



Rotary Fellowship
of Sea Lovers

MARINA DEL REY ROTARY GOES TO SEA – SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Big news is that Mdr Rotary is about to become the first charter member on the West Coast of North America of the new **Rotary Fellowship of the Sea!** FYI, mark your calendar for November 19 when Int'l Cmdr. Luigi Falanga flying out from Italy in person for the charter ceremony. www.rfsl.club



Rotary is primarily founded on fellowship — a concept expressed internationally through **Rotary Fellowships**, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures who share the same interests. The motto **“Making friends by sharing interest”** demonstrates how Fellowships represent the true essence of Rotary, as they promote relationships, friendship, and collaboration — essential elements for developing meaningful service activities. The **Rotary Fellowship of Sea Lovers** was established to make the sea a means of fellowship, friendship, and service.

In that spirit, we are planning a daytrip to Avalon. **We leave at dawn for a three hour tour* and get back at 7:30pm.** In summary, the morning will be for tours and activities - group lunch overlooking the harbor – afternoon shopping and wandering around Avalon before heading back. **With the late summer heatwave coming in, Avalon will be the nicest place in SoCal! Hi 80/Lo 72.**

There is much greater detail about the morning activities on following pages, but they fall into generally four categories: 1) EcoTours of the island; 2) Private guided golf cart tour of Avalon area; 3) Golf; 4) Shopping along the waterfront.

We are **leaving from Long Beach** instead of Marina del Rey to save time on the water. Many of the possible activities start at 9:30am (see below) and it will take about three hours from LBYC to a mooring in Avalon, so we have to leave at dawn! En route we will be having a breakfast of bagels/coffee and the like will be while we enjoy sunrise on the water. Once we are on our mooring in Avalon Harbor, we will get to shore by means of dinghies and water taxis so you can enjoy your activity for the morning.



Timeline:

6:00am Sharp!	Depart at “nautical dawn”
6:46am	Sunrise at Sea
8:45am	Arrive Avalon Harbor/Secure mooring
9:15am	Dinghies/Water taxis to shore for 9:30am tours
11:20-1:30pm	Golf - 9 holes/Mini-Golf/Eco Tours
1:45-3pm	Lunch @ Catalina Conservancy “Trailhead” deck
3-4:15pm	Wander/shop/Water taxis back to boat
4:30pm sharp	Departure from Avalon
6:38pm	Toast to the Sunset over the ocean/Appies
7:30pm	Arrive back to dock at LBYC
8-11pm	Join Dave/Nancy on return trip to Mdr??? LOL!

Right now I count 30 planning to participate – if you are not on this list or if you are but can’t go please let me know!

① Nancy Voss	Andrea Krohn	Debra Berman	Lalo Marquez	Nick Fleming
① Dave Voss	Anne-Marie Fabishak	Debra Fixen	Lenni Heiner	Samantha Peache
① Ben Rosbach	Ariana Gabier	① Geo Rocha	Michelle Kessler	Tony Palermo
① Mary February	Benedicta Ogbonnaya	Helena Goto	Patrick Day	Lauren Palermo
① Tony Cotrufo	Claire Date	Joan Shaver	Nico Ruderman	Marla Eisenberg?????
② James Frawley	Carlos Diaz	Ilene Florin	① Known golfers	
② Michele Setzler	Debbie Sue Miller	Richie Florin	② Will be in Avalon awaiting our arrival!	

COST: (The trip/food/drinks onboard are free!)

You are responsible for:

Lunch (\$40 – Paid in advance)

Water taxis (\$5 **CASH** each way per person)
(James and I will also be running our dinghies)

Your own tours (see below)

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW FROM YOU ASAP???

- 1) Confirm you are coming!
- 2) Which activity (if any) do you need reservations?
- 3) Your meal choice

FAQS:

We will depart from the “long dock” out back of the Long Beach Yacht Club. There is plentiful parking adjacent to Long Beach Yacht Club. I expect there to be some carpooling opportunities.

For those wanting to join but not ride over and back with us (or who want to spend a night or two and meet up with us) there is both high speed ferry (Catalina Express) and helicopter service. (Really cool flight!!!)

It is expected to be very pleasant and even warm in the middle of the day. I will wear shorts and a polo, but bring a light sweater or jacket to layer.

ACTIVITIES

First people can be ashore in time for 9:30 tours. What activity would you like to do in the morning?

