



Chopsticks and Japanese Gardens

Enjoy a peaceful and culturally enriching day with Curt Tucker exploring two of Southern California's most beautiful Japanese gardens, paired with a lively and delicious dining experience at Benihana's. We begin at *The Japanese Garden - Suiho En* in Van Nuys, one of the most beautiful and surprising landscapes in Los Angeles. This 6.5-acre hidden oasis was designed by acclaimed Japanese garden designer Dr. Koichi Kawana as a living work of art - and a bold demonstration of how reclaimed water can sustain even the most delicate plantings. You'll step into a world of stillness and symbolism. Next, we turn up the heat at *Benihana's* in Encino, where lunch comes with a side of entertainment. At shared teppanyaki tables, watch skilled chefs prepare your meal right in front of you - flipping shrimp, chopping vegetables, and creating a bit of table-side spectacle while sizzling your entrée to perfection. It's an interactive dining experience that blends great food with a touch of showmanship. We end the day at *The Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden* - American Japanese-style garden design in the 20th century. The Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden represents a major phenomenon in American cultural history. The appreciation and assimilation of Japanese design concepts and aesthetics beginning in the late 19th century and subsiding with the outbreak of World War II. Japanese gardens and gardening played an integral role in the history of Japanese immigration and acculturation, particularly on the West Coast. The Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden is a superb example of the many private gardens that were a part of that phenomenon and one of the few still intact today. It was designed and created by Kinzuchi Fujii, a landscape designer and craftsman from Japan. His patrons, Charles and Ellamae Storrier Stearns, were wealthy benefactors of the arts and significant players in the cultural and civic life of Pasadena. This day blends art, flavor, and tranquil beauty into one memorable Japanese-inspired journey. ~ Walking Level ~ Moderate ~

Tour includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, Garden Admissions, included teppanyaki lunch at Benihana's, Docent tour and a Tucker Tours guide

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

DEPART AT 9:00 AM • RETURN AT 4:00 PM

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DISCLAIMER: Itinerary Subject to Change. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary as required to ensure the safety, quality, and overall enjoyment of your journey. Please understand all our tours are subject to change and your flexibility is greatly valued.

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