

spouse/guest tours



tours

thursday, january 24, 2008

sedona red rock vortex tour, lunch & tlaquepaque shopping

All inclusive fee: \$ 99.00
Coach Departure: 8:00 AM
(Please meet outside of the Conference Center by 7:45am)
Return to Biltmore Resort and Spa: 5:00 PM

*Please inquire about reduced rates for Children between the ages of 5 to 15.

The drive to Arizona's high country is a scenic experience as you see the desert change to high chaparral, then to scrub pine, and finally to the incredible red rocks of Oak Creek Canyon. Along the way, you'll stop at the cliff dwelling remains called Montezuma's Castle for a walk along Beaver Creek under shady Sycamore trees.

The tour will include plenty of time outside to experience and photograph the views and memories that will last forever. You'll visit mysterious vortex sites, including the highlights of this area: Bell Rock, Courthouse Butte, Cathedral Rock, Airport Mess, and Chapel of the Holy Cross Hillside.

The tour will continue with lunch at Bistro Bella Terra. Set high above the center of Sedona, Bistro Bella Terra is the perfect place to relax, enjoy great food and take in the breath-taking Sedona views. This restaurant celebrates its family tradition and hospitality with worldly cuisine using only the finest ingredients.

Your unforgettable Sedona experience will include spending time at internationally renowned Tlaquepaque (pronounced Tla-keh-pah-keh) Village. Nestled beneath the shade of the sycamores on the banks of beautiful Oak Creek, Tlaquepaque is the most distinctive shopping experience to be found in the Southwest. Authentically fashioned after a traditional Mexican village, Tlaquepaque, meaning the "best of everything," has been a Sedona landmark since the 1970's.

Its vine covered stucco walls, cobble-stoned walkways and magnificent arched entryways give you the feeling that Tlaquepaque has been here for centuries. Tasteful galleries and unique shops live in harmony with its lush natural environment where giant sycamore trees stand in testimony to the care taken in preserving the timeless beauty of the Tlaquepaque grounds.

Immerse yourself in the splendor of Sedona's red rock country and cover Sedona from one end to the other, and everything in between. This tour is the most comprehensive introduction of Sedona.



Hear all about the history, geology, folklore and legends of one of nature's masterpieces. You'll have plenty of time on this tour to take in the wonders that have made Sedona #1 of the 10 most beautiful places in America!

