

Desert Oasis & Southern California National Parks



February 21 - 28, 2021

Tour Itinerary: Vibrant cities, unique experiences, and striking landscapes...all of this and more await you on this Southern California tour. Tour highlights include time in three unique settings: Joshua Tree National Park, Death Valley National Park, and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

Day 1, Sun., February 21: Arrive Las Vegas. Arrive in Las Vegas, meet your tour director and transfer to your Las Vegas resort hotel for a two night stay. Las Vegas is filled with exciting casino-resorts, amazing shopping opportunities, a variety of exciting shows, world renowned restaurants, and provides a great starting point to explore Southern California's National Parks. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 2, Mon., February 22: Las Vegas - Hoover Dam - Mob Museum. This morning take a short ride southeast of Las Vegas through historic Boulder City, founded to house workers during the construction of Hoover Dam and one of only two towns in Nevada where gambling is illegal. Then visit Hoover Dam, the highest concrete dam in the Western Hemisphere which backs up enough water in Lake Mead to cover Pennsylvania with a foot of water. At the Visitor's Center learn the fascinating history of the construction of the mighty Hoover Dam. This afternoon experience the Mob Museum, officially the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, a history museum located in Historic Old Downtown Las Vegas which showcases the history of famed gangsters. Here you'll get an inside look at organized crime's impact not only in Las Vegas, but its influence in America and the world. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at your leisure. (B)

Day 3, Tue., February 23: Las Vegas - Ash Meadows - Death Valley. This morning head west towards Death Valley. Enroute stop at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, a desert oasis with a rare and unique ecosystem. The refuge is home to nearly 30 species of plants and animals that do not exist anywhere else on earth, including desert fish that have existed since the time of the mammoths. Stroll the boardwalks and learn about the early pioneers and the mysterious Devils Hole. Continue on to Death Valley National Park, the largest national park south of Alaska and known for extremes. It is North America's driest and hottest spot and has the lowest elevation on the continent—282 feet below sea level. There are rocks sculptured by erosion, richly tinted mudstone hills and canyons, luminous sand dunes, lush oases, and a 200-squaremile salt pan surrounded by mountains, one of America's greatest vertical rises.

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Tour Inclusions

- Estimated round-trip airfare from Madison and round-trip airport transfers
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- 10 meals: 7 breakfast (B) and 3 dinner (D) (including gratuity)
- Sightseeing & admissions per itinerary
- Professional Tour Director and local guides
- Luxury coach transportation with professional driver
- Baggage Handling for 1 bag/person up to 50 lbs. (including gratuity)

Tour Price Per Person

(Based on Double Occupancy)

Tour Price: \$3,130

Cash Discount Price: \$2,895
(make your payments by check)

Single Supplement: \$850

Visit famous Zabriskie Point, an elevated overlook of a colorful, undulating landscape of gullies and mud hills at the edge of the Black Mountains where from the viewpoint, the flat salt plains on the valley floor are visible in the distance. At Stovepipe Wells, witness the ripples and patterns of the breathtaking sand dunes that rise 100 feet above the Mesquite Flat. Later check into your hotel in Death Valley for a one night stay. (B,D)

Day 4, Wed., February 24: Death Valley - Barstow - Palm Springs Area. This morning see more of Death Valley National Park as you visit Badwater Canyon, the lowest spot in North America, at 282 feet below sea level and home to a surreal landscape of vast salt flats. Then travel to Barstow, located on the famed Route 66. Take a step back in time with a visit to the Route 66 "Mother Road" Museum, home to vintage cars, signs, photos and other memorabilia. The Museum features a collection of artifacts related to Route 66 and the Mojave Desert Communities. Displays include development of the United States Route 66 from early pioneer trails, railroads, automotive history and businesses. Continue onto the desert playground and mid-century architecture mecca of Palm Springs for a two night stay. The Palm Springs area is known as a winter snowbird destination as the population sky-rockets between November and March. Palm Springs is also noted for its design elements, arts, shopping, cultural scene and recreational activities. (B)

Day 5, Thu., February 25: Joshua Tree National Park - Palm Springs Tour.

