2019 GILD Excursions

Wheelchairs in Motion:
Ready to give back and get active? Roll up your sleeves, because Wheelchairs in Motion is a group charity experience unlike any other. You’ll work as a team to build and assemble wheelchairs from the ground up. These wheelchairs are donated to those who cannot afford proper mobility assistance—and along the way, you’ll put your organization, delegation, collaboration, and mechanical skills to the test.

Maximum: 60 Participants
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Jeep Adventures Tour of San Andreas Fault – (FULL, Waiting List Only)
Experience the real desert and explore the San Andreas Fault’s unique geologic features. Along the way to the fault lines, the jeeps will pass through some of the richest agricultural areas in the world. Learn how our rich soil traveled hundreds of miles to get here, which allows the Coachella Valley to grow rather unique crops. See the beauty of a natural palm oasis, narrow, steep-walled canyons and pools filled with water bubbling up from the San Andreas Fault.

Maximum: 90 participants (5–7 ppl per jeep)
Timing: 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Hike at the Indian Canyon – (FULL, Waiting List Only)
The stunning Indian Canyons located alongside Mount San Jacinto! This adventure includes a guided hike on a tranquil trail up Andreas Canyon, winding along a beautiful stream of cascading water features shaded by a canopy of Washingtonian Palms. At the top of the trail guests emerge above the palms to enjoy a breathtaking view across to the steep cliff walls on the opposite side. Guests will visit ancient bedrock mortars, see a stunning array of desert flora, and look down towards the chasms of hot bubbling waters which gave the Cahuilla the name Agua Caliente (meaning “hot water”). The excursion also visits spectacular Palm Canyon, the largest natural palm oasis in the North American Hemisphere.

Maximum: 80 participants
Timing: 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Golf at Desert Springs Golf Club
Looking for a less intense way to connect with fellow GILD travelers? Or perhaps hoping to tee off a small competition among colleagues? Hone your skills in style at the resort’s Desert Springs Golf Club. Designed by legendary course architect Ted Robinson, JW Marriott’s two championship golf courses feature creative, challenging holes and a remarkably picturesque setting in Palm Desert. Given daylight constraints, golfers will play 9 holes. We will be asking for your skill level/handicap in a survey prior to your arrival to pair you accordingly.

Maximum: 72 participants
Timing: 2:00 – 6:00 PM
Golf clubs can be provided to you at your request.

Music Paradigm – Tuning In:
Did you ever wish that you could give feedback without being misunderstood? That you could receive feedback without feeling defensive? That you could coach others to change while cultivating trust? These aspirations becoming reality when we ‘Tune In.’

Through ‘Tuning In,’ Maestro Nierenberg will leverage a music rehearsal and performance, engaging with professional musicians and the observing audience, to harness lessons for both the concert hall and corporate setting — lessons so universal, you can apply them to parenting, partnering, or any situation where giving and receiving feedback is crucial.

Key areas of focus in this unscripted session will likely include:
• Creating a climate of trust
• Ensuring accountability without provoking stress
• Giving and receiving constructive feedback
• Listening with openness and curiosity
• Promoting synergy across divergent points of view
• Collaborating to define clear goals and achieve shared success

Note: Participants, more than casual observers, will engage directly in the session discussion.
Maximum: 70 Participants
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM