

Western McIntoshGallery

THE MCINTOSH GALLERY ART & TRAVEL COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT:

Los Angeles, Pasadena & Palm Springs

EXPLORING MODERNISM

February 13 – 20, 2020

The beginning of the 20th century was a time of change whether it was rapid growth in city populations, industrialization or global conflict. Modernism, an artistic movement, grew out of this changing landscape and affected art, architecture & literature. It became dominant after World War II until the 1980s.

Modernist architecture was based upon new and innovative technologies of construction, particularly the use of glass, steel and reinforced concrete; the idea that forms should follow function; an embrace of minimalism; and a rejection of ornamentation.

Modernist art, in Western culture, describes a collection of genres all dedicated to the same basic agenda: challenging the traditional definition of art. It actually began with the Impressionists, and worked its way through Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art, amongst others.

The McIntosh Art & Travel Committee is delighted to lead you through the Modernist evolution in art & architecture in Los Angeles and Pasadena including private foundations, major museums and thought provoking architecture, culminating with the internationally renowned Modernism Week – an annual celebration of midcentury modern design, architecture, art, fashion and culture in Palm Springs.

As a contrast, there will also be opportunities to see traditional European and British art at the world famous Getty Museum, and the Norton Simon Museum.

This winter escape to sunny California will be exciting, educational and varied and we hope that you will join us for this unique take on modern art and architecture.



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY:

WorldwideQuest
Alumni Expeditions

Why travel to California with us?



- ✎ Private guided tour of the Weisman Foundation
- ✎ Enjoy an exclusive specialist architecture tour of L.A.'s Silver Lake area
- ✎ Visit the Norton Simon and the Huntington
- ✎ Take in Modernism Week's iconic February Festival

YOUR HOSTS

Mary Lake Collins is a retired teacher with a degree in Fine Art History. Since retiring she has volunteered with Museum London & the McIntosh Gallery at Western University taking groups on art trips across the United States, China, Chile, and Argentina. These trips specialized in rich art experiences and cultural appreciation.

For over 30 years, **Wilda Thomas** has been the owner of Creative Art & Frame. She has studied Interior Design and Art History at the University of Manitoba and organized and conducted art trips for over 25 years while volunteering at Museum London and now with the McIntosh Art & Travel Committee.

Detailed Itinerary

Thursday, Feb. 13: Meet in Los Angeles

Participants are met on arrival and transferred to our hotel in downtown Los Angeles for four nights. Get together this evening for dinner together.

Overnight: Omni Los Angeles

Meals: Dinner

Friday, Feb. 14: Los Angeles' Weisman Foundation and the LA County Museum

The Weisman Art Foundation is western Los Angeles, consists of two landmark buildings; a Mediterranean Revival style residence and a postmodern annex. More than 400 hundred works of art are on display including works by European modernists, postwar art, abstract expressionist, color-field, and contemporary California works. Enjoy a private guided tour here. At the vast LA County Museum of Art, our guided tour focusses on Contemporary Art. There's time for you to explore other parts of the Museum independently including the outdoor exhibits and the Pavilion for Japanese Art. Grab a treat from the small armada of gourmet food trucks parked on Wilshire Boulevard opposite the museum before heading in for the afternoon.

Overnight: Omni Los Angeles

Meals: Breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 15: Los Angeles' Broad and Disney Hall

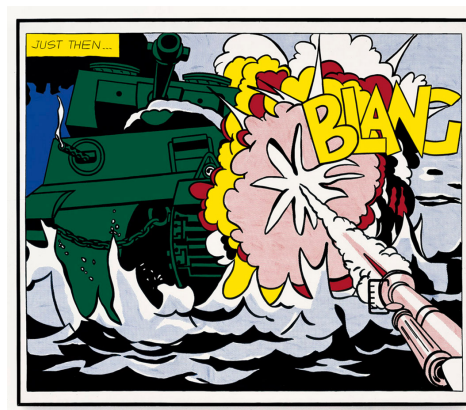
Visit the Broad Museum for a guided tour of its collection of contemporary art. The Museum is housed in a distinctive white honeycomb-covered building. Pause for lunch (independent) at the nearby Grand Central Market before diving into the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall for a tour of the facility. (Please note that our tour does not include the auditorium which is in steady use for rehearsals) Subject to schedule, we plan to attend a performance at Disney Hall during our stay in L.A. (cost to be advised).

