



Official 25th Anniversary Sister City Exchange Trip:

Culver City, California: Nov 5-12, 2014



Come join us on our official 25th Anniversary Sister City Exchange Trip to celebrate our 1989 twinning with our beloved Sister City, Culver City, California. Located in the greater Los Angeles region, just 10 minutes from LAX Airport, Culver City is the historic home of Hollywood's legendary MGM movie studios. Come join the Lethbridge Twinning Society on our official exchange visit with our wonderful friends from the Culver City Sister City Committee. November 5-12. Our visit will be wrapped up with a relaxing optional 3 night hotel stay in the historic and beautiful coastal community of Santa Barbara, our home base to launch to Santa Ynez Valley wine country, 90 to 120 minutes NW of Culver City and LAX Airport.

Official Culver City California 25th Anniversary Exchange Visit. 7 Nights/8 Days.

Date	Departure/Arrival	Notes:
Wed Nov 5	-TBA Depart YYC or GTF to LAX. -Arrive Late Afternoon Culver City	-Flights & Costs TBA. Likely \$ 350-550 pp/range. -Meet & Greet Session. TBA.
Thurs Nov 6	-Official Culver City Visit	-Official Tour Activities TBA.
Fri Nov 7	-Official Culver City Visit	-Official Tour Activities TBA.
Sat Nov 8	-Official Culver City Visit	-Official Tour Activities TBA.
Sun Nov 9	-Official Culver City Visit	-Official Tour Activities TBA.
Mon Nov 10	-Official Culver City Visit	- Reception at Culver City Hall: 5 PM-6:30 PM in the Dan Patacchia Room
Tues Nov 11	-Official Culver City Visit	- Veterans Day Memorial Event , including Canadian Remembrance Day: Time TBA.
Wed Nov 12	-Depart Culver City: 10 AM. (See below) -Depart LAX for YYC or GTF. -Drive Calgary or Great Falls to Leth.	- <u>Optional Side Trip:</u> Santa Barbara CA. -3 Nights Hotel. Relax Santa Barbara & Santa Ynez.

Estimated Cost:

Travelers:	Estimated Cost:	Flights TBA: YYC or GTF.
Single Person	Airfare & Transfer Cost Only	-Flights & Costs TBA. Possibly CD\$ 375-550 pp.
Couple	Airfare & Transfer Cost Only.	-Flights & Costs TBA. Possibly CD\$ 375-550 pp.

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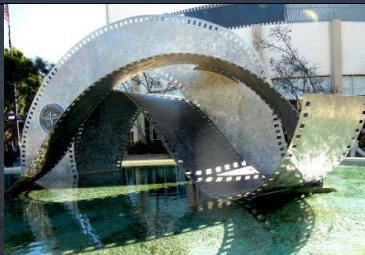


THIS PLAQUE AND SISTER CITY STREET SIGN ARE DEDICATED TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 10 DECEMBER 1962 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

Culver City Sister City Committee

BY THE CITY OF CULVER CITY CITY COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING CITIES:

URUAPAN,	MICHOACAN,	MEXICO	1984
KAIZUKA,	OSAKA,	JAPAN	1966
IKSAN CITY,	GHOLLABUK-DO,	SOUTH KOREA	1983
LETHBRIDGE,	ALBERTA,	CANADA	1989
YANJI CITY,	JILIN,	CHINA	1994 - 2004





Optional End-of-Visit Coastal City & Wine Country Trip

Santa Barbara-Santa Ynez: Nov 12-15.



Come join us for a relaxing optional 3 night hotel stay in California's 'Riviera' in the historic coastal city of Santa Barbara. Resting on a narrow shelf between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Santa Barbara is described as a perfect weekend getaway from Los Angeles that gives you the best of California in one spot. Historic downtown streetscapes, laid-back beaches, scenic ocean vistas, late night shopping and restaurants. A great home base to launch to wine country in the Santa Ynez Valley - all just 90 to 120 minutes NW of Culver City and LAX Airport.

