

Pasadena TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Dec. 29, 2026 – Jan. 2, 2027



Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip local airport transfers
- Roundtrip non-stop flights from Columbus to California
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging at the Doubletree by Hilton
- Reserved seating for the Tournament of Roses Parade with a souvenir program
- 6 meals (4B-2D)
- All taxes & fees
- Luggage handling for 1 standard-sized suitcase per person
- All gratuities for luggage handling, drivers, included meals, local guides and tour manager
- Professional tour manager

Tour Fare:

- \$3,349 - Double occupancy
- \$3,849 - Single occupancy

In the days leading up to the New Year, hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world converge onto Pasadena to witness the Tournament of Roses and millions of others watch from all over the world. While the Tournament of Roses is made up of several events, the two most famous events are the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game. The Rose Parade, a 138-year tradition, brings residents and visitors together on New Year's Day to watch grand floats covered in flowers, spirited marching bands, and high-stepping equestrian units. The 2027 theme for the Tournament of Roses is "Welcome," celebrating the joy of belonging and embracing community.

Day 1:

Welcome to California!

This morning, we transfer to the Port Columbus Airport for our nonstop flight to California. We arrive in Los Angeles in the late morning and will be met by our motor coach and driver. Travel a short distance to Santa Monica, home of the famous **Santa Monica Pier**, the official end of Route 66. Enjoy lunch at your leisure while strolling the pier, maybe taking advantage of a ride on the Ferris Wheel! Travel east to Norwalk where we will check into the Doubletree by Hilton for the next four nights. Your hotel offers a full-service restaurant and bar. The rest of the evening and dinner are at your leisure. Several eateries are found within walking distance of the hotel.

Day 2:

Exploring Catalina Island

As the old song goes, "26 miles across the sea, Santa Catalina is a-waitin' for me." We travel to Long Beach today and board the Catalina Island Express, a highspeed ferry, for a short one-hour cruise to the town of Avalon on **Catalina Island**, one of California's Channel Islands.



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Activity Level: *Moderate to Heavy*
May require moderate walking and extended standing.
There may be steps or uneven surfaces.

Located on an island surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, **Avalon** is the southernmost city in Los Angeles County. Explore the city during a guided tram and then enjoy time for lunch and shopping. You may even decide to explore Catalina Island's well-known casino building. Return to the mainland in the late afternoon with dinner included before retiring to your hotel. **B, D**

Day 3:

Roses and Movie Magic in Hollywood

We travel north to **Pasadena**, home of the Tournament of Roses Parade that you'll see in person tomorrow. Today, however, is your opportunity to see parade floats being created by armies of volunteers, up close and personal! Parade floats are constructed with a steel frame covered in organic materials like flowers, leaves, seeds, bark, and even dried foods, with every inch meticulously decorated to meet the strict "natural materials only" rule. Water vials are used to keep the fresh flowers that decorate the floats vibrant for the parade. Following your tour, we pause for lunch and shopping at your leisure in **Old Town Pasadena**, with a later visit to **Warner Brothers Studios** and go behind the lens to discover the secrets of movie making magic on a special tour. You'll explore one of the busiest working studios in Los Angeles with an expert tour guide, who will take you behind the scenes of the studio that has been entertaining the world for over 100 years. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. After dinner at your leisure, meet your fellow travelers for a New Year's Eve toast in the hotel lounge as you have an early call tomorrow for parade day! **B**

Day 4:

Everything's Coming Up Roses!

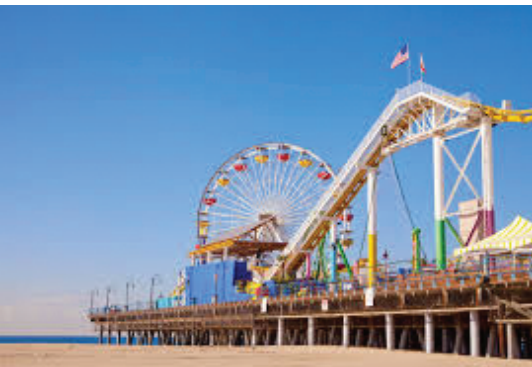
Rise early today for breakfast and then you're off to the world-famous **Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade**. Since 1890, the parade has marked the coming of the new year for our nation, featuring elaborate floats and marching bands and equestrian units from all over the world. Your reserved bleacher seating is located right along Colorado Boulevard at the halfway point of the parade. Following the parade, travel to the **Los Angeles Farmers Market** for lunch at your leisure. The market has grown since its humble beginnings in 1934 but still provides a certain nostalgia, with a maze of stalls, selling everything from gourmet pickles and Brazilian BBQ to fresh fruit, donuts, and coffee. Back at your hotel, take time to relax before a farewell dinner. The **Tam O'Shanter Inn** was the beginning of the Lawry's Prime Rib Empire. It was also Walt Disney's favorite restaurant. Disney ate there so often, employees often joked it was the studio's commissary! Following dinner, we return to the hotel for the night. **B, D**

Day 5:

Fly Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning. Afterwards, we transfer our hotel to Los Angeles International Airport for our return flight back to the Port Columbus Airport. Upon arrival, we collect our bags and meet our motor coach and transfer back to Springfield. **B**

Santa Monica Pier



Catalina Island



Warner Bros. Studio



Payment policy:

A \$500 deposit per person is due no later than August 28, 2026. First come, first served. Final payment is due no later than October 14, 2026. Please complete the attached form, make checks payable to Nowak Tours and send to Nowak Tours, 1395 Barn Run Drive, Valley City, Ohio 44280 or drop off at the United Senior Services building in Springfield. To pay by debit or credit card (a 3% fee is applied), call Nowak Tours at 330-483-4900.

Refund policy:

Cancellations made prior to the final payment date are subject to a processing fee of 5% of the payment received. Cancellations made after the final payment date are subject to cancellation fees assessed by hotels, attractions, and other ground operators.

USS Tours Membership Requirements:

All those purchasing a USS tour must have a current United Services Membership. This policy was established to insure fairness and consistency with our members.

Travel Insurance:

Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Traveler Group Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium for double occupancy is \$270 (age 60-74) or \$410 (age 75+). Single occupancy premium is \$311 (age 60-74) or \$473 (age 75+).