

# ***Sacramento***

## ***August 2015***



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*This was our third visit to Sacramento this year and, as Christopher, Cyndi and Samantha had visited Ohio in April, the fourth time with our California family*

## Wednesday August 12

We left home at 7pm and met Elizabeth and Chip at Morton's downtown to celebrate Elizabeth's birthday. We had a very nice meal and good conversation and then Molly and I drove on the airport Marriott for the night.

## Thursday August 13

We were up at 7 and checked out in time to catch the 7:30 shuttle to the airport. 20 minutes later we were checked in and through Security and waiting for our 9:15 flight to Los Angeles. This was a four hour flight with a good breakfast and was smooth all the way. We had almost two hours in LAX before our short flight up to Sacramento. On arrival there we picked up the rental car and drove to the Courtyard, stopping at our "local" Starbucks on the way.

We met Christopher, Cyndi and Sammy for dinner at Chili's at seven and had a short but fun evening before returning to the hotel before 9pm.

## Friday August 14

I was up shortly after six so went for a four mile walk. When I returned Molly and I walked to Starbucks for breakfast before spending the rest of the morning in the hotel. Shortly after noon we went to see Sammy's show, presented at the end of her two week Theater Summer Camp. We all enjoyed the 30 minute show and the kids were entertaining – and full of enthusiasm.



Theater Camp  
Show



After that it was Grandma and Granddad's turn for some one-on-one with Sammy so we (at her suggestion) took her to Fun-derland. This is a small amusement park near the zoo and has rides geared for younger children – although neither Molly nor



I were keen to go on any of them. Sammy, however, wanted to try them all and even successfully coerced us into joining her on two rather placid features. After two hours it was time to get her to school for her piano lesson where she received an A+ grade. From there we went directly to meet Christopher and Cyndi for dinner at the Country Clubhouse. It was a new one for us and we all enjoyed a good meal before saying an early goodnight.



## *Fun at Funderland*

### **Saturday August 15**

We drove to Starbucks for a light breakfast and did a little shopping. I went for a short walk before driving to Christopher and Cyndi's for a very nice hot dogs and corn on the cob lunch. We watched our slide show of Italy and England and, after watching everyone in the pool for a while, we returned to the hotel until dinner time.

Tonight we ate at Club Pheasant, a well-established restaurant in West Sacramento but one where we had never been. It was basically Italian but had a broad menu and we all enjoyed a very good meal.

### **Sunday August 16**

We drove to Starbucks for an early coffee and then, leaving the car, Molly and I walked back to the hotel and I continued on for a slightly longer walk – eventually ending up at Starbucks and retrieving the car. We met everyone, including Bill and Shirl at Mimi's for brunch and then Sammy, Cyndi and Shirl spent the afternoon at a showing of Mary Poppins. We joined Christopher at his house, did a little DIY job and then spent a pleasant afternoon talking about many different subjects. When the girls returned, we stayed a little while longer at the house before we all went to Sizzler for a final meal together for this trip. We said our goodbyes around 9pm.

### **Monday August 17**

I had a short walk and then we packed, checked out of the Courtyard and drove to iHop for a late breakfast. We left from there to return the rental car and check on for our 12:50 flight to Minneapolis and then on to Cincinnati, where we arrived at 10:30 after another lovely weekend with our California family. We were home by midnight.







