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*To forty-niners and those on the trek for riches, no expression characterized the California Gold Rush more than the words "seeing the elephant." Those traveling west announced they were "going to see the elephant." Those turning back claimed they had seen the "elephant's tracks" or the "elephant's tail," and confessed they'd seen more than enough of the animal. For Gold Rushers, the elephant symbolized the high cost of their endeavor — the myriad possibilities on the journey — and, an exotic sight, unequalled experience, and the adventure of a lifetime.**

Visit ARK 2000, in the California Gold Rush town of San Andreas, where "seeing the elephant" is once again... **an exotic sight, unequalled experience and the adventure of a lifetime!**

Understanding Elephants

Our "Seeing the Elephant" getaways are designed to provide a better understanding of elephants as individuals and their needs in captivity. Participants spend the day with PAWS cofounders and directors, Pat Derby and Ed Stewart, and the PAWS elephants, observing the individual personalities and learning about the differences between African and Asian elephants, socialization of unrelated animals and the special handling that is required for bull elephants like Nicholas. Demonstrations on foot care and positive reinforcement training to deal with

medical problems, and long hikes through the elephant's habitats are included in this diverse, educational program.

Elephants in captivity have suffered greatly and need specialized care. The unique elephants who share our lives are representative of all captive elephants. We hope to provide an experience which will enlighten our visitors to the problems inherent in keeping these highly social animals in captive situations and the understanding and care that is necessary to meet each individual elephant's special needs. At the end of the day participants will, truly, have "Seen the Elephant."

"Seeing the Elephant" 2-Day Weekend Getaway

Your schedule:

- Arrival in San Andreas, California, on Friday.
- Spend Friday and Saturday nights at a lovely bed & breakfast in this historic Gold Rush town.
- Awake each morning to a scrumptious, homemade breakfast.
- **SATURDAY** features an educational, fun-filled, day visit with PAWS' elephants — Annie, Wanda, Mara, Nicholas, Gypsy, Lulu, Maggie, Sabu and Prince at ARK 2000.
- You'll receive an "insider's" tour of the elephant habitat and spend the day with the founders/directors of PAWS — renowned elephant/wildlife experts and authors — Pat Derby and Ed Stewart.
- A vegetarian picnic lunch will be served.
- On your own for dinner Friday and Saturday.
- **SUNDAY** features a special extended visit with the lions, tigers and bears in their ARK 2000 habitats. Receive an "insider's" tour of the habitats.

Donation price for this unique experience: \$800 per person (\$1,300 for 2 people sharing a room)

"Seeing the Elephant" Saturday, 1-Day Getaway

Your schedule:

- Arrival in San Andreas, California, by 9 a.m.
- Take part in an educational, fun-filled, day visit with PAWS' elephants — Annie, Wanda, Mara, Nicholas, Gypsy, Lulu, Maggie, Sabu and Prince at ARK 2000. You'll explore elephant habitat and spend the day with the founders/directors of PAWS — renowned elephant/wildlife experts and authors — Pat Derby and Ed Stewart.
- A vegetarian picnic lunch will be served.

Donation price for this unique experience: \$250 per person



2012 SCHEDULE

January 21

February 4

March 3

April 28

June 2

September 15

November 3

PREPAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

To make your pre-paid reservations, or for more information on our "Seeing the Elephant" educational getaway packages, contact PAWS representative, Kim Gardner: (916) 488-3991 or email kgardner@pawsweb.org.

The dates listed above are for the 1-day getaway. If you are booking a 2-day weekend getaway, arrival is Friday and departure is Sunday.

PLEASE READ: Saturday visits begin at 9 a.m. and end around 2-3 p.m. Sunday's visit begins after breakfast and check-out and usually ends around 1 p.m. You'll be on foot most of the time, so plan for a lot of walking. Groups are generally limited to about 20 people. You'll meet the elephants and the other animals, however, for safety reasons, YOU MAY NOT TOUCH any of them, and all guests must stay a safe distance back. Cameras and video recorders are encouraged! Please bring your binoculars, sunblock, hat, comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. No children under 13 years of age. Please leave your pets at home. NO PETS ALLOWED ON PAWS PROPERTY OR IN PARKING LOTS! Visits happen RAIN OR SHINE so please plan accordingly. **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON PAWS PROPERTY.**

*From *They Saw the Elephant: Women in the California Gold Rush*, by JoAnn Levy.