Optional End-of-Visit Tour: Santa Barbara-Santa Ynez Wine Country. 3 Nights/4 Days

Date	Departure/Arrival	Notes:
Wed Nov 12 (Duplicate Date / Page 1)	-Arrive Santa Barbara Hotel . -Relax Santa Barbara: Night 1 .	-Night 1: Details TBA (See Page 3 Activity Ideas).
Thurs Nov 13	- Sightseeing Santa Barbara : TBA. -Santa Barbara Hotel: Night 2 .	-Night 2: Details TBA (See Page 3 Activity Ideas).
Fri Nov 14	- Wine Country Tour : TBA. -Santa Barbara Hotel: Night 3 .	-Night 3: Details TBA (See Page 3 Activity Ideas).
Sat Nov 15	- Depart Santa Barbara to LAX . -Depart LAX for YYC or GTF. -Drive Calgary or Great Falls to Leth. -Arrive home Lethbridge.	-Travel & Departure Day to LAX to fly home. - <u>Santa Barbara to LAX Shuttle Bus Services</u> : Range US\$ 45-55 One-way. US\$ 95-100 Round Trip.

Examples: Santa Barbara Hotels: CD\$ 125-135+ per night (Incl.taxes). *Decide if near beach or historic DT?*

Alternative Option: Spend just 2 nights and go with higher quality \$ 160-180 night for central location and more luxury experience (but less time).

Hotel Name	Price/Night	Details
-Sandman Inn Santa Barbara.	CD\$ 96.	3714 State St. Free Breakfast. Pool. Distance. 2 star 71%Trip Advisor
-Ramada Limited.	CD\$ 114.	4770 Calle Real. Free Breakfast. Pool. Lush gardens. Good Value.
-Days Inn.	CD\$ 126.	16 Castillo Street. Free Breakfast. Near Beach. Outdoor hot tub.
-Quality Inn Santa Barbara.	CD\$ 130.	3055 Dela Vina St. Free Breakfast. Pool. 30 Min. Walk Beach.
-Best Western Beachside Inn.	CD\$ 168.	336 West Cabrillo Blvd. Breakfast \$\$\$. Pool.
-Best Western Plus Pepper Tree	CD\$ 187.	3850 State St. Breakfast \$\$\$. Pool.

Estimated Cost Range: 3 Nights Hotel, 1 Wine Tour, Misc. Museums, Return LAX Airport Shuttle Bus

Travelers:	Estimated Cost:	Notes:
Single Person	Hotel, Tour & Ground Transfer Costs	-Hotel, Wine Tour, LAX Shuttle. Possibly CD\$ 650-750 pp
Couple	Hotel, Tour & Ground Transfer Costs	-Hotel, Wine Tour, LAX Shuttle. Possibly CD\$ 800-950 All

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Santa Barbara-Santa Ynez: Optional Activities & Tours

Free Activities, Museums & Events:

(DT = Downtown, SB = Santa Barbara). All prices \$ USD.

Free or Low Cost Activities & Tours	Cost	Details
-Cabrillo Bike Path.	Free+	-5 mile paved paths from East Beach via Stearn's Wharf to SB Harbor.
-Carriage & Western Art Museum	Free	- Old carriages , stage coaches. Western street scene. Saddles & tack.
-Cold Spring Tavern.	Free+	-Funky old buildings, scenic vistas on hill top overlooking city.
-La Arcada Courtyard Shopping District	Free	-Historic downtown. Lots of charm. Art galleries. Turtles in fountains.
-La Cumbre Plaza Shopping Center	Free	-Over 80 upscale shops + restaurants. Anchored by Macy's & Nordstrom.
-Karpeles Manuscript Library.	Free	- Letters & manuscripts written by classical composers & authors such as Mozart, Albert Einstein, Mark Twain & Abraham Lincoln.
-Ronald Reagan Ranch Center.	Free	- Free museum in downtown Santa Barbara with replica oval office, white house garden along with memorabilia from their life in the area.
-Santa Barbara Art Foundry.	Free	-Watch skilled artisans transform molten bronze to sculptures. Wine bar
-Santa Barbara Court House Tour.	Free	- Free tour . Historic architecture, tiles, murals with beautiful clock tower offering scenic top-floor vistas of city and ocean.
-Santa Barbara Orchid Estate.	Free	-Magnificent collection of hundreds of orchids . Situated on Oceanside.
-Santa Barbara Scenic Drive.	Free	-Magical 25 miles of beautiful historic homes , harbour & ocean views.
-Santa Barbara Waterfront.	Free	- Palm-tree promenade , wharfs, piers & boardwalks with shops & bars.
-Shoreline Beach Park.	Free	-Beach, Stearn's Wharf. Picnic spots, ice cream & after dinner walks.
-State Street.	Free	-Trolley & water front shuttle 50 cents. Shops & bars stay open late.
-Stearn's Wharf.	Free	-Apparently most beautiful historic wharf on CA coast. Touristy shops. Great views back to Santa Barbara. Optional water taxi to harbour area.
-University Southern CA Santa Barbara	Free	-USC-SB. Free tours. 22,000 student campus. 175 foot Storke Tower.
-USC-SB Art, Design & Architecture.	Free	-Museum. 8,500 pre-Columbian art pieces. 750,000 drawings & photos

