



Yosemite and Sequoia

MARVEL AT THE NATURAL SPLENDORS OF CALIFORNIA ON THIS TOUR, HIGHLIGHTING THREE NATIONAL PARKS! JOHN MUIR SAID IT BEST THROUGH HIS POETIC IMAGERY...
"CLIMB THE MOUNTAINS AND GET THEIR GOOD TIDINGS.
NATURE'S PEACE WILL FLOW INTO YOU AS SUNSHINE INTO TREES."



JUNE 28 - JULY 3, 2023 (6 DAYS)

TOUR VACATION INCLUSIONS:

- **ROUNDRIP AIR**
- **GRATUITIES:**
Included Meals and Attraction Guides
- **MEALS: 8**
5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- **ATTRACTIONS:**
As Listed
- **ALL TAXES**

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **THREE NATIONAL PARKS**
SEQUOIA, KINGS CANYON
AND YOSEMITE
- **YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN**
SUGAR PINE RAILROAD
- **FORESTIERE GARDENS**
- **BALL LAKE BOAT CRUISE**
 - **SIMONIAN FARMS**
 - **HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

\$2097.00 PER PERSON DBL
SINGLES \$425.00 ADDTL

DAY #1: Flight to Los Angeles, CA. We will enjoy a stop in Griffith Park for the Hollywood Bowl Museum and "Hollywood" sign on our way to our overnight near Wheeler Ridge, CA.

DAY #2: After breakfast at our hotel, we journey north into the agricultural center of central California near Fresno. Situated in the fertile soils of Sierra National Forest valley is one of the state's best-kept secret, The Forestiere Underground Garden. Baldassare Forestiere, a Sicilian immigrant, came to America in 1901 to pursue his dreams of becoming a citrus farmer. He crafted a subterranean complex of patios, grottoes, and garden courts, all featuring arches and stonework using the local hardpan sedimentary rock. While creating his artistic gardens, he would plant multiple varieties of fruit-bearing trees and vines up to 20 feet underground! Orange, lemon, and grapefruit trees bloom throughout the gardens. Today the garden is on the National Register of Historic Sites - truly a fascinating and beautiful place in the valley! This evening we will check into our accommodations in Fresno for the next four nights!

DAY #3: Exploring Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks! Huge mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the world's largest trees exemplify the diversity of landscapes, life, and beauty that make up these two majestic parks. Our tour will lead us along Generals Highway from the foothills of Sequoia into the tree-lined drives, stopping along the way to take in views and hear the calls of the wildlife. Walk among the huge trees at General Grant Grove in Kings Canyon and see the largest tree ever measured - The General Sherman Tree in Sequoia! Our full day exploring the parks will leave us in wonder, awe and a new appreciation of this incredible ecosystem.

DAY #4: Exploring Yosemite National Park! Although geographically close to each other, Sequoia and Yosemite are far distant in land geology and ecology. Yosemite is famous for its incredible rock formations, dark evergreens, majestic waterfalls and towering mountains. To experience this massive 275,000-acre park, many hike and camp, but today our adventure will be more relaxing aboard the National Park's guided tram system. Yosemite is California's most visited treasure and preserving it is the state and federal government's focus. The open-air tram ride provides less vehicular traffic and pollution in the park and is truly the best way to experience all the wonders that the park has to offer. Enjoy the expert tour guides as they share their knowledge about this remarkable place focusing on natural history, indigenous peoples, the first non-indigenous settlers and wildlife.

DAY #5: We will begin our morning at Simonian Farms and Museum, nestled in the San Joaquin Valley. Since 1901, the farm has grown over 120 varieties of fruits and vegetables and makes dried fruit and nuts, chocolate-covered goodies, wines and more! Our tour will also include their nostalgia museum filled with a historic collection of farm equipment and memorabilia - you will be reminiscing of days gone by. After our visit, we will head to Fish Camp, CA where we will board the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad. A ride into history where powerful locomotives once hauled massive log trains through the Sierra Mountains, where mighty lumberjacks felled the timber, and flumes carried lumber to the distant valley below. The Sierra National Forest's majestic woods provide the backdrop for this narrow-gauge journey back in time. Later, we will adventure on the water aboard the Bass Lake Queen boat. The only boat tour in Yosemite and on Bass Lake will guide us through the lake's history along with an occasional bald eagle and wildlife sightings.

DAY #6: Our stunning journey will culminate this afternoon after a short drive north to Sacramento, CA, for our flight home. Don't miss out on this diverse tour covering three national parks and more... We hope you will join us!

