

BALBOA ISLAND *Walking Tours*

C&H Tours - Licensed & Insured

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WHO? This tour is designed for first time visitors or long time residents **12 years of age and older.**

As much as we love kids and dogs, this tour is not interesting to either so, to keep you free from a tangle of strollers and leashes, **we only accommodate the younger set and dogs on PRIVATE TOURS**.**

We CAN avoid stairs on the tour, so **we ARE wheelchair friendly.** We like to max our tours at 8 guests.

WHAT? A **UNIQUE, HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF BALBOA ISLAND** covering 1.5 miles & 10,000 years.

Basically a string of fun tales we've come upon through research and interviews, with **interesting, mostly true facts** thrown in along the way. You'll learn some crazy history and have fun stories to tell your friends and neighbors back home. **What to bring?** Yourself in casual, comfy, weather appropriate clothes and shoes.

We also recommend sunscreen and a hat, if you've been under a cloud all winter, plus a camera or "camera phone" (on silent please) and your own refreshing non-alcoholic beverage IF your tastes are more evolved than the small bottle of water provided. **Most importantly, bring \$35.00 in cash, per person.**

We're "small town" so we don't accept credit cards or checks (but yes, we do pay taxes).

You'll be walking about 1.5 miles with plenty of stops and places to sit.

WHERE? Tours meet in front of the **Balboa Island Museum & Historical Society at 331 Marine Ave., Balboa Island, CA 92662.** Enter the Island from Jamboree Road (Newport Beach) and cross over the bridge onto Marine Ave. Note the Museum awning on your right but **DO NOT PARK ON MARINE AVE** (you'll be longer than the 2 hrs. posted). Proceed up to Balboa Ave., turn right and **park on any of the side streets** (watch signs for street sweeping hours). We won't be answering our phones or checking email once the tour begins, so **if you miss the start**, ask a friendly local to point you toward **NORTH BAYFRONT (back towards the bridge you just crossed)** and **look for us there.** We wear HUGE nametags and white hats, so we're hard to miss.

WHEN? Tours are **by appointment** so the **DAYS OF THE WEEK VARY.** Most tours begin promptly at **10AM (please ARRIVE at least 30 MINUTES PRIOR for parking, payment, waiver signing and chit-chat)** and **last 2 to 2.5 hours**, depending on how chatty you are, how many photos you take and how fast you want to walk. Just **give us a call** and ask when the upcoming tours are. Fear not; we're friendly. At the end of the tour, you'll be leaving us just in time for lunch at one of the great restaurants on Marine Ave. Don't worry, they do take credit cards, as do all the shops with postcards and great treasures to take or ship back home.

Why? Mostly because **IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN**, and if you're not careful, you might learn a thing or twenty with which to amaze your friends.

Other important stuff:

** Do call anytime for information on **Private Tours** (\$250/max. of 6 adults) or **Gift Certificates.**

*There is a **Wells Fargo ATM** just a few doors from the Museum.

***We only give tours in English.** You can come if you don't speak English and we'll use wild hand gestures. Bringing your own interpreter is also a splendid idea. If you're reading this, you don't need one.

***Bathroom Breaks?** Like Mom used to say, please, "**go BEFORE we leave**". There is a **public restroom at the Fire Station**, just two blocks from the Museum and a closer one at a coffee establishment (named for the "Gilligan" character in the novel Moby Dick) if you're buying that "evolved" beverage.

There will be **one bathroom break** at the Ferry Landing, **1 hour into the tour.**

***What if it's raining?** We'll be giddy; we need the water, so **we'll show up rain or shine.** If this is your only chance to take this tour, we're not going to cancel on you. Just grab an umbrella or a slicker.

If you've paid prior to the tour, we give refunds if **YOU CHOOSE** not to splash in the puddles with us.

*Although we visit and love the Museum, this is a private tour. Please contact us directly at the number above.

* **If you know for sure that you're not coming, please give us a call or text. We appreciate that! Thanks!**