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Back to Top What to expect on our tour itinerary to Silicon Valley, This custom tour will take you to sites of interest and high-tech firms. Because Silicon Valley is overwhelmingly spread out, it is impossible to cover it all in a one-day 8-hour trip. Please choose one of the above tour options so we may prepare your guide and trip in advance, particularly for museums and high-tech firms that require appointments. Your Silicon Valley tour starts and ends in San Francisco and lasts eight hours door-to-door. Driving time is about one hour each way depending on traffic conditions , which leaves six hours to explore Silicon Valley. We highly-recommend adding overtime to your tour if you wish to explore Silicon Valley in-depth and we have just added new attractions for visitors with or without kids, who are not interested in high-tech firms. These are optional side trips and entrance fees are not included.

Back to Top Geography: The valley is bounded by the Santa Cruz Mountains on the southwest and Diablo Range on the northeast, is about 30 miles long and 15 miles wide. Silicon Valley now also includes the southern Peninsula Valley and southern East Bay, with a variety of high-tech companies located throughout other counties in the Bay Area. San Jose, often referred to as the capitol of the Silicon Valley, has a population close to 1. Silicon Valley evolved quickly since WWII and became the leading hub for high-tech innovation and development. They contributed to this new era of innovation through military defense, integrated circuits, and computers.

Back to Top The Computer History Museum Established as a non-profit organization in and is dedicated to the preservation of computing history and its impact on the world. It is home to one of the largest international collections of computing artifacts, encompassing computer hardware, ephemera, photographs, moving images, documents, and software, among other collections and exhibits. The Computer History Museum offers many exhibits on a variety of topics related to the history of computing. You may sign-up for the public guided tour, or explore the museum at your pace and visit the exhibits you are interested in. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.

Back to Top Intel Museum: Book our private tour to discover the people behind the innovative technology that changed our world. It contains interactive exhibits, which appeal to all generations and levels of technical knowledge and interest. These displays demonstrate how silicon chips are made, how they function, their impact on our daily lives, and their ever-faster and endless evolution. The museum offers a unique insider look at a high-tech world where distance is measured in billionths of meters, and time in billionths of seconds. Kids can also try on the "bunny suits," which Intel workers wear in ultra-clean labs where computer chips are made. The museum is open weekdays and Saturdays except holidays, closed on Sunday.

Back to Top Stanford University covers an area of 8, acres making it difficult to explore without a tour guide. Should you decide to take the guided walking public tour at Stanford, please let us know so we may book your tour in advance. You will spend about an hour and half with a local Stanford student-guide exploring the highlights and history of the campus. These students are knowledgeable about the history of the university, and offer you an insider view of what it is like to be a student at the second-largest campus in the world! During your tour, you may be joined by parents and prospective students, as well as visitors from around the world. A campus visit is your opportunity to get a firsthand inside view of this legendary college whose alumni include founders from HP and Google. Please wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking for over 1: If you have mobility issues, please let us know so we may arrange a golf-cart guided tour for you additional fees will apply. The Center was established in as the second laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Originally, the naval air station was a home base for the dirigible U. In , the airfield was renamed Moffett Field after Admiral Moffett who lost his life in the crash of the U. NASA Research Park began a collaborative partnership with educational institutions, industry and non-profit organizations, to stimulate innovation and education in science and research disciplines, including astrobiology, information technology, biotechnology, and nanotechnology. Our visit to the NASA Exploration Center will provide you with an overall picture of the space program through detailed exhibits and informative