This morning head out with a local guide for an exciting day into the Mojave Desert as you explore the fascinating landscape of Joshua Tree National Park which contains more than 700,000 acres, two deserts & two ecosystems. This unique habitat is also home to the ancient Joshua Tree; twisted, spiky trees that oddly soar in all directions skyward. Learn about the area's rich history, as well as the geology, flora and fauna of the California desert. This afternoon return to Palm Springs to enjoy a panoramic Palm Springs City Tour and hear stories about the town's famous celebrity residents & colorful past, and see some fine examples of its mid-century modern architecture. (B)

Day 6, Fri., February 26: Palm Springs - Temecula - San Diego. This morning take the Palm Springs Aerial Tram to the top of Mount San Jacinto for amazing views of the valley below. The world's largest rotating tram car travels over two miles in 10-minutes along breathtaking cliffs to the Mountain Station at an elevation of 8,516 feet. Later ride back down and travel to picturesque Temecula to visit a local winery for a Wine Tasting experience. The Temecula area features over 30 wineries offering award-winning wines. Then travel south and arrive in San Diego, known as "America's Finest City," for a two night stay. Located on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, San Diego is widely known for its beaches, parks and amazing weather. (B)

Day 7, Sat., February 27: San Diego Sightseeing. This morning enjoy a San Diego City Tour including the historic Gaslamp District, Downtown, the bustling Embarcadero, Balboa Park and historic Old Town San Diego. San Diego features the largest concentration of military personnel in the US which will be on display during your touring. This afternoon enjoy a San Diego Harbor Cruise featuring a narrated tour that takes you under the Coronado Bridge, past military ships, waterfront landmarks and marine life, for an up close, in-depth look at San Diego's beauty and fascinating history. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers at a popular local restaurant in San Diego. (B,D)

Day 8, Sun., February 28: San Diego - Home. Fly home with wonderful memories of your Desert Oasis & Southern California National Parks travel experience. (B)



Tour Hotels

*subject to change

Las Vegas - Luxor Hotel & Casino, The Mirage Resort or New York Hotel & Casino

Death Valley - The Ranch at Death Valley

Palm Springs - Embassy Suites Palm Desert

San Diego - Hilton Mission Valley, Courtyard or Embassy Suites Downtown



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: Desert Oasis & So. Calif. Nat'l Parks

TOUR DATES: February 21 - 28, 2021

TOUR #: H3149

Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your passport name. One form per address, please.

Please provide a copy of your current passport with the application.

Name 1 _____ **Name Tag Name:** _____

Birthdate _____ **Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male **TSA KTN or Global #** _____

Name 2 _____ **Name Tag Name:** _____

Birthdate _____ **Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male **TSA KTN or Global #** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell** _____

Email _____ **Roommate Name** _____

Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted

Accommodations: Double ☐ -1 bed ☐ -2 beds ☐ Single

Room requests: _____ **Dietary requests:** _____

Air Request: ☐ Air with group ☐ Customized individual air _____

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed): ☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other _____

Tour Extension: ☐ Air Extension ☐ Other arrangements: _____

Any special celebration? _____

Any special assistance required: _____ **Burkhalter Agent:** _____

Medical conditions the host should be aware of: _____

Physician name/clinic: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to you _____ **Phone:** _____

Travel Protection? ☐ Yes, Premier Plan (\$255) ☐ Maybe, please provide info on other plans ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back).

Signature REQUIRED

PAYMENT

Amount enclosed: _____ \$350 per person deposit required + Insurance **Final due by November 24, 2020**

Payment: ☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card (call us with your card info if you prefer not to mail it)

CC # _____ **Expiration date** _____ **Security Code** _____

Name on credit card: _____

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TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I.D./Citizenship: Names must match the traveler's photo I.D. Complete I.D. name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be offered. A **deposit of \$350 per person plus insurance** if you choose to buy is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due by November 24, 2020.**

Cancellations/Refunds: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to November 24, 2020: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after November 24, 2020: Trip is non-refundable

No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel Insurance is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Premier Travel Protection for \$255. Other plans may also be available. Ask your agent for information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Premier World Discovery departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. With 15 paid travelers, a Burkhalter Tours host may accompany the group to provide additional service throughout the tour. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on date of brochure production and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. Itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator.

Air Transportation: The airfare portion of the tour pricing is subject to change until ticketed. Airline schedules are subject to change by the airlines at any time. Group seat assignments are usually done by the airline for the entire group, and changes are subject to availability, which may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking with the group.

Accommodations/Transportation: Tour hotels are superior tourist or first class properties with private ensuite facilities. Rooms typically have two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to climb stairs and board a motorcoach in a timely manner, and walk moderate distances, sometimes over uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them - tour personnel cannot and will not provide such assistance.

Passenger Consent Agreement: Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

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