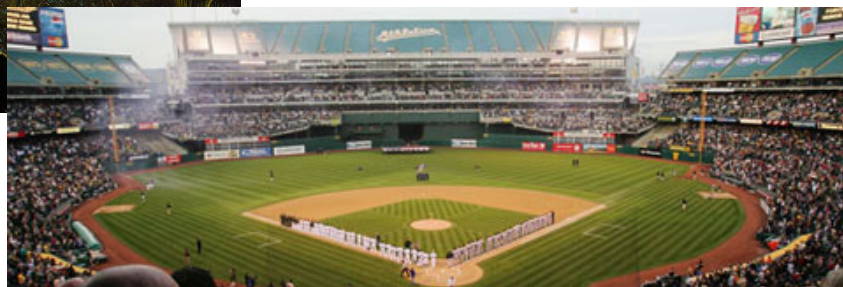


*Teresa Beall Expeditions presents*

## "OAKLAND: The quirky heart of the East Bay"



**\$295 pp (dbl occ)**

***August 30-September 1, 2013 (Labor Day weekend)***

Labor Day holiday weekend getaway to the Bay!

Package includes an exclusive walk (*stroll or jog*) across the **NEW** Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge (*before it opens to vehicular traffic*), a Plaza Club ticket to the Oakland A's game with fireworks (and a food voucher), plus lots of free time to join in Oakland's Friday Night "Bites off Broadway" Food Truck event with live music and street performers followed by a ferry ride from Oakland to San Francisco to view the Bay Bridge LED light show, Berkley shopping, and Sunday morning "Red Bull" America's Cup!

For more information and to secure your reservation, please contact:

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For other group journeys, newsletters and an assortment of travel tips, log on to: [www.teresabeall.com](http://www.teresabeall.com)

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## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Amtrak ticket between Chico and Oakland (\*)  
    Fri, Aug 30     Chico to Sac (bus) @ 7:50-9:55 a.m. / Sac to Oakland (train) @ 10:10 a.m. to 12:01 noon.  
    Sun, Sept 1     Oakland to Sac (train) @ 3:30-5:22 p.m. / Sac to Chico (bus) @ 6:30-8:35 p.m.
- Two nights' hotel accommodation at the [Oakland Marriott Hotel](#) inclusive of all taxes
- Daily breakfasts
- Plaza Club Ticket (section 214) to the Oakland A's vs Tampa Bay Rays game with fireworks (Saturday Night)
- \$10 food voucher at the Oakland A's MLB game
- Ticket to walk across the New Bay Bridge before it opens to vehicular traffic (Saturday Morning)
- Access to the Oakland Food Truck "Bites off Broadway" and Music Event (Friday Night) – no host
- Access to the ferry between Oakland and San Francisco to see the LED light display (Friday Night) – no host
- Access to the Red Bull America's Cup (Sunday morning) – no host
- All taxes and service charges

(\*) Please inquire about other bus/train gateways (San Luis Obispo, San Jose, Danville, Sacramento, Colfax, etc.) that meet the group in Oakland. This discounted group price is based on double occupancy for a minimum of 30 passengers (max 40). Reservations are first-come first-served and accepted immediately with a completed registration form (see below). (\*) Single supplement \$110. Triple and quad occ also available –inquire!

## DESCRIPTION:

Join us in a fun-filled weekend with friends. Although we will journey together by bus/train and stay in the same hotel, upon arrival you are free to do exactly what you want, when you want. There will be several activities in which to participate throughout the weekend: *On Friday, "Bites on Broadway" will be in full swing from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with food trucks, music and street performers, shopping (no host, on your own for food purchases), followed by an evening San Francisco Bay Ferry crossing to see the Bay Bridge LED light display (no host – \$6-12 pp).* *On Saturday morning, come celebrate the opening of the New Bay Bridge, which will open up to pedestrian traffic only (access ticket included).* It is the single largest public infrastructure project in California's history. California has completed a 20-year effort to retrofit bridges throughout the state, and the opening of the New Bay Bridge is the final and largest project of all! Join thousands from all over the Bay Area and the entire state for this historic event ...Then later that evening, tickets (Plaza Club) are included to the **A's game**, along with a \$10 food coupon and post-game fireworks. Red Bull is hosting **America's Cup** in the Bay on Sunday morning. You control how engaged or independent you want to be with the rest of the group... join others for meals and cocktails and activities... explore and dine exclusively on your own... or partake in a combination of a little of both. The choice is yours. Whatever your travel style, leave yourself plenty of unplanned time – some of the best travel moments are those you stumble upon or spontaneously create.

