

**NOTE: when you REGISTER for the Reunion on-line through our Web-site, you can also register/pay for any of the tours below.**

**Friday, October 12, 2018 “BONEYARD” & Pima Air Museum TOUR**



The Pima Air & Space Museum is the exclusive operator of the "Boneyard" Tour of the 309<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Maintenance & Regeneration Group Facility on Davis-Monthan AFB. They offer climate-controlled motor coaches with an experienced, friendly docent on board to narrate a tour of 4,000+ aircraft from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army, Coast Guard, & several federal agencies including NASA in varying degrees of storage, being regenerated, or recycled. This is one of the largest non-government funded aviation & space museums in the world, featuring over 300 historical aircraft, from a Wright Flyer to a B787 Dreamliner! Sitting on 80 acres the museum opened its doors to the public in May of 1976, & over the past 40 years, has grown immensely. Today it encompasses 5 indoor exhibit hangars (2 dedicated to WWII). Take a Docent-led walking tour or museum ground Tram tour; & the museum is also the exclusive offeror of bus tours of the 2,600-acre "Aircraft Boneyard"/U.S. military & government aircraft storage facility. There is a Café in the Museum.

**Tour Registration: everyone must pre-register & receive a security clearance in advance for this tour.**

The security clearance is issued by Davis-Monthan AFB from info on your online Registration. Given security issues with access to the base & our desire to make the access as smooth as possible, we hired ground transportation between the Double Tree Hotel & the Boneyard-Pima Museum. Our bus is the "only" method to access the Boneyard. **Again: even with a military ID, you cannot tour the Boneyard on your own. This can only be done through the Pima Air Museum & with advance security clearance. Also, you must have your driver's license with you for access (your military ID will not be accepted).**

We will have two groups of 50 attendees each. Registration is limited to the first 100 people.

- o **0830** - Bus loads at the Doubletree Hotel & goes to the Boneyard then the Pima Air & Space Museum
- o **1530** – Bus picks up from the Museum & delivers us back to the Hotel

**Price is \$45 per person for round-trip Bus, Boneyard Tour, & Pima Museum admission; the cut-off date to register for this Tour is September 9, 2018.**

**Friday, October 12, 2018 Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures TOUR**



The Mini Time Machine Museum tour is if you want to see a local attraction as an alternative to the "Boneyard" tour. The Museum's mission is to preserve & advance the art of miniatures, & the Chicago Tribune states: "The magic of this place cannot be overstated." They showcase more than 400 antique & contemporary dollhouses & roomboxes sure to delight all ages. The HISTORY GALLERY is a window into the past, offering visitors a glimpse into daily life in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, as well as insight into the use & production of miniatures & how that has changed with time. The ENCHANTED REALM Gallery is filled with fantasy themed miniatures & collectibles. Folklore & fiction are brought to life with miniatures inhabited by dragons, fairies, mice, frogs & other imaginary creatures. The EXPLORING THE WORLD Gallery showcases miniatures depicting life around the world. Visitors are amazed by the accuracy of scale & fine attention to detail achieved by the artists represented in this gallery. More info is available at <https://theminitemachine.org/>

Final timing is yet to be determined but it will be completed in plenty of time to make the Meet & Greet.

**Price is \$35 per person for round-trip Bus & Museum admission; cut-off date to register for this Tour is September 9, 2018.**

## **Sunday, October 14, 2018 Sabino Canyon TOUR**



Experience the beauty of one of the most unique Southwestern desert canyons on a Sabino Canyon tram ride. Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest & is home to spectacular desert landscapes & abundant wildlife.

Sabino Canyon's history is as diverse as it is fascinating. The Santa Catalina mountain range began its formation over 12 million years ago, 7 million years before the earliest known human being walked the face of the earth. In around 5 million B.C., the mountains ceased formation around the Tucson area, setting the stage for future ecological action. Plant life first appeared between 6,000 & 8,000 years ago, & some of the earliest predominant human occupants of Sabino Canyon were the Hohokam people.

An earthquake centered in northern Mexico in 1887 dislodged an array of massive boulders lining the canyon walls, which crashed down & came to rest in the valley below. In 1905, the Forest Service was first created & began overseeing Sabino Canyon & during the Great Depression, the bridges over Sabino Creek & the Sabino Dam were constructed by the Works Progress Administration & Civilian Conservation Corp.

The first trams in Sabino Canyon began operating in October, 1978. From that point on, access to cars was restricted to allow visitors to reach Upper Sabino Canyon by foot, bicycle or tram. Sabino Canyon Tours was founded in May, 1985 & provides young & older visitors alike with the opportunity to experience the exquisite beauty of Sabino Canyon.

You can learn more at their web site: <http://www.sabinocanyon.com/> Reunion coordinator Ev Sproul visited the location & scoped-it-out for us. Beautiful pictures are posted on the Association's Facebook page.

**Price is \$30 per person for round-trip Bus transportation to/from the Double Tree Hotel & the Museum admission; cut-off date to register for this Tour is September 9, 2018.**

Final timing is yet to be determined but it will be a late morning/early afternoon tour.

**NOTE:** This tour is only about three hours long, including travel. Please consider having some lunch BEFORE the afternoon bus departure.