Performing Animal Welfare Society’s
“Seeing the Elephant” Educational Weekend Getaways

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to ARK 2000, the largest captive wildlife sanctuary in the United States.

An exotic sight, unequaled experience, and the adventure of a lifetime!

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, unequaled 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, unequaled experience and the adventure of a lifetime!

Understanding Elephants

PAWS’ “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 president and co-founder, Ed Stewart, and ARK 2000 sanctuary director, and senior elephant keeper, Brian Busta, 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 and Prince. 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 community.
• Awake each morning to a scrumptious, homemade breakfast.
• SATURDAY features an educational, fun-filled, day visit with PAWS’ elephants — Mara, Nicholas, Gypsy, Lulu, Maggie, Toka, Thika and Prince at ARK 2000.
• You’ll receive an "insider’s" tour of the elephant habitat and spend the day with PAWS’ president/co-founder Ed Stewart, and ARK 2000 sanctuary manager and senior elephant keeper Brian Busta.
• 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, bears and black leopard living at ARK 2000. 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)

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

The Nation’s First Elephant Sanctuary

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2017 SCHEDULE
September 23
October 21
November 18

2018 SCHEDULE
January 27
February 17
March 24
April 7
May 26
September 22
October 20

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 kimkleingardner@yahoo.com.
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 2:30 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. Group size limited to approx. 40. 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 ANYWHERE ON PAWS’ PROPERTY

Donation price for this unique experience:
$250 per person

The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is the nation’s first exotic animal sanctuary, offering educational weekend getaways. Participants have the opportunity to learn about elephants, other exotic animals, and gain insight into the important work PAWS does. The getaways offer a behind-the-scenes visit to ARK 2000, the largest captive wildlife sanctuary in the United States, and an educational experience that provides a better understanding of the needs of these animals. The schedule includes a visit to the sanctuary on both days, with opportunities for hands-on learning, and a home-cooked breakfast on Saturday. The donation price for this unique experience is $800 per person ($1,300 for 2 people sharing a room). Visit ARK 2000, located in the California Gold Rush town of San Andreas, for an exotic sight, unequaled experience, and the adventure of a lifetime.