



National Park Explorer

11 Nights

June – September 2017



Summary

Explore all the natural and urban beauty that western US offers. Spend time in the big parks of the States – Grand Canyon, Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake city, Bryce Canyon & Zion national park – which means there's a new landscape around every corner: from huge sculpted cliffs and monster trees to alien deserts filled with strange rocks and massive sand dunes. Sip wine in Sonoma, spend time with a Native America tribe and giddy up on a horse ride through the Old West. Overload your senses in 'Sin City' Las Vegas and relax in the city of Angels.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Departure: Every Friday
Interest: Family, Group
Level of Comfort: 4/5
Minimum # of passengers: 2
Maximum # of passengers: 15

Some Information on the destination

- **Currency:** US Dollar
- **Language:** English
- **Transportation:** Road, air, rail, and water networks (Boats)
- **Dialing Code:** 1
- **Recommended vaccines:** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Major credit and

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Day 1 Sunday:

Los Angeles

Upon arrival at Los Angeles' international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

Day 2 Monday:

Los Angeles - Santa Barbara - Paso Robles (220 miles/354 km)

Board the motor coach and depart for the California coast following the historic "El Camino Real". Explore Santa Barbara, often referred to as the pearl of the American Riviera and known for its Spanish Colonial Style architecture, lush vegetation and laid-back lifestyle, and briefly visit the Mission. Early afternoon arrival to Paso Robles, once California's wine lovers' best kept secret, now the new hotspot for oenophiles and star on the international wine stage.

Day 3 Tuesday:

Paso Robles - Monterey - San Francisco (240 M/387 Km)

Travel to Monterey, California's first capital. After a stop in this beautiful seaside town, travel along stunning 17-Mile Drive known for its exclusive golf courses, beautiful views and distinctive fauna. Then visit the quaint and charming village of Carmel before arriving in "The City by the Bay" with its beautiful views, famous cable cars, parks and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Day 4 Wednesday:

San Francisco

*Morning sightseeing of one of the most beautiful cities in America including highlights such as Union Square, Chinatown, Golden Gate Park and Fisherman's Wharf with a view of infamous Alcatraz Island across the bay
Afternoon at leisure.*

Day 5 Thursday:

San Francisco - Wine Country - Sacramento (203 m/326 km)

Depart through picturesque Sonoma and Napa to California's Capital, Sacramento. Start this day, dedicated to the epicure and the curious equally, on the famous Sonoma Marin Cheese Trail. Taste some of the local artisan cheeses during a cheese sampling. In world-renowned Napa, you will enjoy a tour of a winery followed by wine tasting. Upon arrival to CA's capital Sacramento, an orientation tour will include both Old Town and the Capitol Building.

Day 6 Friday:

Sacramento b Yosemite National Park b Fresno (265 m/426 km)

Early departure to Yosemite following Historic Highway 49, which winds and meanders through mining towns of days gone by, when James Marshall discovered Gold in California at Sutter's Mill in 1848 and set off the largest gold rush in history. A stop will be made in the charming town of Columbia, known as the "Gem of the Southern Mines". Continue to Yosemite National Park, the most popular natural tourist destination in California. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Yosemite Valley with its majestic rock formations and breath-taking waterfalls. In late afternoon, travel through the fertile San Joaquin Valley, known as the fruit bowl of the nation, to Fresno, the final destination today.

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- Day 7 Saturday:** **Fresno - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks - Bakersfield (193 m/311 km)**
Follow into the steps of explorer John Muir and visit Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. These two parks lie side by side, united by the scenic Generals Highway, and encompass the most rugged portions of the Sierra Nevada. The landscape testifies to nature's size, beauty, and diversity - huge mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the world's largest trees, Sequoiadendron giganteum. In all the world, sequoias grow naturally only here, on the west slope of the spectacular Sierra Nevada, in some 75 groves that tower above the surrounding forests. In the early evening, arrive in the small town of Bakersfield, an "All-American town" in the Southern Joaquin Valley and home of the Bakersfield Sound.
- Day 8 Sunday:** **Bakersfield - Death Valley National Park - Las Vegas (378 m/608 km)**
Today you will visit Death Valley, the largest national park in the continental U.S., with its most famous sights: Zabriskie Point, Furnace Creek Visitor Center, the Borax Museum, and Badwater - the lowest point below sea level in the western hemisphere, an incredible scenery basking underneath the world's hottest sun. Continue to the man-made paradise of Las Vegas and for one evening enjoy this boomtown resort, featuring non-stop casinos, fabulous entertainment, great restaurants and attractions.
- Day 9 Monday:** **Las Vegas**
Enjoy a day of leisure in Las Vegas. Visit some of the spectacular hotels, take one of the many optional excursions offered or simply relax by the pool. Las Vegas has something for everyone, so take the whole day to explore this world-famous city.
- Day 10 Tuesday:** **Las Vegas - Zion - Kanab (323 M/518 Km)**
Today you will explore Zion, Utah's first national park and old home of the Paiute tribe. Board the convenient park shuttle and follow the Virgin River through the narrow canyon it sliced, all the way to the Temple of Sinawava, admiring the buttes and mesas it left standing as lone islands rising up from the valley floor. In the afternoon, continue to Kanab, Utah's Little Hollywood.
- Day 11 Wednesday:** **Kanab Area - Horseshoe Bend - Antelope - Canyon - Grand Canyon - Flagstaff (271 m/434 km)**
Depart early from Kanab and do not forget your camera. Start the day with a short half-mile walk to Horseshoe Bend Overlook. The slow-flowing green waters of the Colorado River contrast with the Navajo sandstone as they are turning 270 degrees to offer one of the most spectacular and oft-photographed images of the American Southwest. Continue with a tour of the Upper Antelope Canyon and chase photographic opportunities created by the beams of sunlight hitting the tall walls of one of the most spectacular slot canyons in the world. In the afternoon, discover Grand Canyon National Park, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. A powerful and inspiring landscape, the Grand Canyon overwhelms the senses through its immense size: 277 river miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and a mile (1.6 km) deep. Overnight in Flagstaff, iconic town on Route 66.

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Day 12 Thursday:

Flagstaff H Palm Springs (402 M/646 Km)

Departure to Palm Springs via Historic Route 66 and Lake Havasu City, which was created with the construction of Parker Dam. Today's destination is the glamorous desert resort city of Palm Springs, which enjoys a stunning setting in the Coachella Valley.

Day 13 Friday:

Palm Springs b Los Angeles (110 m/177 km)

Leave the desert landscape behind by heading west to Los Angeles to enjoy a tour of this iconic and fascinating city. See all the sights of the "City of Angels" including Los Angeles Downtown and Olvera Street, famous Hollywood Boulevard, Mann's Chinese Theatre, the Walk of Fame, Sunset Strip, Rodeo Drive and exclusive Beverly Hills.

Day 14 Saturday:

Los Angeles

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Los Angeles (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
13-night accommodation on bed & breakfast basis
All transfers in air conditioned motor coach
Professional guide for entire tour
Entrance to all National Parks
Tours and excursions as per the program
Assistance of our representative in USA

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses
Optional tours

Starting price per person in US\$

| Hotels | Triple | Double | Single | Child |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 4-stars | 3360 | 3580 | 4620 | 2540 |

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

| From | To | Flight No | Departure | Arrival |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Beirut | Paris | AF 569 | 07:55 | 11:35 |
| Paris | Los Angeles | AF 72 | 13:50 | 16:30 |
| Los Angeles | Paris | AF 65 | 15:40 | 10:25 |
| Paris | Beirut | AF 568 | 13:40 | 18:55 |

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