Low-Cost Activities, Museums & Events USD\$ 5-10 Range:

Low-Cost Activities & Tours	Cost	Details
-Santa Barbara Historical Museum.	\$ 5.	-450 years of SB history. Many historic objects & photo collections. DT.
-El Presido de Santa Barbara State Pk	\$ 5.	-Historic 1780s landmark. Original bldgs.. Small vineyard & garden.
-Casa de la Guerra.	\$ 5.	-Restored authentic 19 th century Santa Barbara adobe property.
-Susan Quinlan Doll & Teddy Museum	\$ 6.	-Large collection of historic dolls & teddy bears , plus wall murals.
-Old Mission Santa Barbara.	\$ 6.	-Best preserved 'queen' of the missions dating back to 1786. Oasis in middle of Santa Barbara with commanding ocean views.
-Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.	\$ 7.	-History of human involvement with the sea. Numerous ship models .
-Santa Barbara Museum Sea Center.	\$ 8.	-Hands-on encounters with sea creatures incl. pool with small sharks.
-Santa Barbara Museum of Art .	\$ 10.	-Court yard Roman Statutes, Impressionist paintings & Asian collection. Greek & Roman antiquities . Paintings by Matisse, Monet & Picasso.
-Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens.	\$ 10.	-Sweeping views. 78 acres. 1,000 plants. Bio regions & Redwood trees

Medium to Higher Cost Activities, Tours & Events: Over USD \$ 10 Range. (PP=Per Person)

Higher Cost Activities & Tours	Cost	Details
-Grand Old Theater & Opera Events.	Tickets	-Renovated theater with splendid Moorish & Spanish architecture.
-Lorero Theater.	Tickets	- Oldest operating theater in California . 1873. Renowned for jazz, classical & blues music. One of the top jazz venues in the world.
-Pedego Santa Barbara.	\$ 10 hr	-Bicycle (\$ 10 hr) and Electric bike (\$ 16 hr) rentals. Helpful staff.
-Santa Barbara Zoo.	\$ 15.	-Over 500 animals on posh historic estate with ocean & mountain views
-Lotusland Botanic Gardens 2 hr tour	\$ 45.	-Globally renowned 37 acre estate & botanic garden. 3,200 plants.
-Condor Express Whale Watching	\$ 89 pp	-5 hour whale watching cruise. 10 AM.
Examples of Wine Tour Trips:	\$ Range	-Several other tour companies offer wine tour trips at various prices.
-Pete's Preferred Taxi Wine Tours	\$ 60+ pp	-Flexible schedules with Lincoln Town Car. \$ 49 per hour for up to 4 persons. Min. 4 hrs. Lunch spots under \$ 15. Wineries, beer & casinos
-Captain Jack's Wine Tours .	\$ 60 pp	-Incl. \$ 60. All wine fees & transport. \$ 70 Micro-brewery beer tours.
-Who's Your Trolley Wine Tour	\$ 70 pp	-6 to 7 hour trolley tours . Majestic Santa Ynez Valley. Hop on/Hop off.
-Cloud Climbers Jeep & Wine Tours	\$ 129 pp	-4 to 7 guests. Door to door Jeep service. 4 wineries. Gourmet lunch.
-Dee Wine Tours of Santa Barbara	\$ 135 pp	-6 hour tour at 4 premium wineries. Stretch open Jeep. Gourmet lunch.