



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPACE & SCIENCE TOUR

## Griffith, Mount Wilson, Palomar

November 3 - 9, 2015

Join the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada on our adventure to Southern California to enjoy the culture and climate and visit the observatories. We will have an opportunity to visit the California Space Museum, where the space shuttle Endeavour is exhibited. We will visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, from where many famous space exploration missions such as Voyager, Viking and Curiosity have been controlled"

Then the piece de resistance will be to visit the two observatories in the Southern California mountains: Mount Wilson and Palomar.



This is a one of a kind tour and I hope you will join me next November for sunny California. - Randy Attwood, Executive Director RASC

### Your Tour Includes:

- 6-nights accommodations
- 3-nights Angelino Hotel, Los Angeles
- 1-night Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena
- 2-nights Declan Suites, San Diego

### All Admissions as listed in itinerary:

- Los Angeles City tour
- California Space Museum
- Magic Castle with dinner
- Griffith Observatory
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Mount Wilson Observatory
- Palomar Observatory

Meals: All breakfasts, 3 dinners (includes Magic Castle dinner)

Fully escorted from the RASC  
Step-on guides where available  
Document packet

## Itinerary

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015** Arrive in Los Angeles D

Welcome to the City of Angels for three nights. Join your Tour Director for a welcome orientation dinner tonight at the hotel.

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015** Los Angeles Highlights B

Today a local guide joins us for a tour of Los Angeles. From Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral to the new Disney Concert Hall. A blend of the old and new. This afternoon we will visit the Griffith Observatory where you can look through the telescopes, catch a star show in the planetarium, visit the latest exhibits and enjoy the view over Los Angeles.

**Thursday, November 5, 2015** California Space Museum B/D

Begin your experience in Endeavour: The California Story, a companion exhibit featuring images and artifacts that highlight the shuttle program's ties to California, where the orbiters were built. Then see Endeavour in the Samuel Oschin Pavilion.

Tonight enjoy pure Hollywood at the Magic Castle, the Academy of Magical Arts, for dinner and magic shows.



**SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR**

**Friday, November 6, 2015      Los Angeles - Pasadena    B**

Check-out of your hotel and drive to nearby Pasadena to visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. JPL is the leading U. S. center for robotic exploration of the solar system, and has 19 spacecraft and 10 major instruments carrying out planetary, Earth science and space-based astronomy missions.

No-host gathering tonight to review our day and prepare for Pasadena.

**Saturday, November 7, 2015    Pasadena - San Diego    B**

Today our tour moves to San Diego where Fr. Junipero Sierra established the first of twenty-one Missions. Travel into the scenic mountains for a visit to Mt. Wilson Observatory where Edwin Hubble used the facilities to alter humankind's view of our place in the expanding Universe.

Continue on to San Diego for two nights.



**Sunday, November 8, 2015      San Diego      B/D**

Today our final observatory visit takes us up the picturesque Palomar Mountains to Palomar Observatory. The Observatory is home to three active research telescopes: the 200-inch (5.1-meter) Hale Telescope, the 48-inch (1.2-meter) Samuel Oschin Telescope, and the 60-inch (1.5-meter) telescope. Enjoy a Farewell dinner tonight.

**Monday, November 9, 2015      Home      B**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight homeward or extend your stay.



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