- 1) 9 Holes golf (**\$70 per person including cart/tee times 11:20+11:30**) **Reservation Required**
- 2) Wildlands Discovery Tour (**-2 hrs.\$98/pp**) Availability: 9 Spaces @9:30 and 6 Spaces @10) **Reservation Required**
- 3) Hidden Catalina Expedition (**9:30am/3 hours/\$147pp**) Only 9 Spaces available **Reservation Required**
- 4) Private Guided Golf Cart Tour of Avalon (~9:15-9:30am or 11:30/2 hours/**\$350 per cart (includes tip) for groups of 5** passengers – 2 carts available at both time slots) (Note: 11:30 tour will drop off at lunch) **Reservation Required**
- 5) Miniature golf (**\$7pp**)
- 6) Self-guided Casino Tour (**\$21.50pp**)
- 7) Shopping/Wander town on your own
- 8) Hang out on the boat and just enjoy the harbor – afternoon dinghy rides

GOLF (~2 hours)

We will have our first ever two man best ball golf tournament. Special prize for the person who loses the most golf balls! None of us signed up so far are any good – we are going to have fun!



The Catalina Island Golf Course which was first built in 1892 and is the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi! This long, narrow, 9 hole course meanders through a canyon setting toward the ocean, offering stunning views of Avalon Bay and Catalina Casino. Golfers aren't our only visitors either, as deer, hawks and island fox are frequently seen around the course.

Fun fact: The clubhouse was built for the Cubs to use during spring training on the island and the ball park was to the left of the first fairway!

Rental and Premium rental clubs are available.



CATALINA CONSERVANCY ECO TOURS (~2 or 3 hours)

We can arrange a group Eco Tour led by a naturalist to explore the island's and learn about its rich history, unique plants and wildlife. Ever seen a bison?



Wildlands Discovery Tour

A perfect introduction to Catalina's wild side.

Go beyond Avalon and discover the Catalina most visitors never see. This two-hour, naturalist-led eco tour travels through protected wildlands, rugged canyons, rolling hills and scenic overlooks, with access to areas off-limits for other tours.

Along the way, your guide will share stories about Catalina's natural and human history, habitat restoration work and the native plants and wildlife that are found nowhere else on the planet. Depending on the route, you may visit places such as Airport in the Sky, known for its famous cookies, or Middle Ranch, where you can see conservation work in action.

Keep watch for Catalina Island foxes, bald eagles, and bison, and take in sweeping coastal views along the route.

Choose this tour for a fun first look at Catalina beyond Avalon and into the 42,000+ acres of wildlands protected by the Conservancy.



Hidden Catalina Expedition

Get exclusive access and go farther into Catalina's protected wildlands.

This is the Conservancy's most expansive naturalist-led eco tour. Your guide will take you on a three-hour expedition that covers the most ground of any Conservancy tour, traveling remote roads to wide-open vistas, quiet canyons and coastal edges that most visitors never reach. With more than 200 miles of roads to choose from, each route is shaped by the day's conditions, wildlife activity and access. Your guide may travel the full Island loop, head toward far corners of the wildlands, or reach secluded viewpoints and coastal areas that reveal a wilder side of Catalina. This is the tour for guests who want it all.

More time in the field means more chances to travel where the bison roam and watch for Catalina Island foxes and bald eagles. You'll also have time to spot endemic plants found nowhere else on the planet, take photos, ask questions and hear the deeper stories behind the Island and the people who have shaped it.

Choose this expedition for the most complete tour experience offered on Catalina.

PRIVATE GUIDED GOLF CART TOUR OF AVALON



Explore these local hangouts and iconic landmarks – Pebble Beach, the Inn at Mt. Ada and "three palms", the pet cemetery, the Memorial/ Botanical Gardens, look-out points over Bell Tower Road, the world famous Casino building – including feeding the fish and the Casino Point Dive Park and Marine Preserve plus a peek around the Avalon Diving History Exhibit!

The price per cart is \$350 and is for a group of 5. If there are fewer than 5 the price per person is obviously higher.



MINIATURE GOLF



Golf Gardens is the go-to spot for mini golf on Catalina Island. It's set in a garden less than one block from the beach and has been around for almost 50 years. It's a very creative miniature golf course that is not made up of windmills and dragons but has lots of curves and hills to challenge your skill. Some even call it the "Best golf course in California."



THE CASINO – SELF GUIDED TOUR

On May 29, 1929, more than 10,000 revelers from all walks of life arrived by steamship to celebrate the grand opening of Catalina Casino—the crowning achievement of William Wrigley Jr.'s vision to create a “playground for all” on this beautiful island paradise.

