

Packards I nternational Motor Car Club

2005 National Tour

September 10 through September 17, 2005

The Packard Gold Country Tour



The early years: Harry, Clarence, and Lary

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Hosted by the Northern California Region of
Packards I nternational

Dear Fellow Packard Enthusiast,

Attached is the registration form for the Packards International 2005 National Tour.

The California Gold Rush of 1849 forever changed California into what it has become today. The name 49ers survives as the name of the San Francisco Football team and like many other cities and towns throughout Northern California, exists because of the Gold Rush. 160 years is not much in terms of modern history, but a lot has been done in that time. Our tour will take us back into the early history of California and show us how people lived during the Gold Rush era.

September in this area can be warm to cool so bring along appropriate clothing. Some of the meals are on your own in order to provide for individual tastes, schedules and the opportunity to sample the various cuisines at our destinations. The final tour package will include a daily schedule of events, area maps, information on close-by side tours, and lists of restaurants, including menus, pricing, and location.

Our tour starts in Old Sacramento located on the Sacramento River. This area closely resembles the original town since most of the buildings of that period have been preserved. There will be a Sacramento River boat ride and an opportunity to visit the extensive California State Railroad Museum. We will also visit Sutter's Fort, the California State Indian Museum, and the State Capitol building and grounds. This will give us a peek into how life was like, at the time, in a settled area, before we head up into the hills to visit the rougher gold fields.

While there were many small mining towns established, we can only visit a few. The first, Auburn, dating back to the mid 1800's, shows a generally lesser life style, again with most of the buildings restored in the Historic Old Auburn area. Continuing on, we will visit Grass Valley, Nevada City and Coloma, where gold was actually discovered. Each town has its own gold county history to tell. We will have a chance to do some of our own gold panning, ride a typical train from the 1800's, see an old gold mine plus a modern gold mine in operation. We will be able to see how the old miners lived and try some of their food fare.

Since the Gold Rush days always included gambling, we have included that opportunity during our stay at the Indian Jackson Rancheria in the town of Jackson. Our final destination is Modesto, a post Gold Rush era town located in the center of the State. This brings us back to modern times and our Farewell Dinner and entertainment.

The package price for this tour is set at \$359.00 per person, which includes tours, local transportation and meals, which are listed in our Tour Schedule Package. Please review the attached tentative tour schedule for additional information.

Happy Packarding and please invite your friends and relatives to this very special Packard event.

Northern California Region of Packards International

Tentative Tour Schedule Package

Sept. 10 Saturday: Arrive in Sacramento and check into accommodations

All meals: on your own (oyo) today. 5:30 — 8:00 pm: Nor Cal Region Welcome Gathering with no host wine and hors d'oeuvres hosted by Nor-Cal Region. Receive final tour package materials.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza

Sept. 11 Sunday: 9:00 am - plated breakfast at the hotel outdoor patio restaurant, included in package, (incl).

11:00 arrive at the California Railroad Museum (incl) a short walk from the hotel. Visit the museum and Old Sacramento. Lunch: oyo; 2:30 pm gather at the Spirit of Sacramento Riverboat for a 1-hour scenic cruise on the Sacramento River 3:00-4:00 pm (incl), 6:30 pm arrive at Il Fornaio Restaurant via walking. No-host cocktails followed by dinner at 7:00 pm (incl). Hotel: Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza

Sept. 12 Monday: Breakfast: oyo, 10:00 12:00 am tour Sutter's Fort (incl) and the Cal. State Indian Museum (incl) via bus (incl); Lunch: oyo; 2:00 — 3:30 pm State Capitol and Grounds Tour; 3:30 pm optional walking tour of downtown Sacramento or return to Old Sacramento; 6:30 pm — arrive at The Firehouse Restaurant for no-host cocktails with dinner at 7:00 pm (incl). Select dinner choice in tour registration.

Sept. 13 Tuesday: Leave Sacramento and caravan to Auburn and visit old Auburn. Continue to Grass Valley and Nevada City and check into accommodations. Breakfast: oyo in Sacramento; 9:30 am leave Sacramento; Lunch: oyo in old Auburn; Visit Nevada City; Dinner: oyo

Sept. 14 Wednesday: Breakfast: oyo; Visit the Empire Gold Mine and Bourne Cottage (incl); Mine tour (incl); Lunch: at the mine: an authentic miner's pasty lunch with Celtic band entertainment (incl). Select your lunch in the tour registration. Tour the Bourne Cottage (incl). Continue on to visit Grass Valley; Dinner: oyo.

