Palm Springs Getaway

March 21 - 28, 2012

10 Meals - 7 nights & 8 days

Highlights:

- Palm Springs
- Rancho Mirage
- Palm Desert
- Indian Wells
- Andreas Canyon
- Homes of the Rich and Famous
- Villagefest
- Mojave Desert
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Fabulous Palm Spring Follies

Tour includes:

- Round trip airfare with Westjet
- Seven nights accommodation
- Seven breakfasts
- One lunch
- One dinner
- One reception
- Meal gratuities
- All side tours and entrance fees
- Services of a local guide
- Park fees
- Transfer driver gratuities
- U.S. Exchange and all taxes

Medical insurance is recommended

Accommodation:

Palm Springs Palm Mountain Resort

MANDATE'S PEACE OF MIND PLAN: $120.00

Prepare for uneven or unpaved ground. Tour is not recommended for those who rely on a walker

Day One: ***Vancouver – Palm Springs*** **Meals: R**

Do you have the winter blues and can't remember the last time you had the warmth of the sun on your back? Then this eight day getaway is for you. Travel on a direct **Westjet** flight from Vancouver to **Palm Springs** (just a three hour flight), arrive and travel to the lovely **Palm Mountain Resort.** This beautiful oasis is located in the middle of Palm Springs only footsteps away from the famed **Palm Canyon Drive.** The hotel is also right across the street from a variety of restaurants plus quaint boutiques and shops. Enjoy a welcome reception at the resort.

Day Two: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B**

Visit the land of the rich and famous as our local guide takes us through the modern cities of **Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert** and **Indian Wells.** See neighbourhoods of resort homes built around lush golf courses including the hill top house of Bob Hope, the "compound" of Frank Sinatra and the winter home of former President Gerald Ford. See the contrasting greens of the magnificent fan palms and more than 150 species of plants in **Andreas Canyon.** The tour includes a visit to a date farm.

Day Three: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B**

A free day to enjoy Palm Springs and the amenities of the Palm Mountain Resort, which has a palm tree lined pool terrace. This Oasis of sun, fun and colour has it all. A refreshing micro-mister system, comfortable sun loungers and a spa.

Day Four: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B**

A free day to enjoy Palm Springs. There is a weekly colourful evening street fair called **Villagefest** where each block offers great street entertainment and more than 200 booths offering art and handicrafts.

Day Five: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B, L**

Visit the **Mojave Desert** and the **Joshua Tree National Park,** one of the few places in the world where the Joshua tree grows. Learn about the characteristics of this strange plant described by early explorers as the "cabbage palm". Lunch will be included on this day tour.

Day Six: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B**

The highlight of this day will be the **Fabulous Palm Spring Follies,** a world famous Broadway calibre celebration of the music, dance and comedy of the 30's, 40's and 50's with a cast old enough to have lived it.

Day Seven: ***Palm Springs*** **Meals: B, D**

A free day to enjoy Palm Springs and the amenities of the Palm Mountain Resort. Join the group for a farewell dinner at a local Palm Springs restaurant.

Day Eight: ***Palm Springs – Vancouver*** **Meals: B**

Depart mid morning for the flight back to Vancouver with memories of your Palm Springs Getaway.

Price Per Person:

Double or Twin: **$2,649.00**

Single: **$3,279.00**

Adults under 55: **Add 5% to the above rates**

Prices include all taxes