volunteers. Back to Top Google: Did you know that a google correct spelling googol is the digit 1 followed by zeros? This term was originally coined by a 9-year-old boy, named Milton Seratta, who is the nephew of American mathematician Edward Kasner. Google, the company, was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while both were attending Stanford University, and originally began in March as a research project. In search of a PhD. It originally used the Stanford website with the domain google. On September 15, the domain google. Its initial public offering followed on August 19, In , the company moved to its headquarters in Mountain View, California. Although closed to the public, we will drive you through campus and make stops for photo opportunities along the way including at Googleplex Area, YouTube, and the Googlemap car. Apple, was founded on April 1, , by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne, who started selling the so-called "Apple 1 personal computer kit," which was very basic, yet innovative for its time. The kits were hand-built by Wozniak and first shown to the public at the Homebrew Computer Club. However, they do sell Apple logo t-shirts, caps, and accessories. We recommend visiting the Apple retail store in downtown Palo Alto located a few blocks from Stanford Campus, if you want to purchase computers, phones, or other products. Back to Top Winchester Mystery House: Seeking history and mystery? This well-known mansion is located across the plaza from Santana Row. It was once a private residence of Sarah Winchester, the widow of gun magnate William Wirt Winchester of Winchester rifles. According to local news stories, Winchester thought the house was haunted by the ghosts of people who lost their lives from Winchester rifles, and only continuous construction would appease them. Tickets are not included. Back to Top Santana Row: High-tech firms are not the only reason to visit Silicon Valley! Santana Row is an upscale shopping, residential, dining, and entertainment complex in San Jose, characterized by a Mediterranean ambiance. There are a variety of restaurants to choose from, and a Tesla Motors has cars on display. If you choose to visit Santana Row, we will skip our stop at Stanford for schedule and time considerations. Back to Top Oracle Corporation is an American multinational computer technology corporation that specializes in developing and marketing computer hardware systems and enterprise software products, particularly database management systems. Oracle is headquartered in Redwood City in northern Silicon Valley and has approximately , employees worldwide. Oracle has enlarged its share of the software market through organic growth and a number of high-profile acquisitions. It is the third-largest software maker by revenue, after Microsoft and IBM. It is nestled amongst the quiet and charming side streets near Stanford campus. Many consider HP Garage the "Birthplace of Silicon Valley, and although it is not open for public tours, the property can be viewed from the sidewalk and driveway. We will drive 16 miles further south to visit another famous garage where Steve Jobs started Apple, a modest s ranch-style home, which our guides say exemplifies "The American Dream. Families come from all over the Bay Area to enjoy the excitement and fun with and without kids. The 52, square-foot purple building was designed in by Mexico City-based architect, Ricardo Legorreta, who also designed the Tech Museum of Innovation. The museum is composed of three floors, each with its own significance. Four major theme galleries fill the upper and lower levels: Communication, Exploration, Innovation and Life Tech. Tech Museum of Innovation is a hands-on technology and science museum for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. This learning resource center was established to engage people in exploring and experiencing technologies affecting their daily lives. The Tech Museum of Innovation is a wonderful experience for young kids who want to experience the real high-tech world where they can spend a half day or a full-day in one location to see new exhibits, new movies, and much more. In its three main ponds koi swim, which were originally sent from Okayama in The ponds are at different elevations in the park, and are inter-connected by streams. Not far away, you can also visit the hidden Happy Hollow Zoo, which provides an affordable, sustainable, conservation-centered outdoor adventure for families with children. This small acre 6. You may also visit Hakone Gardens, a traditional Japanese garden recognized as one of the oldest Japanese-style residential gardens in the Western Hemisphere, and an enduring American treasure. In this strange site, the laws of physics and gravity do not apply, and provide a number of illusions in support of these claims, where water seems to flow upward, people seem to be standing in slanted positions, and gravity is reversed! George Prather who first discovered this site in , claimed to have detected strange magnetic anomalies during his property inspection. As you go on the walking tour tickets not included , a local tour

guide will explain the powerful vortex forces and the mystery behind this land. For skeptics and believers, this is a fun walking tour for all ages. Be aware of side effects like motion sickness or dizziness caused by spatial distortion and the mysterious forces behind this "Mystery Spot. You may purchase tickets online in advance at [www](#). You will also see a great many redwood trees along the way as we drive through the forest. It specializes in Northern California aircraft history and helicopter history and is part of the Smithsonian Affiliations program. Silicon Valley Tour Terms, Conditions and Policy Many sites, firms and museums are closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, during the Holidays and weekends, this vary from place to place. Most of museums and sites have admission fees that are not included in your tour price. We are extremely transparent, so we are not to blame for any misunderstanding regarding our Silicon Valley tour, terms and policy as stated on this website. We highly recommend that you check out these places and firms before you book your tour so we are not to blame. Check out these private museums, firms and their websites to learn more about their schedules, closures and hours of operations.

Chapter 2 : Holiday Rent-A-Treeâ€™ Our City Forest

The APWA Silicon Valley Chapter Board voted to forego the live holiday music we have every year and to use this amount to donate to the Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief. In addition, the Chapter Board voted on donating \$5 from each paid attendee with the total proceeds going to the North Bay Fire Relief.