## SNAPSHOT OVERVIEW OF OAKLAND:

Although it is less than a dozen miles from San Francisco, Oakland is worlds apart from its sister city across the bay. After having suffered every mid-20th-century ailment, Oakland has slowly come back to life. Originally little more than a cluster of ranches and farms, it exploded in size and stature practically overnight when the last mile of transcontinental railroad track was laid down. Major shipping ports soon followed and, to this day, Oakland remains one of the busiest industrial ports on the West Coast.

Oakland was also once a hub of African-American culture on the West Coast. In the 1940s and '50s, Oakland was home to an entertainment corridor nicknamed The Harlem of the West. In the '60s, the city gave birth to the Black Panther Party. By the '80s, black folks made up nearly half of Oakland's population. Today, Oakland is one of the most diverse metropolitan areas in the U.S. — it's now 34 percent white, 28 percent black, 25 percent Latino and 17 percent Asian. However, some worry that diversity will dilute the city's black cultural identity. This phenomenon is affecting cities across the country. Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Newark, N.J., have all seen their black populations decline.

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Oakland has always been an important African American cultural center, with music, literature and art flowing through the city's tough veins. Oakland, with less than half of San Francisco's population, has more urban grit and moxie than its bigger nearby neighbor. These days, it is in the midst of a renaissance and its future continues to look brighter and brighter. Ten years ago, you would have never see what plays out these days – a trio of mustachioed white guys playing old-timey music smack in the middle of Telegraph Avenue on a Friday night while hordes of people out walk hand in hand, eating food truck grub and popping in and out of hip bars and art galleries.

Oakland also has a lovely old downtown, with many architectural gems surviving from the early 20th century, and a sweet little saltwater lake in the heart of town. It is a city of neighborhood waterfront joints, local groceries, small clusters of clubs, pubs, cafes, and restaurants, a few good museums, and home of a major league baseball team – all great reasons to visit the bay and spend a fog-free day exploring one of California's largest and most ethnically diverse cities.

There is also a little bit of time during the holiday weekend to take Bart from Oakland City Center to San Francisco for Union Square Union shopping, museums, Alcatraz Island (need tickets prior), Pier 39, Chinatown, or a night out on the town. Or stick closer to Oakland and Berkeley where there are also a bucket load of things to do, see, feel, touch and smell.

### AT A GLANCE ITINERARY:

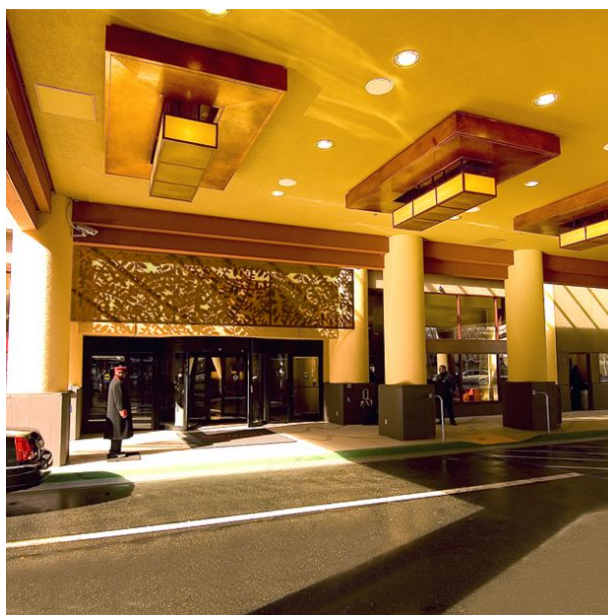
Friday: 7:55 a.m.	Depart from Chico on Amtrak; arrive in Oakland at 12:01 p.m.
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Oakland's <a href="#">"Bites off Broadway"</a>
8:55 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.	<a href="#">San Francisco Bay Ferry</a> crossing (BYOB) – Jack London Square to Pier 41
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Grand Opening <a href="#">"Bay Bridge Celebration"</a>
6:05 p.m.	<a href="#">Oakland A's</a> MLB game with fireworks
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">"Red Bull" America's Cup</a>
3:30 p.m.	Depart from Oakland on Amtrak; arrive in Chico at 8:35 p.m.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

