

THE ORIENT EXPRESS

GUIDED TOUR OF CHINATOWN, LITTLE TOKYO AND KOREATOWN WITH A KOREAN BBQ LUNCH

"The Orient Express" Tour tells the culture and history of three diverse Asian communities of Los Angeles. We will have a chance to taste sweet and savory foods from Chinatown, Koreatown, and Little Tokyo. First, we will visit the Chinese American Museum, that is symbolically housed in the oldest and last surviving structure of L.A.'s original Chinatown and is the first such museum in Southern California dedicated to the Chinese American experience and history in this region. As we drive through Chinatown, we will see the bright and festive colors that adorn its shops and buildings. Beyond the colorful Fire Tower and Buddhist Temples of Little Tokyo is a major historic, cultural, and vibrant Asian enclave, with its roots dating back into the 1880s. Every day, Little Tokyo bustles with activity and authenticity, from the steaming platters of hand-stretched noodles to the stylish restaurants and stores that represent Japanese heritage. Our knowledgeable guide, Curt Tucker, will lead us on a short-guided walking tour of Little Tokyo, and here you will get to try the "World's Best Cream Puffs" from Beard Papa's, a popular bakery chain that originated in Japan Koreatown is a sprawling community that has become one of the city's hippest areas thanks to the continuing renovation of its rich architectural heritage. With the influence of three generations of Korean immigrants, these once-mean streets have become picturesque and prosperous with an "East Meets West" sense of fun. For lunch, you will get to indulge at authentic Korean BBQ restaurant - the sizzle and smoke of this tabletop cuisine is one of the definitive features of the L.A. dining scene. Enjoy a meal, cooked over an open fire on a small grill at your table. It is fresh, hot, and delicious! After lunch, we will visit the Korean Cultural Center to experience the rich traditions and history of Korea that boasts contemporary artifacts as well as a variety of replicas of historical pieces from Korea's dynastic kingdoms.



INCLUSIONS:

~ Guided tour through Chinatown, Little Tokyo and Koreatown

- ~ Korean BBQ lunch
- Visit the Chinese American
 Museum and the Korean
 Cultural Center
 Cream puffs from Beard Papa's

THIS TOUR IS GUIDED BY OUR L.A. HISTORY AND FOOD EXPERT, CURT TUCKER!



THIS TOUR IS AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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Activity Level

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LEVEL 2: AVERAGE

Able to walk a few blocks

and climb some stairs