

MPD TOUR AMERICA, INC.

SMG -WESTERN TOUR

Dear Traveler and Host Family:

We hope you are looking forward to your wonderful Western Tour!
This is a fantastic trip that includes three states. You will witness first hand the glitter of Hollywood, the glamour of Beverly Hills and the wonders of Universal Studios. In Nevada you'll travel along the world famous Las Vegas Strip and see a live Vegas Show. Then it's on to Arizona to take in the breathtaking views of the majestic Grand Canyon. So get ready to join your tour guides and other students from around the world for this action packed and memorable trip!

You will be staying at the following hotels:

This hotel you will be lodging at for 3 nights.

FOUR POINTS SHERATON - LAX

Located: 9750 Airport Blvd. Los Angeles, Ca

Telephone: 310-645-4600

This hotel is located near Los Angeles (LAX) airport and is approximately 5 minutes from the airport. Also, this hotel has an outdoor heated swimming pool.

HYATT PLACE HOTEL- Las Vegas, Nevada -

This hotel is located 5 minutes away from Las Vegas Strip uptown and has an outdoor heated pool.

Located: 4520 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada

Telephone: 702-369-3366

XANTERRA SOUTH RIM HOTEL -Arizona –Grand Canyon

This hotel is located at the Grand Canyon, AZ

This hotel does not have a pool.

Telephone: 928-638-2631 Ask for your student by name if you need to call hotel.

HYATT PLACE HOTEL-Las Vegas - Same hotel property previously stayed at.

Telephone: 702-369-3366

PLEASE E-MAIL US YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER IF YOU HAVE ONE YOU ARE GOING TO BE TRAVELING WITH ON THE TOUR. SEND TO US AT:

info@mpdtoursamerica.com THANK YOU.

REMINDER OF TRIP RULES!

There will be a curfew every night. This trip has long days, and many night time activities. We do room checks each night to make sure everyone is in their own rooms; we expect cooperation with these rules.

We expect everyone to abide by all U.S. laws, as well as rules of your host organizations.

We have zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol. If drugs or alcohol are found in your room, we will assume the whole room is involved.

We do not discipline students: We send you back to your host families at your own expense and allow your host organization to punish you in any manner they see fit.

This is an English speaking tour. There are many languages and countries represented on this trip, please try to keep this in mind.

This is a group trip, which means that all the activities are geared to the whole group. There are opportunities to shop in little groups, but never alone. We have a policy of having at least 2 or more students together when breaking off from large groups for shopping etc.

SMOKING: This is a non-smoking trip. If you plan on smoking you will need to bring a copy of your host organization paperwork allowing you to smoke, and we will allow you to smoke as well. No paperwork means no smoking! Also you must abide all smoking laws in the states we are traveling to.

Your guides will review further rules for this tour with you when you arrive. Just remember we want to have a safe and fun trip for All!

AIRPORT INFORMATION

**WHEN DEPARTING FROM YOUR DEPARTURE CITY AIRPORT:
PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK IF STUDENT HAS IDENTIFICATION WITH
THEM BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE AIRPORT JUST IN CASE THEY
NEED IT FOR SOME REASON DURING THE TOUR!**

Please arrive at your departure airport at least 1-1/2 hours before your flight, and allow more time if you are departing from a busy airport, airline, or terminal. Please be aware of restrictions on what you are not allowed to carry-on luggage (sharp items, liquids up to 3oz in a clear baggie etc.) All airports require you to check in and get a boarding pass before going through to security check and then onto gate area. Also you can print a boarding pass on some airlines online before going to the airport. You may want to call your airline and find out if your flight is on time and confirm yourself on that flight. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU OR ANOTHER PICTURE I.D. IN CASE YOU NEED IT.** Sometimes you need this for identification when you are using Travelers' Checks etc.

***WHEN CHECKING IN BAGGAGE (LUGGAGE) – MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A
TAG WITH YOUR HOST FAMILY'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER
ON IT! TAKE OFF YOUR NATURAL FAMILY'S TAG INFORMATION FOR THIS
TRIP.***

If you are making connection flights, when you check in for your first flight, get assigned seats and boarding passes for your whole trip. Also, make sure you tell agent at check-in counter to put your luggage through to your final destination which is Los Angeles (LAX) on March 13th. Just remember you are flying out of Las Vegas (LAS) on March 19th.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed more than 60 minutes, or if you are transferred to another airline, please call MPD Tour America, Inc. office at **1-800-983-7780** so we know where and when to meet you when you arrive. Do not miss your flight in order to telephone us. We will try and track your flight anyway if this should happen provided you gave us your flight itinerary prior to traveling.

