, who frequented Tam O'Shanter for inspiration. Savor the flavors and soak in the nostalgia of this iconic landmark before continuing your day of exploration. Following lunch, get ready for an exciting tour of Warner Brothers Studio. Step behind the scenes of some of Hollywood's most iconic films and TV shows as you explore the legendary studio lot. From classic movie sets to cutting-edge soundstages, this tour offers an insider's glimpse into the magic of filmmaking. Concluding the day, you'll have the evening free to explore and enjoy dinner on your own in the vibrant seaside community of Redondo Beach. Take in the ocean views, stroll along the pier, and discover the diverse dining options Redondo Beach offers. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind and savor the coastal charm of Southern California.

B/L

December 31, 2024 - Tuesday Harbor Cruise – New Years Eve Party

Prepare for a day of sun, sand, and seaside delights as we embark on a memorable beach day adventure. Our destination: the picturesque shores of Newport Beach, renowned for its pristine coastline and

vibrant atmosphere. We will start the day with a leisurely breakfast at the Portofino Hotel, fueling up for our beach excursion. Then, we will journey to Newport Beach and set sail on a spectacular Stars Homes Boat Tour. Cruise along the stunning coastline, soaking in panoramic views of luxurious waterfront estates and celebrity hideaways. It is a chance to glimpse into the glamorous lifestyles of the rich and famous while enjoying the refreshing ocean breeze. After our scenic cruise, you will have free time to explore Newport Beach at your own pace. Whether you choose to stroll along the sandy shores, browse the charming boutiques, or simply relax and bask in the California sunshine, the day is yours to enjoy.

As evening approaches, we will gather for a special 4 PM "London" New Year's Eve celebration at the fabulous Chado Tea House. Indulge in a luxurious high tea experience, complete with a selection of exquisite teas, delectable food, and, of course, champagne and wine to toast to the coming year. It's a refined and elegant way to bid farewell to the old and welcome the new amidst the company of fellow travelers.

B/L/D

January 1, 2025 - Wednesday The Rose Parade!

Start your morning with a delightful, boxed breakfast to fuel your excitement for the day ahead. Prepare to experience the world-famous Rose Parade like never before. We have secured premium reserved seats to witness the awe-inspiring floats, marching bands, and equestrian units

The Rose Parade



as they parade down the historic streets of Pasadena. Marvel at the elaborate designs and vibrant colors, capturing the magic of this beloved tradition from our prime viewing location. After the parade, let's embark on an unforgettable tour of Hollywood, the entertainment capital of the world. Explore the legendary landmarks, celebrity hotspots, and iconic attractions that have made Hollywood famous around the globe. From the Hollywood Walk of Fame to the iconic Hollywood Sign, you'll soak in the glitz and glamour of this star-studded neighborhood. Next, we make our way to the bustling Original Farmers Market, where you can sample gourmet delights from local vendors. Indulge in culinary delights from around the world as you enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of this beloved LA institution. Completing the day's journey, a scenic drive takes you along the beautiful beaches of Santa Monica and Venice Beach. With the salty breeze in your hair and the sound of crashing waves in the distance, you're treated to breathtaking views of the Pacific coastline, a fitting conclusion to a day filled with excitement, exploration, and unforgettable memories. Tonight enjoy dinner on your own or with new found friends.

B (boxed)

January 2, 2025 - Thursday Floatfest & San Antonio Winery

Rise and shine early to enjoy a delicious, boxed breakfast energizing yourself for the exciting day ahead. After breakfast, let's embark on an exclusive adventure to Floatfest, a float-filled celebration that blooms after the Rose Parade! Prepare to beat the crowds as we gain exclusive

Venice Beach Canals



access to Floatfest, located around Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards in Pasadena. Floatfest offers a unique opportunity to get a deeper look at the magnificent Rose Parade floats, just moments after seeing them on television or from the stands along the parade route. As you explore Floatfest, prepare to be amazed by the intricate designs and vibrant colors of the floats. From whimsical themes to meticulous craftsmanship, each float is a masterpiece in its own right, showcasing the talent and creativity of its creators. Wear comfy footwear and attire for this adventure, as the floats are spread out over a sizable area. Take your time to stroll among the floats, capturing breathtaking photos and immersing yourself fully in the festive atmosphere. Following our Floatfest experience, we head to the historic San Antonio Winery for a delightful farewell lunch. Established in 1917, the San Antonio Winery is a beloved Los Angeles landmark, known for its delicious cuisine and award-winning wines. Indulge in a sumptuous meal amidst the vine-covered walls and old-world charm of this historic establishment, savoring the flavors of California's bountiful harvest.

After lunch, our adventure continues with our Downtown Highlights Tour. Along the way, you'll marvel at architectural wonders like the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and Disney Concert Hall. Soak in the vibrant energy of Downtown Los Angeles as we explore cultural and historical landmarks that define the heart of the city. After our busy day, we will join together for our delicious farewell dinner at our local restaurant and then return to our waterfront accommodations for the rest of

Delectable Food



the evening for relaxation. **B (boxed)/L/D**

January 3, 2025 - Friday Homeward Bound!

As your journey comes to an end, enjoy a final breakfast at the Portofino Hotel, reflecting on the memories made. Bid farewell to your home away from home as you depart, carrying with you the cherished experiences of the Rose Parade 2024 Woman of the Midwest tour. With each day carefully planned and filled with excitement, this tour promises an unforgettable adventure through the heart of Southern California.

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Itinerary subject to change.

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner
S/C = Snack/Cocktails**



2023 Parade Fun



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:
 Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$3,495
 Per person in a single room: \$3,995

Triple rooms are on request.

**We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on August 29, 2024 is nonrefundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

Group Airfare (economy class) is Included:

12/29/2024 Omaha* - Los Angeles 3:54 PM - 5:56 PM
 1/3/2025 Los Angeles - Omaha* 9:54 AM -3:02 PM

*Ask us to assist you with airfare from a different hometown (a small supplement may occur).

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour involves walking between 2-3 miles over the course of most of the days (add to this the walking you do outside the group activities), some stairs, longer periods of standing, and outdoor activities within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40 travelers. Should the number fall below 30, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded.

Included:

- Group airfare Omaha-Los Angeles-Omaha*
- 5 nights during the tour at Portofino Hotel & Marina
- 5 x breakfast
- 3 x lunch
- 2 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program (tickets to the Rose Parade at 340 W Colorado)
- Professional tour director from the arrival in Los Angeles on December 29, 2024, until departure on January 3, 2025
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, December 29, 2024 - January 3, 2025
- All local taxes and fees as of April 30, 2024

*Ask us to assist you with airfare from a different hometown (a small supplement may occur).

Not Included:

- Airline baggage fees. Estimate \$35-40 per checked bag per way
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$50 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

Hotel Accommodation (standard rooms):

Portofino Hotel & Marina, Redondo Beach, CA.
Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.



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AIRFARE DETAILS!

Group airfare with American Airlines is included in your package:

December 29, 2024	Omaha* - Los Angeles	3:54 PM	5:46 PM
January 3, 2025	Los Angeles - Omaha*	9:54 AM	3:02 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Los Angeles on December 29 and return from Los Angeles on January 3, around the same time as the rest of the group. Individual additional transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group is not possible. We will take care of this, without any additional cost.

Important:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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