

NPS ROSE PARADE 2015/16 WHY THIS YEAR IS SPECIAL



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Since its inception in 1916, the National Park Service has managed each of the United States' national parks, which have grown in number over the years to 59. [Plus recreation areas, battlefields, seashores, monuments, preserves, and historical parks, totaling 407 units in all.] Yellowstone National Park was the first national park in the United States. In 1872, there was no state government to manage it, so the federal government assumed direct control. Yosemite National Park began as a state park; the land for the park was donated by the federal government to the state of California in 1864 for perpetual conservation. Yosemite was later returned to federal ownership.

Ira C. "Mike" Matthiessen, a Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association volunteer since 1979, was elected as president of the Association for 2015-2016 on Thursday night. He will oversee the 127th Rose Parade and 102nd Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 1, 2016. He also announced the theme for the 2016 Tournament, "Find Your Adventure." The 2016 Rose Parade will be a partnership between the US National Park Service and the Tournament of Roses.

"This theme has grown out of a unique relationship between the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the U.S. National Park Service. The 2016 Rose Parade will help shine light on the centennial celebration of our nation's national parks," Matthiessen said. "As proponents of the American spirit, we encourage people to find beauty in the landscape that builds the backdrop of their lives. From coast-to-coast, we will add stories of adventure to our collection while protecting our unique heritage and looking to the future."

Adventure is not only limited to hiking trails and camping out, though. In the hints Matthiessen sent to float builders prior to the announcement, he said, "...everyone's definition of 'Adventure' can be different," and cited educational, environmental, wellness and recreation, history, and community as possible themes for floats.



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Dec 31

7am - Depart Boulder City

~1pm - Arrive Redondo Beach & check into hotel

Sack lunch enroute (Capriotti's)

Afternoon excursion to LA's The Grove & Original Farmers Market

New Year's Eve plated dinner at Hilton Garden Inn

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn, Redondo Beach

Jan 1 (Hosted throughout the day)

Breakfast at hotel

Parade Seats in Section 450, Colorado Blvd. (on west side, with sun at our backs)

Box Lunch (from Panera's)

Post-Parade Showcase of Floats

*No-host Dinner at hotel or in Redondo Beach (many restaurant choices nearby)

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn, Redondo Beach

<u>Jan 2</u>

Breakfast at hotel

Depart after breakfast

Stop at Barstow Outlet Mall for *no-host lunch

Price (per person)

20-24	\$779D - \$949S - \$719T - \$689Q	
25-29	\$735D - \$905S - \$675T - \$645Q	
30-34	\$676D - \$846S - \$616T - \$586Q	
35-39	\$659D - \$829S - \$599T - \$569Q	
40-44	\$647D - \$817S - \$587T - \$557Q	
45-49	\$636D - \$806S - \$576T - \$546Q	
50	\$618D - \$788S - \$558T - \$528Q	
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(D=Double Occupancy, S=Single, T=Triple (3 per room), Q=Quad (4 per room)

INCLUDED

- 2 Nights at Hotel
- Bus transportation (incl water & snacks)
- Guide on Parade Day (tour operator rep)
- Gratuities for Bus Driver & Guide
- 2 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 1 Dinner
- Parade Tickets
- After-Parade Float Viewing

*NOT INCLUDED

- 1 Dinner (Jan 1st)
- 1 Lunch (Jan 2)



NPS ROSE PARADE - 2015/16 PAYMENT, DEPOSIT & CANCELLATION POLICY



Deposit: \$125.00 per person due April 5 (to establish minimum of 20). If minimum of 20 is met by April 5, sign-ups after this date will be accepted based on availability.

Final payment is due Oct 30

Cancellations received on or before August 31 will be charged a handling fee of \$60.00 per person.

Cancellations received between September 1 – September 30 will be charged a handling fee of \$110.00 per person.

Cancellations received between October 1 – October 30 will be charged a handling fee of \$260.00 per person.

Cancellations received on or after November 1 are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Payments are to be made by check, payable to Drifter Sister*

^{*}This trip has been arranged, and will be led by Ihla Crowley, a.k.a. Drifter Sister, who has eight years of experience with her own company, Drifter Sister *Catch the Wind Tours*, leading more than 30 small groups to Europe, Africa, and Mexico, as well as day and overnight trips for Boulder City Chamber of Commerce.