Overnight: Omni Los Angeles

Meals: Breakfast



Huntington Art Gallery



Live Ammo (Blang)
on view at the
Broad Museum

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Sunday Feb. 16: Los Angeles' Modernism and the Getty Museum

This morning, join our specialist architecture guide for a tour of the Silver Lake area to see mid-century modern homes designed by Richard Neutra, Rudolf Schindler, Lloyd Wright Jr, and others. This modernist enclave features many of Schindler's early work emphasizing concrete, glass, and redwood, and Neutra's steel frame buildings. Spend the rest of the day at the hilltop Getty. The Richard Meier-designed series of pavilions strung along the crest of the hill houses one of the best-endowed art museums in the world.

Overnight: Omni Los Angeles

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 17: Pasadena, Palm Springs

Head out to Palm Springs this morning but not before visiting two exceptional California museums. The Norton Simon Museum has a lovely collection of European paintings and sculpture. The palatial Huntington Library features a fine collection of British art. We'll have a guided tour at each museum with free time to enjoy lunch at the Huntington (independent). The end of the day brings us to Palm Springs in the heart of the Sonoran Desert.

Overnight: The Kimpton Rowan Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Palm Springs

Modernism Week is in full swing when we arrive. This annual celebration of midcentury modern design includes house tours, films, lectures, interior design tours, and other special events. When the 2020 schedule is made available, your hosts will select a number of activities to enjoy together, over two days. You'll also visit the Palm Springs Art Museum and the Architecture and Design Center.

Overnight: The Kimpton Rowan Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Modernism week

Enjoy Modernism week activities. Celebrate the week with dinner together this evening.

Overnight: The Kimpton Rowan Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 20: Depart Palm Springs

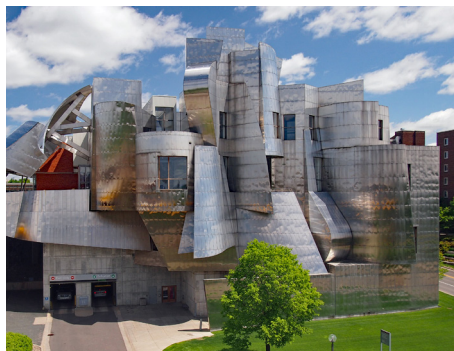
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Meals: Breakfast

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this tour brochure are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.



