

Useful Tips for our Garden Adventure to San Diego in April.

What to bring:

We can anticipate warm spring weather with highs around 68-70°f and lows in the mid-50s. Assume layering will be needed as we will typically be out for a full day.

Although the likelihood of rain is low it is always prudent to pack a **waterproof rain jacket with hood** (you may not be able to use an umbrella in some situations) and **comfortable walking shoes** with good traction for traversing lawns, garden paths and worn stone steps. Waterproof walking shoes will keep you comfortable if dew is on the ground for our morning visits.

Our hotel has a small fitness center, two outdoor heated swimming pools and a hot tub: I will certainly be packing my swimsuit!

I also recommend bringing the following:

- A re-fillable **water bottle** (let's reduce plastic waste and avoid disposable bottles)
- **Chargers** for your phone, iPad, camera batteries etc.
- Non-drowsy **travel sickness pills** – just in case.
- Sunscreen
- Sunhat and sunglasses

Dress code:

Casual is fine. The west coast, especially coastal areas are delightfully informal.

Documentation:

A state-issued Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) or Enhanced Identification Card (EID) is needed to fly in the USA. (Note that USA residents who are non-US citizens *cannot* obtain an EDL and will need to use their passport).

Tipping:

Your host will cover most gratuities including the coach driver. However, you may wish to thank the maids who service your room during your hotel stay.