Sept. 15 Thursday: Breakfast: oyo; 9:30 am check out and Caravan to Coloma. Visit the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park where gold was first found (inci); group lunch in Coloma (incl); Caravan to Jackson Rancheria; Dinner and other activities: oyo.

Sept. 16 Friday: Breakfast: oyo; Visit the operating Suffer Gold Mine, Columbia State Park and the Iron Stone Winery; 7:45 am board buses (incl): First bus to the Suffer Gold Mine for a tour (incl) and then onto Iron Stone Winery. The second bus to Columbia State Park and then to the Iron Stone Winery where both buses meet for lunch. Lunch and winery tour (incl) at the Iron Stone Winery. Select lunch choice of tri-tip or vegetarian in the tour registration. Activities are traded in the afternoon so ride the same bus as in the morning. Dinner and other activities oyo.

Sept. 17 Saturday: Breakfast: oyo; 9:00 am checkout and caravan to Railtown 1897 in Jamestown; 11:00 am Train ride (incl); 12:00 pm tour of shops and round house (incl); 1:00 pm Box Lunch (inci) choice of beef, ham, or chicken, select lunch choice in the tour registration; 2:30 pm leave for Modesto; 6:00 pm no-host cocktails followed by a Farewell Dinner and entertainment (incl), at 7:00 pm. Select dinner choice of Prime Rib or Salmon in the tour registration form on next page.

Accommodations: We have reserved a block of 50 rooms at each location for the tour, however you must make your own reservations by the due dates shown. We recommend that you call the hotel directly **(the 1-800 people may not be able to find our block of rooms) and tell them that you are with Packards International to obtain the rate listed.**

Reservations for the Tour Package and hotels are due by JULY18, 2005.

Sept. 10—12 (Saturday — Monday) **Holiday Inn — Capitol Plaza**, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 446-0100 or 1-800 465-4329, fax (916) 446-0117, www.holidayinnsacramento.com, Secure, valet parking area reserved for the Packards at \$15.00/day. Non-Packards will use public parking at \$10.00/day. **Price is \$109.00 per night plus tax.**

Sept. 13 — 14 (Tuesday — Wednesday) 40 rooms at **Best Western Gold Country Inn**, 11972 Sutton Way Grass Valley, Ca 94945, (530) 273-1393 or (800) 528-1234, **Price is \$95.00 per night plus tax.** Or 10 rooms at **Courtyard Suites**, 210 No. Auburn Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945, (530) 272-7696, fax (530) 272-1203, www.gvcountryardsuites.com, **Price is \$120.00-\$150.00 per night plus tax.**

Sept. 15-16 (Thursday - Friday) **Jackson Rancheria Hotel and Conference Center**, 12222 New York Ranch Road, Jackson, CA 95642, (209) 223-8314 fax (209) 223-8346, **Price is \$94.00 per night — no taxes.**

Sept. 17 (Saturday) Double Tree Hotel, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, CA, 95354; (209) 5266000 or (800) 222-8733, fax (209) 526-6096, www.modestodoubletree.com, **Price is \$89.00 per night plus tax.**

**2005 Packards International Motor Car Club National Tour, September 10 —17 2005
Tour Package Reservation Form**

Name _____

Spouse and/or guest(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Car: Year _____ Series & Body style _____

Insurance Co. _____ policy # _____ Exp date _____

Please include a 4x6 color photograph of your car _____; this will be used on your tour name badge.

Meal choices: please indicate choice and how many in the space provided.

Sept. 12.. Firehouse Restaurant: _____Lavender Salmon _____Filet Mignon _____Veal Tenderloin

Sept. 14 Empire Gold Mine pasty lunch: _____ beef _____chicken _____veggie

Sept. 16 Iron Stone Winery lunch: _____ tri-tip _____vegetarian

Sept. 17 Jamestown box lunch: _____beef _____ham _____chicken

Sept. 17 Farewell dinner: _____Prime rib _____Salmon

Please submit the Tour Package Reservation Form together with your check in the amount of \$359.00 per person payable to Nor-Cal P.I. and mail to: Northern California Region of Packards International, c/o Clarence Blixt, 1618 Fisk Ave., Escalon, CA 95320-15 12, (209) 838-2266. DUE DATE: JULY18, 2005. Note: Only reservations for the entire package will be accepted.