

America's Great Desert National Parks

10 Days

1 Country

15 Meals

From \$3195 Per person, double share

Chart a course through America's desert, basking in the photographer's dream of Death Valley, Badwater Basin's salt flats, the iconic Joshua Tree, and Red Rock Canyon's towering cliffs. Find yourself tucking into gastronomic delights, stargazing, and learning about dates with a local farmer.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Visit** Las Vegas, Red Rock, Canyon National Conservation Area, Death Valley National Park, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree National Park, Coachella Valley, Yuma, Tucson, Saguaro National Park

● Start
 ● End
 ● Overnight
 ● Sightseeing
 ● Optional

Joshua Tree National Park

Your vacation

Day

- 1 See The Neon Lights Of Las Vegas** America's captivating desert landscapes take center stage on this epic journey which begins in the playground of Las Vegas. Relax after your journey or tame Lady Luck. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and then soar 550 feet above the center of the Las Vegas Strip on the High Roller, the world's tallest observation wheel, for sweeping 360-degree views of the Las Vegas Valley and The Strip. **(WR) Hotel: Horseshoe Las Vegas**
- 2 Trek Through Vibrant Red Rock Canyon** Admire the towering red cliffs and sandstone peaks of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area this morning. Keep a keen eye out for its highest peak, La Madre Mountain, before continuing to Death Valley, one of the largest national parks in the USA. Aptly named for its unforgiving landscapes, Death Valley is a stunningly beautiful land of extremes. Join your travel companions for dinner with wine, before settling into your oasis hotel, located within the borders of the national park. **(B, D) Hotel: The Ranch at Death Valley**
- 3 Venture Into Vast Death Valley** Immerse yourself in the solitude and desolation of Death Valley on a guided tour of the park's most famous sites including Zabriskie Point, and of course Badwater Basin and its massive salt flats – the lowest point below sea level in the western hemisphere. Today will be a photographer's dream so bring your cameras. There is free time this afternoon to enjoy our desert oasis and relax at one of the most remarkable spring fed swimming pools in the world. **(B)**
- 4 Voyage To Palm Springs** Heading south today you leave Death Valley and travel along the Mojave National Preserve to visit the desert Ghost Town of Calico. Our destination tonight is gorgeous Palm Springs in the Coachella Valley. Tonight, you'll have a Your Choice Dining experience at one of two local restaurants. **(B, YC) Hotel: Palm Mountain Resort and Spa**
- 5 Feel The Vibes Of Palm Springs** You start your morning with a celebrity and lifestyle tour of Palm Springs shedding light on the city's unique mid-century architecture, featuring an amazing collection of custom homes. This afternoon, join a ride on the Palm Springs' Aerial Tramway and walk along the top of the mountain, with spectacular views of the valley. Then, don't miss VillageFest in downtown Palm Springs this evening. A festive pedestrian street fair is located just across the street from the hotel. **(B)**
- 6 Adventure Awaits In Joshua Tree National Park** See the peculiar outstretched boughs of the Joshua Tree when you explore the national park that bears the name of this unusual-looking desert plant. Learn how the Mojave and Colorado desert ecosystems come together here and keep an eye out for the incredible variety of plants and animals that find sanctuary in its vast protected wilderness. You'll have some free time at the resort this afternoon to soothe body and mind at the Spa before an evening at leisure. **(B)**
- 7 Around the Salton Sea to Yuma** This morning, travel around the Salton Sea before journeying to Yuma stopping at the stunning Imperial Sand Dunes before arriving at Yuma Territorial Prison. Rich in controversial history, the prison is listed on

the National Register of Historic Places. Later this evening head to Imperial Date Gardens in the Bard Valley and enjoy an exclusive *Be My Guest* dinner and *Connect With Locals* where Medjool dates are the star of the show. In the case of excessive heat the event may be moved into the city's historic cultural center. **(B, BMG, 🍷) Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites**

- 8 Revel In The Diversity Of The Sonoran Desert** Spot the saguaros as you travel through the Sonoran Desert National Monument. Touted as the most biologically diverse of all North America's deserts, the Sonoran Desert is also home to an array of significant archaeological and historic sites. Our next stop is Tucson, a culturally diverse town surrounded by mountains, which holds the distinction of being a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Dive Into Culture and indulge in desert flavors during an unforgettable guided Gastronomy Tasting Tour. After dinner on your own, you'll meet a professional astronomer who'll guide you as you use a telescope to gaze up at the stars, feeling a sense of awe at the beauty and majesty of the cosmos. **(B, L, 🍷)**
- 9 Saguaro National Park and Tucson Village Farm** Celebrate the symbol of America's west with a visit to Saguaro National Park, learn how the national park strives to protect this majestic plant. We trade the desert for an interactive *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience at Tucson Village Farm - a youth-run urban farm. You will learn about healthy food systems and sustainable farming methods used for local food production, preparation, and consumption. Tonight, savor a Farewell Dinner to joyfully end your tour. **(B, FD, 🍷)**
- 10 Depart Tucson or Phoenix** Our journey through desert landscapes is at its end. Leave Tucson at your leisure or continue to Phoenix (airport arrival at 11am). **(B)** Phoenix Airport arrival will be at 11:00 a.m., please be aware when booking your flights.



Travel Director Tip

Since the 1920s, the date shake has been an iconic treat of the Coachella Valley. Speckled with flecks of brown dates, this vanilla milkshake is like finding an oasis in the desert. There is something delightful about slurping a cold, sweet drink while surrounded by palm trees in the California sun!

Mary Lee

- Connect With Locals**
- WR** Welcome Reception
- L** Lunch
- Stays With Stories**
- RD** Regional Dinner
- YC** Your Choice Dining
- BMG** Be My Guest
- B** Breakfast
- D** Dinner
- FD** Farewell Dinner

Your vacation planner

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2023

Jan	08	15	Oct	08
Feb	19	26	Dec	03
Mar	05	26		

2024

Jan	07	14	Oct	06
Feb	18	25	Dec	01
Mar	03	24		

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