

### 1) An Afternoon in the Wine Country Tour

Blessed with almost perfect climate for growing grapes, Northern California has become the most prestigious wine-producing center in the United States. The vineyards are nestled amid the golden hills of Napa and Sonoma, located only one hour north of the Bay Area.

Starting in Napa, we'll view the hand hewn stone and modern wineries that dot the vineyards stretching along both sides of the highway. Growing here are the varietal grapes that produce the fine wines for which the region is famous - Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Fume Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Zinfandel to name but a few. At a carefully selected winery, guides will await to lead you through the processes of fermentation and aging and then into the bottling rooms. A tasting of the wines produced will follow.

On the other side of the mountain in Sonoma the visitor can relive early California history...seeing the historic Town Square, it's Spanish Mission, adobe ruins and the Bear Flag Monument. In Sonoma, an enormous shaded Plaza is rimmed with old adobe buildings and carefully preserved historic structures. A stroll around the town square will take you past former Mexican army barracks, 19th century hotels and the pristine mission founded by the Mission Padres in 1825. The Plaza is well-known for chic boutiques, bounteous shops and excellent restaurants. **Your tour guide will direct you to the restaurant of your choice for a no-host dinner**, before returning to Oakland.

#### No-host dinner at Sonoma Plaza

Galavents recommends the following restaurants:

- 1. Hotel Depot Cucina Rustica California Cuisine (\$\$)
- 2. Della Santina's Trattoria Italian (\$)
- 3. Generals' Daughter California Cuisine (\$\$\$)
- 4. La Casa Restaurant Mexican (\$)

www.depothotel.com www.sterba.com/sonoma/santina www.thegeneralsdaughter.com www.lacasarestaurant.com

For complete list of restaurants at Sonoma Plaza please go to: www.sonomavalleyvisitors.com/html/dining.php

Time: 1:30-7:30 pm\* Cost: \$49.00 per person, 35 person minimum

\*If we have more than one bus, arrangements can be made for one bus to return to Oakland immediately after the winery tours. (6:30pm arrival) Please indicate your preference on the registration form. If we only have one bus, we will default to the original arrival time (8:30pm).

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation Tour dispatcher Narrating Galavents guide 2 private winery tours and tastings <u>No</u> host dinner at Sonoma Plaza All taxes and gratuities



#### 2) Muir Woods & Sausalito Tour

The ride to Muir Woods will take us over the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge through part of Mill Valley, up Mt. Tamalpais and down into the cool green 500 acre Sequoia forest, named for the naturalist, John Muir. We stroll through redwoods which date back thousands of years, some standing twelve stories high. Walk at your own pace on a self-guided tour. The grandeur of the redwoods speak for themselves.

Next we will depart for Sausalito where you can browse through the shops in this picturesque old fishing village and artist's colony. Later, we will meet at the dock to board a ferryboat for a ride across the Bay to San Francisco, cruising past Alcatraz for a magnificent view of the San Francisco shoreline. Our coaches will meet you at the Ferry Plaza to take you back to Oakland via San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Time: 1:30-7:00 pm

Cost: \$37.00 per person, 25 person minimum

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation Tour dispatcher Narrating Galavents guide Entrance fee to Muir Woods Ferry ticket All taxed and gratuities

#### 3) Stinson Beach and Point Reyes

Stinson Beach is a treasure tucked between the coastal bluffs north of San Francisco. It is close to the city, yet seems like it is hundreds of miles away. The town itself stretches along a sandy spit and up into the hills to the south of Bolinas Lagoon. The beach administered by the National Park Service is on the south end of town, providing white sandy beaches, crashing waves, and picnicking sites for visitors year-round.

