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## A TRIP TO THE GETTY

While waiting for the weather to warm up, we decided to take a bus trip from the Redland's Senior Center, to the Getty Center Museum, in Los Angeles. This is a place we have heard about for years and we welcomed the opportunity to go there by bus.

The museum is an art lover's paradise, if you like European period art and furnishings. This lovely marble sculpture of George Washington, has me required to tell the "truth and nothing but the truth", about our visit.

The museum is free, but the parking is purported to be \$17. Our bus trip was only \$42 so it was a bargain and I didn't have to drive in the LA morning and evening traffic!



The museum is huge, and sits atop a hill overlooking the downtown area. All cars and buses are parked down below, and you ride a four car tram up to the top of the hill. It is said that you must make about four different trips to see all of the exhibits! And spend all day each time.

That being said, our bus drive time was four hours round trip. An hour to access the tram crowds and check in for a tour of part of the exhibits. It took an hour for the tour to see about four rooms, with a docent. Then it was lunchtime. Eating a well deserved lunch after a tiring walk, used up a good part of an hour and then we had to be at the bus at 1:45 to be back home at 4:00!

We were glad that we joined the rat race, and can say that we went to the Getty Center Museum, but we found that we were not European Art lovers and doubt that we will ever return there!

This year is going to be interesting as we continue to test how far from our rocking chair and TV we can travel!

It looks as if we may have to refinance the house this year to pay for the gas in the motor home if it gets any more expensive per gallon!

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