

Gemini Excursions

BUCKET
LIST
TRIP!

Tournament of Roses Parade

featuring a Gala New Year's Eve Party

Tour Dates: December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025



DAY 1 Arrive in Southern California: Welcome to the Granddaddy of parades, the 136th Tournament of Roses Parade, featuring the beautiful pageantry and tradition of magnificent floral floats, high-stepping equestrians and spirited marching bands. For four nights, stay at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel. Join your Tour Manager tonight for a welcome orientation.

DAY 2 Rose Parade Float Building and Los Angeles Sightseeing Tour: This morning, go behind the scenes in Pasadena for the Rose Parade Float Building. See the floats being built up close by the hundreds of people working to finish

their floats. Marvel at the thousands of various flowers from around the world that were used to create the world's most imaginative floats. Later, a local guide conducts a tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood. From the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral to the Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, the tour is a blend of old and new. See the Hollywood Bowl, Dolby Theater and the legendary Grauman's Chinese Theater. **Meal: B**

DAY 3 Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and New Year's Eve Festivities: Today visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library which chronicles the storied career of Ronald Reagan which spanned more than five decades. This evening, ring in the New Year with your newfound friends at a private New Year's Eve gala event. Put on your dancing shoes as a live orchestra fills the room with sounds from yesterday and today. Enjoy a spectacular dinner and champagne toast to celebrate the dawning of a New Year. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 136th Tournament of Roses Parade: The event you came for is about to begin. You have reserved bleacher seats along Colorado Boulevard and after breakfast you depart for the Tournament of Roses Parade. View the animated floats, the precision of the marching bands and the equestrian teams as you become part of an event that is seen throughout the world by millions. Later, travel north up the coast to the pretty town of



Enjoy a visit to the exciting Santa Monica Pier

Santa Monica. Here, there is time to explore the exciting Santa Monica Pier. Delight in the wide array of shops, arcades and lively entertainment. Tonight, your farewell dinner is in Santa Monica hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Homeward Bound: Your transfer from the hotel to the airport is included for your flight home. Your Tour Manager will help you with arrangements to Los Angeles International Airport.
Meal: B

Tour Dates	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
Dec 29, 2024 - Jan 2, 2025	\$2,874	\$699

Pricing includes Local Keokuk pickup, roundtrip St Louis airfare (with 10 people), hotel baggage handling, land package, 6 meals, and professional tour manager.



EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY TO SANTA BARBARA

4 DAYS • 6 MEALS While on your Tournament of Roses Parade holiday, why not take an optional extension to Santa Barbara one of the California coast's most beautiful cities.

Motor along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway through the seaside community of Malibu. Take a tour of the Old Santa Barbara Mission and enjoy a day trip to San Simeon for a tour of magnificent Hearst Castle. Have dinner in the Dutch community of Solvang and experience Santa Barbara's Wine Trail.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western PLUS Encina Inn, Santa Barbara, California

2025 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
January 2	\$1,199	add \$399

Tour Highlights

- 6 Meals: 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Spend four nights in Long Beach, ranked as one of the most walkable cities in America
- Experience the fabulous Rose Parade Float Building and view these floats being built
- See the sights of Los Angeles and Hollywood on a narrated Sight and Sounds Tour with a local guide including Our Lady of the Angeles Cathedral, Walt Disney Concert Hall and Grauman's Chinese Theater
- Excursion to experience the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, which chronicles the storied career of Ronald Reagan that spanned more than five decades
- Gala private New Year's Eve dinner and dancing with live orchestra and champagne toast to ring in the New Year!
- Reserved seating for the 136th Tournament of Roses Parade, featuring the beautiful pageantry
- Enjoy a visit to the fun and exciting Santa Monica Pier and have a farewell dinner in Santa Monica
- Optional post-tour excursion to beautiful Santa Barbara

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Renaissance Hotel, Long Beach, California

Rooms for the night before the tour are available. Cost for a room in Long Beach is \$349, tax and breakfast included.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$399 per person OPTIONAL

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days and more – deposit amount
 - 60 – 31 days – 20% of the tour cost
 - 30 – 15 days – 30% of the tour cost
 - 14 – 1 day prior – 40% of the tour cost
 - Day of departure or early departure from tour – 100% of the tour cost
- No refund on unused portion

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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