

Grand American Tour



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Cove Cruising is hosting a fabulous 25-day Grand American Tour in October 2012 ... why don't you join us?

The Cove Travel team is finalising the Grand American Tour itinerary now and, as spaces are strictly limited, we wanted to give Cove readers some advanced information.

The following is a précis of our trip – it's intended to whet your appetite enough to contact Cove Travel with your 'expression of interest' and to blank out most of October in next year's diary!

Cove Cruising's Grand American Tour will include visiting some of the most iconic cities in the United States, as well as a stunning cruise on Silversea's *Silver Whisper*. There will be select destinations, fine wining and dining, luxury accommodation and the opportunity to play golf at Pebble Beach as well as other world famous golf courses, all in the convivial company of like-minded people.

Our tour begins on 30 September in unapologetically high-octane Las Vegas and we will soak up the atmosphere by staying four nights at the famous Caesars Palace. For the golfers, and

with thanks to the experience of Limetree Events, a golf competition will be organised between the Americans and our group. Cascata – evidently the golfer's 'heaven in the desert' – will be the location for this mini Ryder Cup and there will also be the opportunity to play at Rio Secco, famous for the the Butch Harmon School of Golf.

For non-golfers – and in the evenings – there is so much to do! Vegas never sleeps so we plan a show, or two, some great shopping, perhaps some quality time in the casino, or even the chance to fly by helicopter into the Grand Canyon for lunch.

On 4 October we have a short flight to San Francisco, the beautiful city that enjoys international renown for everything from sightseeing to restaurants and entertainment. We have four nights and three full days here staying at the elegant Mandarin Oriental Hotel. The itinerary includes an evening at a live American Ball Game to see the 49ers, and we will also have a scenic guided wine-tasting tour of the Napa Valley region.

Next stop is the world-renowned The Lodge at Pebble Beach, the legendary place to stay on the central Californian coast and where you will find the greatest public golf course in America, the Pebble Beach Golf Links. Every golfer deserves to play 'Pebble' at least once in his or her life ... we will do it on this trip.

Our wonderful 'Pebble Beach experience' will consist of staying for three nights at The Lodge with its comfortable elegance, attentive hospitality, stately architecture and glorious Oceanside setting. On the second day, for the keen golfers, there will also be the opportunity to play on one of the alternative courses such as the Spyglass Hill, The Links at Spanish Bay or the Del Monte golf course.

For those not playing golf there will be a day trip to the magical Pacific Coast community of Carmel. This charming European-flavoured village boasts pristine white sandy beaches, turquoise blue waters, native Cypress trees, fabulous shopping – and celebrities such as

Doris Day and Clint Eastwood! We may also have time to visit the city of Monterey via the world famous 17 Mile Drive.

Early on 11 October we will board our luxury coach and head straight for San Francisco airport for our business class flight to Montreal, Canada. Approximately five hours flying time later we arrive in Montreal and stay the night at the central Sofitel Hotel.

The following day we join our elegant cruise ship *Silver Whisper* – our gracious home for the next ten wonderful nights. This Silversea cruise is timed exactly at the height of the season when the autumn colours are at their brilliant best. We will travel along the St Lawrence Seaway, around Canadian and New England coastlines ablaze with red foliage, on blue sea and under even bluer skies. The perfect time to discover how stunningly beautiful North America really is.

A Silversea cruise offers spacious all-suite accommodation with the atmosphere of a floating boutique hotel. They have been voted 'World's Best' nine times by the prestigious Conde Nast Traveller – and it is not hard to see why. Silversea's staff ratio of nearly one to one defines the word service and there is award-winning cuisine offered at five different dining options. Onboard all meals, champagnes, wines, etc are of course included and no gratuities are expected.

Happily, after boarding *Silver Whisper* we have one extra day in port at Montreal – time to discover more about this beautiful 'Paris of the

North'. Next it's Quebec, North America's only walled city. We then sail along the St Lawrence River, do some whale watching and visit the islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton, characterised by picturesque valleys and craggy coasts.

On 18 October we reach Halifax with its delightful harbourside setting and exhilarating atmosphere, then as a complete contrast we sail into Bal Harbour, which has had a reputation as a playground for the rich since the turn of the century. Cape Cod is next and then historic, elegant Boston. Opulent ocean-side mansions previously owned by American socialite families with names such as Astor and Vanderbilt can be seen on the way into Newport Rhode Island ... this beautiful destination is called the yachting capital of the world for good reason.

Sadly our fabulous ten-day cruise ends the following day, but what a magnificent farewell it will be. Merely sailing into New York harbour past the world famous skyline will win a special place in your travel experiences. Be sure to have your camera ready for a picture of the Statue of Liberty.

Finally, it's two wonderful nights at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York and, as the Big Apple has something to offer everyone, we will make every second count. A Broadway show is a must. There will also be time for some final sightseeing, last minute shopping and our celebratory farewell dinner.

We hope you can join us on this unforgettable Grand American Tour. ●

GRAND AMERICAN TOUR 2012

24 NIGHTS – 30 SEP TO 24 OCT 2012

TOTAL COST – \$27,950 PER PERSON*

PRICE INCLUDES:

- A 10 night all-inclusive cruise in a mid-ship veranda suite on Silversea's *Silver Whisper* from Montreal to New York.
- All luxury accommodation with breakfasts throughout the tour.
- Most lunches and dinners including wines throughout the tour.
- Grand welcome and farewell dinner functions.
- Business Class airfare from San Francisco to Montreal.
- Economy Class airfare from Las Vegas to San Francisco.
- All transfers via limousine or luxury coach to and from airports, hotels and cruise ship.
- Organised day tours, shows and sightseeing experiences.
- Round of golf at Cascata and Pebble Beach courses complete with transport, carts and hire clubs. For non-golfers equivalent luxury spa treatments will be available.

*Itinerary subject to change. Terms and conditions apply.

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