

Reunion San Francisco September 14-18 2010

San Francisco, here we come! We've been to San Diego, Long Beach, Portland, and Seattle – now for the Jewel of the West Coast! San Francisco is rich in history from the Great Quake, the construction of the Western end of the first continental railroad, thru the Gold Rush days, the building of the Golden Gate Bridge, and into the present with the development of nearby Silicon Valley, the high-tech industrial capitol of the world. and is beautifully located - surrounded on three sides by the Pacific Ocean and the San Francisco Bay, near the famous wine country of Napa and Sonoma valleys, the Giant Sequoia forests at Muir Woods to the North, and at the Santa Cruz area to the South, Come, see your shipmates, and enjoy San Francisco!

The date for the reunion is Tuesday Sep 14 thru Saturday Sep 18 2010. Mid-September weather is fine in the San Francisco area! We can expect sunny days and very comfortable temperatures. You may like a light jacket or sweater for the evenings.

Reunion Tours and Events

Tour/Event	Day	Time	Comment
Hosp. Room	Tue	PM	Setup and Open Hosp Room
Sonoma Wineries	Wed	9a-3p	Tastings and tour
Board Meeting	Wed	4p	Board business meeting
City Tour	Thu	9a-3p	Highlights of San Francisco
Harbor Dinner Cruise	Thu	5p-11p	California Hornblower
Muir Woods Tour	Fri	9a-3p	Lunch/shop stop Sausalito
Friday Buffet	Fri	6p-8p	Cocktail hour, "Home at the Ranch" Buffet
Membership Meeting	Sat	9a-11a	Group photos after meeting
Saturday Banquet	Sat	6p-9p	Cocktail hour, banquet, program

The hotel is the Doubletree Hotel San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, 17 miles from downtown SFran, and 2 miles south of the SFran airport on Airport Blvd. The hotel provides 24/7 shuttle service (free) to and from the airport.

The hotel room rate is \$119 per night, single or double occupancy, (\$129 triple, \$139 quad) (plus 11.5% room tax) and includes a full breakfast buffet at no extra charge Wednesday thru Saturday morning. The \$119 room rate is available for 2 days before/after the reunion date, subject to availability. The sleeping rooms are large, well furnished, have very comfortable beds, and an excellent guest-controlled heating/AC system. The fifth floor has smoking guest rooms – the rest of the hotel interior is non-smoking. Handicap rooms are available. Hotel wheel-chairs are available for guests arriving or departing the hotel. 24/7 wheel-chairs must be arranged by the guest. Banquet/buffet/business-meeting rooms are on the first floor and open out to the courtyard where smoking is permitted. **See the reverse side of the registration form for hotel reservation information.**

Our Hospitality room is the 1350 sq ft Presidential Suite, which is very nicely furnished and decorated and has a wet bar. The Hospitality room will be setup Tuesday and will be open for check-ins Tuesday afternoon and evening, and will be open 7 am to 11 pm Wednesday thru Saturday, except during the Friday evening buffet and the Saturday evening banquet. The Hosp. Rm is where we visit, relax, swap sea-stories, look at cruise books. Coffee, beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and snacks will be available.

The hotel restaurant is excellent. We had breakfast, lunch, and dinner there and were pleased with the menu, prices, and quality of food and service. Our Friday buffet, and the Saturday banquet will be at the hotel. The menus:
Friday Buffet – Marinated Santa Maria Tri-Tip, BBQ Chicken Breast, Salad(s), Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.
Saturday Banquet – Spinach Salad, choice of Entrees; Prime Rib, Dore Fillet of Petrale Sole, Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Vegetarian; Double-baked potato, vegetable, Dessert. Coffee, tea, choice of wine (by glass). No-host bar at both the events.

With advance notice, free RV parking (no hookups, limited number) is available nearby for hotel guests. Auto parking for guests is \$5 per day. A jogging/walking trail along the bay shore is just back of the hotel, as well as a golf driving range.

Airport Blvd, a short "hotel circle" containing about 8-10 large hotels and Benihana and Elephant Bar restaurants, is East of Hwy 101 along the bay - West of Hwy 101 is the Burlingame residential and business area.

Burlingame is a small town with lots of shops and restaurants, about 1-2 miles from the hotel. A Burlingame shuttle bus (free) runs every 45 minutes between the "hotel circle" and the Burlingame business district for those who will enjoy the small-town atmosphere for a leisurely walk and eating or shopping near our hotel.

We will be offering bus tours to downtown and other areas near SFran, but I'm sure we have members who will want to "do-the-town" on their own. For those, there is a BART station located at the airport, which provides excellent transportation to downtown SFran. Takes 32 minutes to go downtown to the Embarcadero station on Market Street. Costs \$8.10 one way regular rate – Senior Rate (65+) is just over \$3. BART runs about once an hour.