**ALSO, AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER, PLEASE WRITE DOWN THE
FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND KEEP IT
WITH YOU IN YOUR WALLET AT ALL TIMES EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
NUMBER IN CASE THE 1-800-983-7780 IS BUSY OR VOICE MESSAGING
WITH OTHER STUDENTS CALL THIS NUMBER 1-917-376-7225.**

ARRIVAL DAY IN LOS ANGELES (LAX) AIRPORT

Please go straight to baggage claim area – this is where our staff will be looking for you. Look for our staff holding a sign that reads:

MPD TOUR AMERICA, INC.



We will do our best to meet you at baggage claim area on time, however if other flights are delayed, it throws off our schedule. If you do not see us upon arrival, we are with other students. Please give us time to get there. Staff is all over airport in different terminals and it takes time to get to each terminal for different flight arrival times. We will be looking for you at baggage claim areas – so please stay in this area.

Also, please call the emergency numbers: 917-376-7225 and 917-691-3097 to let us know that you have arrived in case your arrival is earlier or later than we were expecting you. If your luggage is lost, please let staff know as soon as they meet you so that they can assist in filing a lost luggage claim form if you did not file one already. (Claim office is near baggage claim area).

Once a student is met we advise them to call the host family and tell them you have arrived safely! Atleast 50% will not call. PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT SHOW UP WITH THEIR SCHEDULED FLIGHT WE WILL CALL YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US – THIS MEANS EVERYTHING IS OK.

NOTE: ON DEPARTURE DAY FROM LAS VEGAS (LAS) TO YOUR HOST FAMILY WE WILL TRANSFER YOU FROM THE HOTEL TO MCCARRAN AIRPORT IN LAS VEGAS (LAS) AND MAKE SURE FLIGHTS ARE GOING OUT. IF THERE IS A CANCELLATION OR DELAY WE WILL NOTIFY YOUR HOST FAMILY. BUT IF A CANCELLATION OR DELAY IS ON A CONNECTING FLIGHT WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US SO YOU NEED TO NOTIFY YOUR HOST FAMILY OF CHANGES ONCE YOU FIND OUT IF ANY, BUT ONLY IF YOU HAVE TIME TO CALL THEM – DO NOT MISS A FLIGHT BY MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL!

BRIEF ITINERARY

- Saturday:** Airport arrivals all day. Check in hotel. Get to know your activities. Dinner at hotel.
- Sunday:** A full day begins with a tour of Los Angeles, making stops at Venice Beach, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hills. Dinner at Farmer's Market. Return to hotel.
- Monday:** Enjoy a full day at Universal Studios. Dinner in Universal Studio Citywalk. Return to the hotel.
- Tues.:** Travel to Las Vegas, Nevada . Check in hotel. Tour the Las Vegas Strip. Live Vegas Show and buffet dinner at the Stratasphere Hotel. Return to hotel.
- Wed.:** Depart Las Vegas hotel for the Grand Canyon. Check in hotel at Grand Canyon. Watch sunset at the Grand Canyon. Dinner at hotel cafeteria at Canyon. Return to hotel.
- Thursday:** See sunrise at Grand Canyon (optional). Depart hotel for Las Vegas. Check in Las Vegas hotel. Dinner food court New York, New York, Hotel. Excalibur Hotel arcades, fun and games after dinner.
- Friday:** Breakfast at hotel. Time to say good-byes and transfer to airport.

WEATHER INFORMATION:

Usually temperature in Los Angeles and Southern California average in the low 60's to the high 70's. In Las Vegas temperatures average in the high 50's to the low 70's. At the Grand Canyon you should bring a coat. Temperatures can range from the 20's in the early morning to the 60's in the afternoon and early evening.

WHAT DO I BRING?

The trip is for 7 days, casual dress is okay for everywhere we go to. You will need a jacket or coat for the Grand Canyon. One suitcase and a light backpack or carry on is all you need to bring.

Bring a SWIMSUIT. Most of the hotels we stay at have either an indoor or outdoor pool. Hotel provide towels by you can bring your own beach towel if you would like to. Some times in Los Angeles walking around Disneyland you may need suntan lotion or sun block.

Bring comfortable shoes. There will be a lot of walking in some areas we visit.

Please do not bring a lot of jewelry or other expensive items. Please consider Travelers Checks instead of cash. Travelers Checks can be replaced if lost or stolen. You are responsible for taking care of your own property. Los Angeles and Las Vegas are big cities and tourist theft is something we should always be aware of. Keep your money and wallets in your front pockets and try not to pull your money out on the street. Watch your possessions at the airport as well.

You will need enough money for airport snacks, (\$5-8) for lunches each day and for souvenirs and shopping.

Bring a camera. Since there are a lot of great places to take pictures of but I'm sure you know that already. If you have a digital camera so you don't have to worry about film being exposed by x-ray machines at the airport but carry it in your hand luggage anyway.

You will need to bring your health insurance cards and identification.

We know most of you have cell phones. Make sure you pack your charger in your carry on luggage.