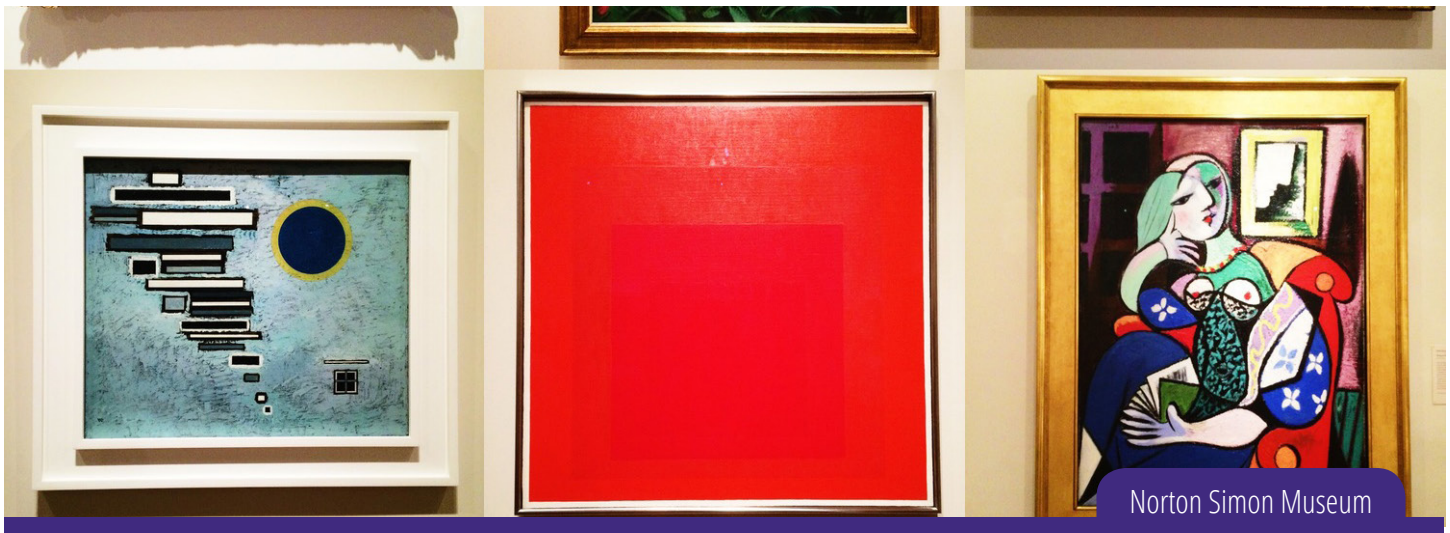
Huntington Library Botanical Garden



Weisman Art Museum
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Palm Springs Art Museum,
Architecture and Design Center,
Edwards Harris Pavilion



TOUR DETAILS

Tour Cost (per person): US\$3995

Including all taxes and gratuities.

Single Supplement: US\$1200

If you are travelling on your own and would like to share accommodation, we would be happy to try to match you with a suitable roommate. If we are unable to do so, the single cost applies.

Group Size:

16 – 22 participants

What's Included:

- Accommodations based on double occupancy in listed hotels or similar
- Arrival transfer based on one group flight
- All ground transportation by comfortable private coach
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (breakfast daily and 2 dinners)
- Excursions with experienced local guides
- All entrance fees
- All taxes
- Gratuities for all group services (guides, drivers, restaurants, and hotels)
- Fully escorted by Wilda Thomas and Mary Lake Collins

Not Included:

- Roundtrip international airfare from your home
- Arrival transfer if arriving separately from group itinerary
- Departure transfer
- Meals and beverages not included in the itinerary
- Performance tickets at Disney Hall (subject to availability)
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc.)
- Travel insurance
- Additional transport due to any emergency situation

Please contact Worldwide Quest for personalized flight arrangements.

Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of US\$500 per person is required to reserve a place on this tour. A second non-refundable deposit of US\$1000 per person is required six months prior to departure. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Palm Springs wind turbines
© Jim Harper

What to Expect

Joining Instructions

This tour begins with our briefing 6PM on February 13th. A single group transfer from the airport to the hotel is provided on February 13th. Please contact us to verify timing of this transfer prior to making any flight arrangements.

Level of Activity: Moderate

We will be doing quite a bit of walking on this tour as we tour the city centres and visit museums and galleries. You should be comfortable walking up to two hours at a time at a steady pace.

Accommodation



The Omni Los Angeles is located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles within walking distance of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Broad, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Enjoy the outdoor lap pool and expansive fitness room.



The Kimpton Rowan Hotel is rated the #1 hotel in Southern California by *Condé Nast Traveler* (2018) and is perfectly located close to the Palm Springs Art Museum and Modernism Week activities. The views from the rooftop bar and swimming pool are stunning.

Transportation

February is a perfect time to get away from an Ontario winter! We expect temperatures of about 20°C during the day with overnight lows of 12°C in Los Angeles and about 5°C warmer in Palm Springs.

Weather

We expect a mix of sun and cloud with average daytime temperatures between 20 and 22°C and overnight temperatures of about 14°C.

Travel Documents

You will require a passport for your trip to California. Please make sure that it is valid for three months after the date of your return home. Before booking, please refer to the Canadian government website to obtain travel advice for the destination(s) you are visiting: www.travel.gc.ca

Additional Info

Extend your Stay

If you are interested in exploring more of this region, we would be happy to design a personalized extension for you either before or after this tour. Please let us suggest some options, based on your time available, budget and interests.

Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946).

Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable, however you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Initial deposits for cruises are non-refundable and non-transferable. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.



Untitled (White Riot) by Robert Longo
on view at the Broad Museum

How to Book

Please contact the Worldwide Quest office for more information and to secure your booking.

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