friday, january 25, 2008

rafting on the salt river

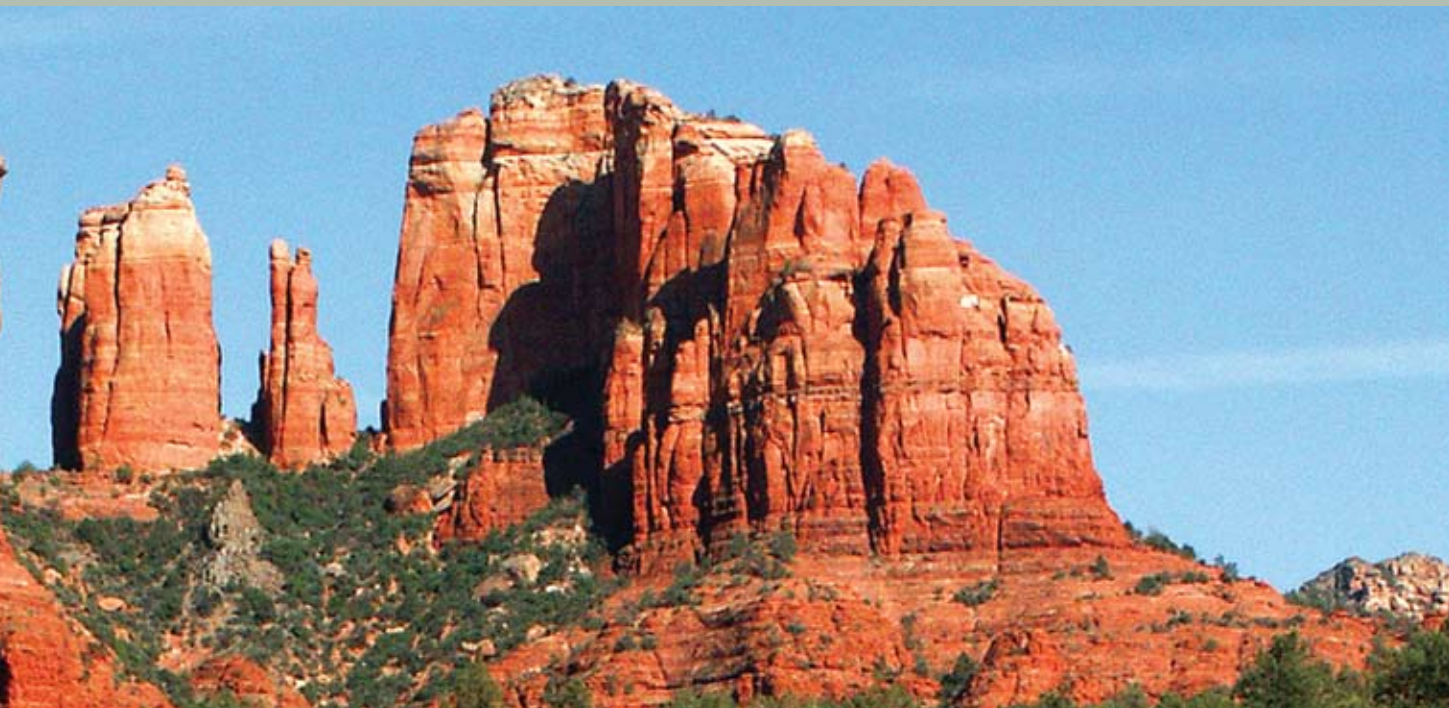
All inclusive fee: \$85.00
Coach Departure: 9:00 AM
(Please meet outside of the Conference Center by 8:45am)
Return to Biltmore Resort and Spa: 1:00 PM

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Experience the desert from a different perspective as you take a relaxing and refreshing float on one of Arizona's spectacular rivers. Drive through a forest of cacti to the swiftly-moving Lower Salt and Verde



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Rivers for a beautiful and scenic tour. The rivers are protected wildlife refuges, traveled by special permit only. Board rubber rafts holding ten people each for a paddle voyage conducted by river runners. This is not a white water trip, but a leisurely float to soak up the abundant sunshine and enjoy unique landscapes. Your experienced river guide will identify plants and wildlife, which could include bald eagles, wild horses, coyote, mule deer, and even desert bighorn sheep. This area is home to blue heron and an active nest of bald eagles.

Rugged mountains fill the background as you journey downstream between towering saguaro cactus and shady mesquite groves. Beautiful plants and animals, indigenous to the Sonoran Desert, provide abundant photo opportunities.

Note: Wear closed-toed shoes or water sandals (no flip-flops) and dress for the weather – layered clothing is recommended. Bottled water and soda will be provided. Participants must be at least 35 pounds, and all participants must sign a release at the beginning of the tour.

saturday, january 26, 2008

the art of glass making

Workshop and Lecture Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
(Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom Salon H)
Cost: \$95.00

In this interactive workshop and lecture you will have the unique opportunity to work hands on with an internationally known glass artist. Her creation of

“Plasma Fusion Glass” takes glass from the ordinary to the extraordinary. Her glass art is sought by galleries nationwide and held in both private and public collections worldwide. Her process and style is innovative, unique and fresh. This emerging artist is one of the “new” glass artists today, and is one to watch.

Using glass as your canvas, you will create an incredible work of art. Items such as earrings, pendants, bracelets, pins, wine stoppers, night lights, holiday ornaments, money clips, magnets, bolo ties, letter openers, cuff links or jewelry boxes can be made. The first hour will be spent designing the glass. You will then enjoy light refreshments and a lecture from the artist while your glass is “cooking” in the kilns. After the lecture, you will spend about thirty minutes assembling your glass into a work of art to take home.



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