#### OAKLAND MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

1001 Broadway, Oakland, California 94607 – 510.451.4000

Located near the metro station in city center, the newly renovated, entirely smoke-free, 480-room Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel offers complimentary wireless Internet access to all hotel guests. There are also many great attractions nearby, including the Oakland Museum of California and the Pardee Home Museum. Also close by are the African American Museum and Jack London Square. This 3.5 star hotel also boasts a gift shop, a fitness facility, outdoor pool, a bar/lounge and a lovely restaurant with terrific city views as well as room service. Other amenities include dry cleaning and laundry services.



Guest rooms boast luxurious bedding with custom duvets, cotton-rich linens and your choice of down feather or foam pillows. Other amenities include a hair dryer, robes, coffee maker, bottled water, mini bar/fridge, color television with cable and pay for view movies, alarm clock, and an iron and ironing board.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **PRICE:** The tour price of \$295 pp (dbl occ) and based on a minimum of 30 participants (max 40). (\*) Single, triple, and quad occupancy available – please inquire! The price is guaranteed, but if (due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Teresa Beall Expeditions) our suppliers increase the costs, we will adjust the price accordingly. Should the number of participants be lower than the published minimum, the price will also be adjusted accordingly or the tour will be canceled.
- **INCLUSIONS:** Amtrak Bus/train ticket (R/T) between Chico and Oakland; hotel accommodations (dbl occupancy) including all taxes and daily breakfasts, and a ticket to the A's game with food voucher and post-game fireworks.
- **EXCLUSIONS:** Meals or beverages (other than daily breakfasts, as indicated), transfers between the train station and the hotel (0.8 miles – can walk or hail a taxi) or throughout Oakland, ferry ticket to San Francisco, or personal expenditures of any kind.
- **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:** A \$100 pp deposit (with a completed registration form) is due **AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION. Final payment due July 1, 2013. Make checks payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions. No credit cards.**
- **CANCELLATION & REFUNDS:** For cancellations made after posting of deposit, a \$50 cancellation fee will apply. For cancellations made after final payment, 100% nonrefundable. No refund will be paid for unused services such as transfers, sightseeing, meals, accommodations, entrance fees, and others that might be listed in the tour program.
- **LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** We reserve the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Teresa Beall Expeditions will do their best to maintain tour content. We reserve the right to change the hotel listed for another of similar quality.
- **RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY:** Whereas Teresa Beall Expeditions operate the program only as an agent of the hotel, train/rail operators, local sight-seeing contractors and others who provide actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours. The Passenger contract in use by Amtrak shall constitute the sole contract between Amtrak and the purchaser of the tours and/or passenger. Teresa Beall Expeditions reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that the purchaser fails to pay any fees due for services, including cancellation fees as listed in 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

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### PLEASE COMPLETE ONE PER PERSON

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Traveling with \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Configuration (requested, but not guaranteed)? One Bed (Queen/King) \_\_\_\_\_ Two Beds (Twins/Dbls) \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRM YOUR SPOT: Sign this form and return it with your deposit, made payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.**

Send form and payment to: **TERESA BEALL EXPEDITIONS / 2724 Pillsbury Road, Chico, California 95973**

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