**Seeing the Elephant**

**An exotic sight, unequal 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, unequal experience, and the adventure of a lifetime.

Visit PAWS’ ARK 2000 sanctuary, in the California Gold Rush town of San Andreas, in Calaveras County, where “seeing the elephant” is once again... an exotic sight, unequal experience and the adventure of a lifetime!

**Captivity**

Elephants in captivity have suffered greatly and need specialized care. The unique individuals who share our lives at PAWS are representative of all captive elephants. We hope to provide an experience that 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.

**Understanding Elephants**

PAWS “Seeing the Elephant” getaways are designed to provide a better understanding of elephants as individuals and their needs in captivity. These informative visits are led by PAWS’ president and co-founder Ed Stewart, and ARK 2000 sanctuary manager, and senior elephant keeper, Brian Busta. Participants will be observing ARK 2000’s eight elephant residents and will learn about their individual personalities, the differences that exist between the African and Asian species, the socialization of unrelated animals, and the special handling that is required for bull elephants like Nicholas and Prince. Long hikes to the elephants’ habitats, as well as demonstrations on foot care and positive reinforcement training (Protected Contact) are included in this diverse, educational program. At the end of the day, participants will truly have “seen the elephant.”

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**Educational Weekend Getaways**

**PAWS’ ARK 2000 SANCTUARY IN SAN ANDREAS, CALIFORNIA**

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

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Saturday & Sunday, 2-Day Getaway

(2-Day Getaways include a special Sunday morning visit to ARK 2000’s big cat and bear habitats, and a 2-night stay in a Gold Country bed and breakfast)

**Itinerary:**

- Arrive in the San Andreas area on Friday.
- Spend Friday and Saturday nights in a beautiful bed and breakfast located in one of the historic Gold Rush towns near PAWS’ ARK 2000 sanctuary. Check in any time after 4 p.m. Awake each morning to a lovely, nutritious breakfast.
- Check-in for SATURDAY’S ARK 2000 visit begins at 8:45 a.m. at the sanctuary’s front gate.
- Meet your hosts, PAWS’ president and co-founder Ed Stewart, and ARK 2000 sanctuary manager, and senior elephant keeper, Brian Busta.
- Receive an “insider’s” tour of the elephant habitats and spend an educational, fun-filled day with PAWS’ elephants — Mara, Nicholas, Gypsy, Lulu, Maggie, Toka, Thika and Prince.
- A plant-based picnic lunch will be served. Dine outdoors (weather permitting) within view of the elephants.
- On your own for dinner on Friday and Saturday.
- Check-in for SUNDAY’S ARK 2000 visit begins at 11 a.m. at the sanctuary’s front gate.
- Visit the habitat areas of the rescued big cats and bears who have found sanctuary at ARK 2000. Listen, and learn, as Ed Stewart shares their stories.

**Donation price for the 2-day Getaway package:**

$850 per person

($1,600 for 2 people sharing 1 room)

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Saturday, 1-Day Getaway

**Itinerary:**

- Check-in for SATURDAY’S ARK 2000 visit begins at 8:45 a.m. at the sanctuary’s front gate.
- Meet your hosts, PAWS’ president and co-founder Ed Stewart, and ARK 2000 sanctuary manager, and senior elephant keeper, Brian Busta.
- Receive an “insider’s” tour of the elephant habitats and spend an educational, fun-filled day with PAWS’ elephants — Mara, Nicholas, Gypsy, Lulu, Maggie, Toka, Thika and Prince.
- A plant-based picnic lunch will be served. Dine outdoors (weather permitting) within view of the elephants.

**Donation price for the 1-day Getaway:**

$300 per person

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**SEEING THE ELEPHANT**

**Weekends**

2019

May 25 | September 28 | October 19

January 25 | February 22 | March 28

April 25 | September 26 | October 17

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

**PREPAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

To make your pre-paid reservation, or for more information on our “Seeing the Elephant” educational getaway packages, contact Kim Gardner, PAWS’ Director of Programs, at (916) 539-5305 or email kimkleingardner@yahoo.com.