Despite the name "casino," the building was named after the Italian word for a "gathering place" and has never featured any gambling. The Avalon Theatre created by John Gabriel Beckman, whose work also adorns Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theatre was among the first in the world to be designed specifically for “Talkies.” It has been fully restored to its original grandeur, complete with solid black walnut panels, Art Deco furniture, Tiffany-esque lights and gold-leaf accents. The amazing acoustics produced by the theatre's 50-foot domed ceiling were studied and replicated by designers of New York's Radio City Music Hall.



You'll see the extraordinary Art Deco murals and the original 1928 pipe organ inside the Avalon Theatre. Stay for a while or just long enough to snap that iconic selfie. Next hit the ramps and continue up to the beautiful, world-famous Casino Ballroom, a masterpiece of design and a long-standing venue for the world's best musical performers and Big Bands. **The ballroom's promenade offers some of the most spectacular views of Avalon and for decades has been considered the most romantic spot in Avalon (like these famous romantics!)**

Take a trip down memory lane to the days when bands were big and movies were just beginning to talk. The Catalina Casino epitomizes everything glamorous about Santa Catalina Island. You'll marvel at the soaring hand-painted murals that grace the entry way of this architectural masterpiece and depict the history of Catalina's culture.

Come discover the Catalina Casino with our General Admission Tour. Enjoy the Avalon Theater, see the Marine Bar, discover the Wrigley Ballroom, and stroll the Ocean Promenade. NOTE: **This tour requires uphill walking via ramps and stairs within the building.**

SHOPPING/STROLL THE WATERFONT

Stroll along the palm tree-lined streets of Avalon and delight in unique discoveries like artisan jewelry, Catalina Island-inspired artwork and souvenirs or mouthwatering saltwater taffy. Most of Catalina Island's numerous shops and boutiques are located on or adjacent to the waterfront Crescent Avenue (locals call it “Front Street”). Catalina Island offers everything from everyday necessities to distinctive gifts bound to please anyone.

From the nice casual clothes at Latitude 33 to the ice cream at Scoops there is a lot of fun shopping on the waterfront. You can walk all the way past the Casino looking out over the harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Recreate the scene when Marilyn Monroe lived in Avalon. Stop by Casino Point and see the divers heading out into the underwater nature reserve.



LUNCH AT THE CONSERVANCY



Head up the steps of the Catalina Conservancy's Trailhead visitor center for a very special opportunity to enjoy a meal on the private rooftop deck overlooking the harbor.

Lunch itself is being arranged with NDMK/Topside - famous for their fish house in Avalon. The Topside restaurant recently opened at the Conservancy's flagship facility, reinventing the second and third stories into a fresh and flavorful adventure.

"Top off your meal with a Spicy Prickly Pear Margarita, a Cinnamon Toast Crunch Shot, or any of Topside's various creative libations."



Choice of 3 meals w/soda/lemonade etc. (\$40 incl. tip):

Sesame Crusted Tuna Salad – Seared Tuna, romaine, red onions, cucumber, carrots, edamame, wontons & tuna dressing.

Bison (or vegan) Burger – 1/3lb Grilled Bison (or vegan) patty with lettuce, tomato, ponzu aioli, teriyaki, crispy onions with "NDMK" fries (Sushi sauce, spicy mayo & green onion)

Fish & Chips – House battered halibut over french fries

Cocktails are extra charge.



After lunch, explore on your own for a couple of hours before we head home sightseeing the coast of the island while having a Rotary Happy Hour with light appetizers onboard and watching the sunset over the Pacific.

Questions??? Email/Call/Text dave@vsblp.com 310.413.3355

* Lyrics for a "three hour tour" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ib5ZbVFzn90>

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
a tale of a fateful trip,
that started from this tropic port,
aboard this tiny ship.
The mate was a mighty sailin' man,
the Skipper brave and sure,
five passengers set sail that day,
for a three hour tour,
a three hour tour.

The weather started getting rough,
the tiny ship was tossed.
If not for the courage of the fearless
crew

the Minnow would be lost.
The Minnow would be lost.

The ship aground on the shore of this
uncharted desert isle
with Gilligan,
the Skipper too.
A millionaire and his wife,
a movie star,
the professor and Mary Ann,
here on Gilligan's Isle.

So this is the tale of our castaways,
there here for a long long time.

They'll have to make the best of things,
it's an uphill climb.
The first mate and his Skipper too
will do their very best,
to make the others comf'terble
in their tropic island nest.
No phone ,no lights, no motor car,
not a single luxury
like Robinson Crusoe
it's primitive as can be.
So join us here each week my friends,
you're sure to get a smile,
from seven stranded castaways
here on Gilligan's Isle!