The Embarcadero is near the Oakland Bay bridge and near the heart of the downtown area. For 75 cents, seniors can take the MUNI F trolley out to the Fisherman's Wharf, which is one of the tourist favorites of San Francisco - lots of shops, restaurants, and near the famous cable cars of SFran. Double-decker tour buses operate out of Fisherman's Wharf for tours of the city – you can get off anywhere along the route and then reboard a later bus to continue the tour.

Tour Details: For the below tours, all admission, tasting charges, bridge tolls, and driver/guide-narrator gratuities are included in the price. The cost for your lunch is not included.

"A" Sonoma Winery Tour - Wednesday, September 15 9am-3pm

Bus to the Sonoma area for tastings at the Viansa, Jacuzzi, and Gloria Ferrer wineries and a tour at one of the wineries. Viansa features an Italian Marketplace, a wide choice of wines, a picnic area with a great view, and olive oil. Gloria Ferrer features sparkling wines – Sonoma Brut was one of their wines rated 90+ points. Jacuzzi (yes, it's the same family who built the hot-tubs) features Italian Varietals and olive oil. You can "google" these wineries on the internet. You will see beautiful vineyards, tour a winery, and taste some of California's best wines. Lunch stop near the Viansa winery. **Price (includes tasting fees) \$75 per person.**

"B" San Francisco Deluxe City Tour – Thursday, September 16 9am-3pm

Highlights of San Francisco including (but not limited to): Twin Peaks(PS), Mission Dolores, Lombard Street, Painted Ladies, Haight/Asbury, Palace of Fine Arts(PS), Golden Gate Park, Golden Gate Bridge Vista Point(PS). Note: PS indicates Photo-Stop. Pier 39 – 1.5 hour stop for lunch and shopping. Includes guide/narration. **Price \$50 per person.**

"C" Hornblower Harbor Dinner Cruise – Thursday, Sep 16 Leave hotel 5:30pm – return hotel approx 10:30pm

Custom built in New Orleans in 1988, California Horn blower is one of the West Coast's largest and most luxurious dining yacht. 183 feet long, the ship features three spacious decks, mahogany bars, expansive promenade decks and a sky deck atop the vessel. The Hornblower departs Pier 3 at 7 pm, cruises from Pier 3 to the Golden Gate Bridge, returns to the Pier at 9:30pm. The dinner served: **Salad** – Avocado, Endive and Israeli Cous Cous Salad with Lemon Cilantro Vinaigrette. **Entrée (choice of one)** Chicken Breast Stuffed with Pesto, Feta and Provolone Cheese with Citrus Kalamata Olive and Tomato Salsa and Almond Rice Pilaf, **OR** : Spinach Basil Gnocchi with Sautéed Escarole and Broccoli Rabe and Lemon Asiago Cream. **Dessert:** Chef's Choice. **Price (includes transportation): \$120 per person.**

"D" Muir Woods National Monument – Sausalito Tour – Friday, September 17 9am-3pm

We have William Kent to thank for what is now Muir Woods National Monument, home of groves of Coastal Redwood, the tallest trees in the world (the tallest recorded to date is 379 feet tall – tall as a 35 story building). In 1905 Kent bought the Muir Woods property, 611 acres, for \$45,000. In 1907, he donated 295 acres, the core of the redwood forest, to the federal government, to thwart the city of Sausalito in a plan to dam the Redwood Creek and destroy the redwoods. In 1908 Teddy Roosevelt proclaimed it a National Monument. Come and see for yourself the beauty and magnificence of these sequoias! For easy walking, there is 1.5 miles of "almost flat" trail. 2 wheel-chairs are available for visitors on a first-come – first-serve basis. Smoking allowed only in the parking lot and the entrance plaza. After Muir Woods you will visit Sausalito for a 1.5 hour lunch/shopping tour. **Price \$50 per person.**

HELP! I need to know if you plan on coming, or not, by the first of April. Please email me, or mail a copy of the registration telling me your "intent" on coming to the reunion, and how many of your party will go on each tour. No commitment or money required right now. September is the peak of the visitor and convention business in San Francisco, and bus transportation gets scarce! Bus transportation has to be booked and reserved, and deposit paid soon. I need feedback from you NOW to determine how many bus seats I need to contract for. If you email, just send me your name, how many in your party, and how many seats you need for each of the tours "A", "B", "C", and "D". Email to DUDCASS@AOL.COM or mail to my address on the registration form. . If you're Not Coming, I'd like to know why. Thanks.