Afternoon Optional Tours

The Academy is offering exclusive tours on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Of course, you may choose to venture out on your own either afternoon to visit some of the interesting locations in the Laguna Beach area (See Welcome to Laguna Beach for some ideas).

Exploring San Juan Capistrano ~ on Friday, June 8 only

Guests will begin their exploration with a walking tour of San Juan Capistrano – a walk through history, with an expert guide. The tour will begin at the “Jewel of the Missions” – San Juan Capistrano. You will be taken through the 10 acres of beautiful mission grounds to view the remnants of the original Basilica (destroyed by an earthquake in 1812), the stunning Serra Chapel where in 1778 Father Serra gave Mass, the central Courtyard and West Wing Museum Rooms.

After the tour, you will have free time to visit the Mission Gift Store and the charming surrounding neighborhood of restaurants, cafes and shops.

The tour will depart the Montage at noon and return by 3:30.

The cost of this activity is $103 per person and covers your transportation, admission and box lunch (but you’re on your own in the Gift Store).

Very Important!

If you want to experience both the San Juan Capistrano and the pontoon boat tours you will need to select San Juan Capistrano on Friday and the Pontoon Boat on Saturday. This will enable you to participate in both tours.

If you’re playing golf on Saturday in the Academy outing at Monarch Beach Golf Links, you will have the option of either tour offered on Friday.

Pontoon Boat Cruise with Lunch at The Cannery ~ offered both Friday and Saturday

Please note that the pontoon boat cruise in Newport Harbor is being offered both afternoons due to a limited number of pontoon boats.

Guests will begin their afternoon with an unforgettable 3-course plated lunch (with two choices for starter/appetizer and entrée) at one of Newport’s most lauded restaurants, The Cannery. The story of the Cannery covers over 80 years of American History, beginning in 1921 as the first commercial fish cannery built in Newport Harbor. Today, the venue is a favorite among locals and visitors alike, with its seaside location and natural charm.
After lunch, you’ll enjoy cruising Newport Bay in one of the area’s finest Pontoon boats (with plenty of room for 10 Fellows and guests per vessel). As you wind your way through the water, the day will come alive with the sights and sounds of the Newport Harbor. From the world-famous Balboa Pavilion to the islands, ferries, birds, sea lions, majestic yachts and waterfront real estate, it’s truly a treat for all senses.

We recommend “California casual” attire and a light jacket.

The tour will depart the Montage at noon both days and return by 4:00.

The cost of this activity is $218 per person and includes transportation, plated lunch at The Cannery and cruise in the harbor (with a captain and a guide). This activity is limited to the first 50 people registering each day.