

**BEEF IMPROVEMENT FEDERATION 2009**  
**41st ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM & ANNUAL MEETING**  
**CALIFORNIA HISTORIC SACRAMENTO SPOUSE TOUR**  
**FRIDAY MAY 1 , 2009**  
**“SACRAMENTO HIGHLIGHTS EXCURSION”**

**Depart 9:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Sacramento**

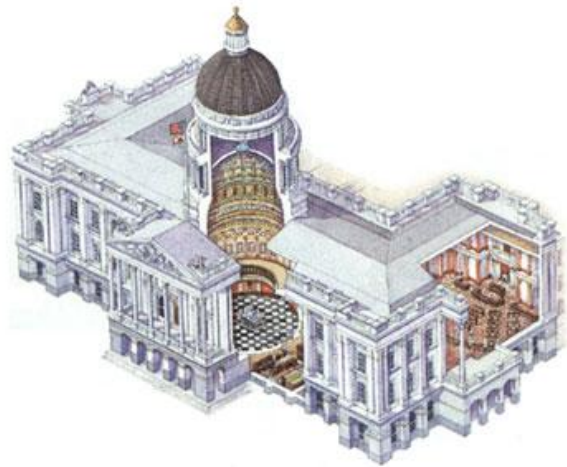
Listen to the legends that made Sacramento famous and hear the fascinating tales of Sacramento's intriguing past: from the Indians, to the Spaniards, to the Mexicans and finally the Gold Rush with its colorful and entertaining characters. Pause at **Sutter's Fort**; this adobe fort was built in 1839 is Sacramento's earliest permanent settlement built by a fascinating Swiss immigrant: John Augustus Sutter.



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**Marvel during the interior tour of the exquisitely restored State Capitol Building from the 1870's** which underwent a \$68 million dollar restoration to bring back its' original beauty and grace. Today, it is a working building where legislators pass laws for the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world. Enjoy a leisurely stroll, weather permitting, through the lush **40-acre International Gardens of Capitol Park** with plants and trees from every continent in the world. See the deodar cedars from high in the Himalayas in India to the bunya bunya tree from Australia. Also visit the **Firefighters' Memorial**, the **Vietnam Veterans' Memorial**, and the **International World Peace Rose Garden**.

## State Capitol



## 40 Acre International Gardens of Capitol Park

### Firefighters' Memorial



### Vietnam Veterans' Memorial



## International World Peace Rose Garden



Driving past the historic & renovated **Stanford Home**, hear the story of the fascinating railroad baron, Leland Stanford, who also became a California governor. Loop past the **Crocker Art Museum**, another architectural treasure in Sacramento.

### Stanford Home



### Crocker Art Museum



**No host lunch will be in Sacramento's midtown area** with palm trees, Victorian homes, and giant trees planted by homesick pioneers. It is the up & coming hot, hip, walkable neighborhood at its heart, with dozens of stylish restaurants, boutique shops and a sophisticated bohemian vibe.



Also tour the **Historic Governor's Mansion**, the regal Victorian mansion, home to 13 California governors from 1903 to 1967. Fourteen foot ceilings, Persian carpets, Italian marble fireplaces, chandeliers and French mirrors grace the mansion.



The excursion will include a driving loop through **Old Sacramento**, the waterfront district that sprang up in the mid-1800's when gold seekers poured in from around the world with aspirations of wealth. Today it is a **national landmark and 28-acre state historic park**. It has the largest concentration of restored gold-rush era buildings in the West. You will have some free time to explore!



**Return 4:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Sacramento**

