

# TREAD NEW GROUND IN CALIFORNIA.



**WALK, TALK AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN  
CONTEMPORARY PRIVATE GARDENS  
AND LANDSCAPES OF CALIFORNIA.**

**Tour from 8-20 May, 2024**

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Bernard Trainor

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For those who respect and take their cues from nature, this is the tour for you. We will explore California's most ground-breaking gardens, and learn from those who designed and built them.

This energetic, small tour commences in Los Angeles on the evening of 8 May, 2024 and finishes in San Francisco on 20 May. Over the 12 days you'll visit some of the most imaginative and thoughtfully designed and constructed contemporary and iconic gardens in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Sonoma/Napa regions. You'll enjoy walks in breathtaking natural areas including Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens and Point Lobos Natural Reserve near Carmel.

You'll be introduced to vegetation of the region by **Carol Bornstein**, one of California's most highly respected native plant experts.

All that walking, seeing and doing will be enhanced by visits to celebrated restaurants and wineries where we'll dine on produce from the area.

We'll gain exclusive access to private gardens by leading designers state-wide and we'll also visit outstanding public landscapes and buildings.

In Los Angeles, we'll meet landscape architect **David Godshall**, co-founder of the very 'now' Terremoto, and **Scott Schrader** whose work in and around Beverley Hills is characterised by its elegant simplicity.

We venture to Ganna Walska's garden '**Lotusland**' in Montecito, outside Santa Barbara and soak up the California atmosphere in private gardens of the region. Then we'll head for Monterey where **Ground Studio's** planting director **David LeRoy** and Australian-born founding designer, **Bernard Trainor** will accompany us to some of their loveliest gardens, including Bernard's own garden. We will also come together at the Ground Studio office.

Simplicity meets the complex in the understated and groundbreaking designs in the Napa and Sonoma Valley. Guided by virtuosos of the craft **Dave** and **Lucas Dexter**, we will visit the gardens of **Ron Lutsko, Claudia Schmidt, Surface Design, Ground Studio, Andrea Cochrane, Mike Lucas** and **Blasen Landscape Architects**.

And of course, 'when in California', we can't miss out on the cultural sites and gardens that have become harbingers of change; **Lotusland, Eames House, The Getty, The Norton Simon** and others.



**Walking is a key component of this tour, so a reasonable level of fitness is required e.g. able to walk 5km+ on uneven terrain.**

# CALIFORNIA TOUR.

## Cost per person.

**\$14,000** AUD + GST

## Single supplement:

**\$1500** AUD + GST

## Tour summary:

- Tour commences evening of May 8 in Los Angeles
- May 8-11 – Los Angeles (4 nights)
- May 12-13 – Santa Barbara (2 nights)
- May 14-16 – Carmel by the Sea (3 nights)
- May 17-19 – Calistoga/Napa – (3 nights)
- May 20 – Finish – San Francisco

## Tour includes:

Two meals per day and some beverages, include, gratuity at 15% at key meals at special dinners/lunches, accommodation at 4-5 star hotels, entry to parks, cultural institutions, gardens, internal travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

## Tour excludes:

Airfares, personal spending, insurance, meals outside those provided by the tour including room service.

## Terms and conditions:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is payable on booking.

\* Given the nature of the tour, some visits may change due to weather or limitations on access times from those mentioned in this brochure.

Full T&Cs are available at [www.outlandishventures.com](http://www.outlandishventures.com)



Terremoto



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# CALIFORNIA TOUR BOOKING FORM.

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## PERSON 1:

First Name .....  
Last Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....  
State ..... Postcode .....  
Country .....  
Mobile .....  
Email .....  
Passport Number .....  
Emergency Contact .....

## PERSON 2:

First Name .....  
Last Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....  
State ..... Postcode .....  
Country .....  
Mobile .....  
Email .....  
Passport Number .....  
Emergency Contact .....

## ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation at contemporary bespoke hotels, well located near restaurants and shops.

Please confirm room status by selecting from the option below:

Double  Twin share  Single

Share with .....

Dietary requirements .....

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### Direct Deposit:

Account Name: Outlandish Ventures Pty Ltd  
BSB: 062629 / Account Number: 1020 2605

Cheques are payable to **Outlandish Ventures Pty Ltd** and send to:  
PO Box 458 YASS, NSW 2582.



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