



## WHEN EAST MEETS WEST

On today's tour with Curt, we'll discover two off-the-beaten path gems. You don't have to travel to India to experience the architectural wonders of a magnificent Hindu temple. The "BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir" is a traditional/spectacular Hindu place of worship in our own backyard. The Mandir is situated on a 20-acre site, complete with a 91 foot lotus-shaped reflection pond, a cultural center, gymnasium and classrooms, and is the largest Hindu temple and cultural center in Southern California. This ornate Temple was constructed from 35,000 pieces of meticulously hand carved Italian Carrera marble and Indian Pink Sandstone. From the external walls and domes to the inside pillars and ceilings, the Mandir is completely etched with intricate carvings in marble and sandstone. The 6,600 hand-carved motifs depict a mosaic of tales of inspiration, devotion and dedication, along with historical figures from Hinduism. On our tour, you'll be treated to a Japanese style lunch. Our day will end at the largest Buddhist temple in the Western Hemisphere. *Hsi Lai* signifies the dedication of the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Order to spread its teaching to those in the West. *Hsi Lai* actually translates to "Coming to the West". The temple's Ming and Qing dynasty architecture is faithful to the traditional style of buildings, gardens, and statuary of traditional ancient Chinese monasteries - ***Walking Level Moderate***

**Special Note:** All clothing in the temples must be covering the shoulders and knees. Wraps will be provided. No shoes will be allowed in any of the buildings.

*When Signing up, please select you lunch choice from Chicken, Shrimp or Steak (vegetarian upon request)*  
*Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach, Teppan Japanese lunch, donations at temples and Curt Tucker as your guide.*

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

### DEPART: 8:45 AM • RETURN: 5:00 PM

### TOUR GOES ON SALE MAY 17, 2023

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