



I am certain that you have friends or family that have visited Asia with its wonderful history, interwoven religious narratives

and beautiful temples or Europe with its ornate churches, painted ceilings & rich history. Here in the greater Los Angeles area we have many beautiful and historic locations with two of the most spectacular being a little off the beaten path. One is the His Lai temple in Hacienda Heights and the other is The Homestead Museum in the City of Industry.

The Hsi Lai Temple is massive and it encompasses 15 acres and has a floor area of 102,432 square feet and majestically overlooks the city of Hacienda Heights. Hsi Lai (pronounced "she lie") means "coming to the West." The temple's Ming and Ching dynasty architecture is faithful to the traditional style of buildings, gardens and statuary of traditional ancient Chinese monasteries. The pagodas, exquisite flowers, majestic statues and a museum of Chinese artifacts all tell a story which we will learn on our wonderful docent lead tour.

After our tour we will enjoy an included made-to-order teppan lunch (Benihana-style of cooking) at the Kingswood Teppan Steak House, where the food is delicious and entertaining!

Next, we will visit the Homestead Museum's. Here on the grounds lie two gorgeous homes, preserved just as the Workman and Temple families left them in the early 20th century. First is the original, adobe constructed by family patriarch William, and the second, aptly named "La Casa Nueva," can be found adjacent to the first, and was built by Workman's grandson. Upon completion in 1927, the home had already become noteworthy for its unique hybridization of the art deco and Spanish Colonial Revival architectural styles. On the grounds is also a small, private cemetery established in the 1850s. Called "El Campo Santo Cemetery," it's gained a small amount of notoriety for being the final resting place of Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California.

Note: no tank tops, shorts or short skirts in the Temple.

Suggested: walking shoes as there is considerable walking.

All visits subject to change. Return time may vary

February 19, 2019

9:30am depart

4:30pm return

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