

DESCANSO GARDENS & DEGAS

WITH NORTON SIMON MUSEUM

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

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Escape to the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains to discover internationally renowned gardens and spectacular art! Secluded in a lovely setting in La Cañada Flintridge, Descanso Gardens' lush and dense 150 acres features over 1,000,000 plants, nine botanical collections, a redwood forest, streams, a lake, a bird sanctuary and at this time of year is typically home to blooms of roses, azaleas, irises, wildflowers and California natives. The 5-acre Rose Garden contains more than 1,600 roses representing centuries of horticultural history with significant collections of species, old garden and modern roses arranged in theme gardens. The tranquil Japanese Garden features plants native to Asia, an arched bridge and shaded paths along a koi-filled stream along with a traditional teahouse. Enjoy ample time to browse the gardens, modern art gallery and gift shop with lunch on your own at the Kitchen at Descanso café.

In the afternoon we'll visit Pasadena's beautiful Norton Simon Museum, known around the world as one of the most remarkable private art collections ever assembled. Over a 30-year period, industrialist Norton Simon amassed an astonishing collection of European art from the Renaissance to the 20th century including the finest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works on the West Coast. The museum features over 100 pieces by Edgar Degas including paintings, drawings and sculpture as well as works by Raphael, Rembrandt, Cézanne, Manet, Monet, Matisse, Renoir, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso and Warhol. Enjoy time at leisure to browse the museum's collection as well as the sculpture garden that is filled with stately trees, colorful shrubs, flowers, a lush pond with several varieties of water lilies surrounding meandering walkways, and some of the museum's most important sculptures. Bring your own earphones and access the museum's free audio tour on your smartphone to enhance your experience.

Depart: Santa Monica 9:15 am. Baldwin Hills 9:45 am.
Return 5:00 pm.