The most sustainable choice is a tree that you know will be planted after the holiday season. The trees and shrubs available through this program are chosen for their suitability for Silicon Valley streets, backyards, or parks. Return the tree after the holidays, and Our City Forest will plant it. Most of the species for this program were propagated and grown locally for other projects, but are still too small to plant in public areas, so we are able to offer them as alternative holiday trees. Once planted, the tree will provide a myriad of benefits, including carbon sequestration, for many years longer than that of a farmed tree. Farmed Trees Should I feel bad about purchasing a farmed tree? Our program is only an alternative, particularly for folks interested in smaller trees. If you purchase a farmed tree in the Bay Area, it most likely came from the Pacific Northwest. If you want to find a tree that requires less carbon emissions, see if you can choose and cut your own tree locally, or see if a nearby lot has trees from a local farm. Driving to a tree farm in Half Moon Bay for example, and cutting and bringing your chosen tree home requires less carbon emissions than having your tree shipped from the Pacific Northwest too. What about chemicals or pesticides? Although conventionally farmed trees can be sprayed with pesticides that cause varying health impacts, it is more environmentally preferable to opt for a farmed tree over an artificial one that releases toxic chemicals through production, use, and disposal stages. How do I dispose of a farmed tree? In San Jose, your tree will be picked up as with any other yard trimmings! Just leave it on your curb starting December 26 through January with your regular yard pickup. Artificial Trees If I choose an artificial tree, how long would I need use it for it to be more sustainable? Most artificial trees come from China. After considering the fuel and emissions that are required to manufacture an artificial tree and ship it to the US, you would need to use your artificial tree for around twenty years. Unfortunately, the average life span for artificial trees in North America is only six years. Please see this study for more information. How do I dispose of an artificial tree? If you do choose an artificial tree, it cannot be recycled, so it must go to the landfill. Because artificial trees are made out of plastic they will not break down and will remain in the landfill. Living Trees Are potted trees the most sustainable choice? A potted, living tree can be the most sustainable choice- as long as you know where you will plant it, rather than throwing it away or keeping it in the pot for years. Before you purchase a potted tree, make sure you know where you will plant it after the holidays. If you want to plant your tree, you can get creative and opt for another kind of tree, like a native. Be sure to take good care of your potted tree - heavy ornaments or decorations can compromise root structure and tree health, making it difficult for it to survive after it is planted, and acclimating it to the outdoors is important too. Potted trees are not a sustainable choice if you throw them away even if you recycle them when you are done with them. If you do try to recycle a potted tree, you must remove the pot and roots, otherwise it will not be recycled and will be sent to the landfill. We have a variety of California native and street tree approved species available to rent. This year we are asking participants to come by the Nursery to see our selection and make your choice in-person. We do not carry any "traditional-like" species because they will not fare well in our communities. There are 2 ways to reserve your Living Holiday Tree: Order Online Order in-person at our Community Nursery during regular open hours: Our team will help you pick out a tree, tag it with your name on it, and walk you through the online ordering system. Trees are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and vary in sizes and species. We highly recommend coming in-person! No, not this year. Please come visit our beautiful Community Nursery! We will notify you with more details and send a reminder soon after December 25th. No, we are not providing that with the service this year. However, they are highly recommended for participants to purchase in order to avoid floor or carpet damage. Saucers or plastic trays are available for purchase at your local home improvement store. Try using an additional towel or cloth as a buffer to protect your floor. Keep it in a protected area, sheltered from high winds and full sun. Water the tree immediately and make sure the soil is kept moist, but not wet. A good rule of thumb is to water

with a small cup at a time, until you see water seep out the bottom of the pot. After a few days of being sheltered outdoors, you can bring it inside. The trees will do best by windows that receive natural sunlight. It varies depending on the tree species and container size. The Living Holiday Trees will need water at least times per week. We will provide care guidelines with each tree for reminders. There is not an exact science to watering the tree, you must keep an eye on the tree and check on it every few days. We are counting on you to take good care of our trees and they must be returned in good condition. If it is determined that the tree was neglected, dies, or we are unable to retrieve the tree at the end of the rental period then you may be charged the full retail price of the tree as follows:

Chapter 3 : Holiday Gala and Chapter Officers Nominations

If you're bored in Silicon Valley, you're doing it wrong, judging by the comments on this week's Hack Your City. We asked for your Silicon Valley tips, and we got some meticulous guides.

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Chapter 6 : Guided tour of Silicon Valley including Stanford, Facebook, Intel, Google, Apple, and museums

Moving to Silicon Valley from the United Kingdom There are thousands of talented Brits working in Silicon Valley, if you would like to join them, here are a few things to consider. Size comparison: If you compare the population size of Silicon Valley with the size of a city in the UK, then think of a city three times the size of Birmingham.

Chapter 7 : Silicon Valley - OAC Services OAC Services

OUR Silicon Valley TEAM At OAC, our mission is to serve our clients and communities as trusted partners. We work to design, build, and improve where people live, work, learn and play.

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