#### Point Reyes Lighthouse and National Seashore

Point Reyes National Seashore contains unique elements of biological and historical interest in a spectacularly scenic panorama of thunderous ocean breakers, open grasslands, bushy hillsides and forested ridges. Point Reyes National Seashore comprises over 100 square miles, including 32,000 acres of coastal wilderness area. Estuaries, windswept beaches, coastal scrub grasslands, salt and freshwater marshes, and coniferous forests create a haven of 80 miles of unspoiled and undeveloped coastline.

The Point Reyes Peninsula, which juts into the Pacific Ocean just north of the Golden Gate, has long been treacherous for ships traveling to and from San Francisco. In hopes of reducing the number of shipwrecks, Congress in 1852 appropriated \$25,000 to build the Point Reyes Lighthouse. The lighthouse site is now within the Point Reyes National Seashore. In January and February, the Point Reyes Lighthouse is one of the best places along the California Coast for seeing California Gray Whales on their annual migration from Alaska to Mexico.



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Time: 1:30-9:00 pm Cost: \$43.00 per person, 35 person minimum

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation Tour dispatcher Narrating Galavents guide All taxes and gratuities

#### 4) Ano Nuevo Reserve – Home Of The Elephant Seals

Today, we will visit the Ano Nuevo Reserve to view the huge elephant seals that occupy the area beaches and sand dunes as their breeding ground. Located 40 miles south of San Francisco on Highway 1, Ano Nuevo Reserve is a beautiful rocky windswept point on the Pacific Ocean.

The Spanish maritime explorer Sebastian Vizcaino sailed by the point on January 3, 1603. His diarist and chaplain of the expedition, Father Antonio de la Ascension, named it Punta de Año Nuevo (New Year's Point) for the day on which they sighted it in 1603.

Today, the point remains much as Vizcaino saw it from his passing ship. Lonely, undeveloped, wild. Elephant seals, sea lions, and other marine mammals come ashore to rest, mate, and give birth in the sand dunes or on the beaches and offshore islands. It is a unique and unforgettable natural spectacle that hundreds of thousands of people come to witness each year.

Time: 1:30-6:30 pm Cost: \$37.00 per person, 35 person minimum

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation Tour dispatcher Narrating Galavents guide Private tour of Ano Nuevo All taxes and gratuities

# Quark Matter 2004 Guest Tour Registration Form January 14, 2004, Oakland

Registrations must be received on or before Friday, January 2, 2004.

Mail your completed registration form with full payment to GALAVENTS, 43 Quail Ct. Suite 209, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, fax your completed form (925) 979-9558 or e-mail info@galavents.com. Refunds are available until Friday, January 2, 2004 only. No-shows or cancellations received after January 2, 2004 will NOT receive a refund. GALAVENTS reserves the right to cancel tours if the minimum number of registrants is not met. Registrants will receive a full refund. All Tours will depart from the Oakland Marriot Hotel.

Additional ticket sales on space available basis at the Tour Registration desk at the Marriott Hotel.

On-site ticket sales will be additional \$3.00/tour.

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME			
MAILING ADDRESS					
CITY STATE		ZIP	CO	COUNTRY	
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DAYTIME PHONE	FAX	E-MA	E-MAIL		
Tour Activities	Time	Quantity	Price	Amount	
Wednesday, January 14, 2004					
_ Tour 1. An Afternoon in the Wine Country 1:30pm-8:30pm _ Include time for no-host dinner at Sonoma Plaza _ Return to Oakland without dinner (6:30pm arrival)			\$49.00		
_ Tour 2. Muir Woods and Sausalito Tour	1:30pm-7:00pm		\$37.00		
_ Tour 3. Stinson Beach and Point Reyes	1:30pm-9:00pm		\$43.00		
_ Tour 4. Ano Nuevo	1:30pm-6:30pm		\$37.00		
			TOTAL		

EXP.DATE

#### **Method of Payment**

\_ Check/Money order (Checks payable to Galavents)

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard

NAME ON CREDIT CARD (PLEASE PRINT)

CARD NUMBER

SIGNATURE

## Three Ways to Register

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For more information please call: (925) 979-9554