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OCTOBER 4-11, 2024

with optional post-tour:

MONTEREY TO
SANTA BARBARA

DEATH VALLEY, YOSEMITE *and the* GREAT PARKS OF CALIFORNIA

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8 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL
PRESERVES AND FRONTIER HISTORY



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends on a transformative journey into the sublime, sprawling wilderness of California's national parks. With more national parks in the Golden State than anywhere in the nation, it's home to some of our most iconic natural wonders—the highest waterfalls, largest trees, and one of the deepest canyons.

Showcasing Death Valley, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks, this 8-day program celebrates the history, beauty, and culture of these magnificent public lands. Together we'll experience rich and diverse natural landscapes, opportunities to glimpse wildlife, and a palpable connection with nature.

After each rewarding day exploring the surreal geological formations at Death Valley, the picturesque panoramas at Yosemite, and the towering sequoia forests of Sequoia and Kings Canyon, we'll retire to well-regarded and comfortable resorts and lodges.


Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today, and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at msstate.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis
Executive Director
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

Leanna Smith
Assistant Director of Alumni Partnerships & Business Development
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.

Your 8-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: Arrive in Las Vegas, NV (R)
Welcome reception with travel companions and Expedition Leader
Overnight: The Westin Las Vegas Hotel and Spa

Day 2: Las Vegas / Death Valley National Park (B,D)
Visit the surreal landscape of salt flats at Badwater Basin
Overnight: The Inn at Death Valley

Day 3: Death Valley National Park (B,D)
Park exploration of scenic and geologic treasures
Overnight: The Inn at Death Valley

Day 4: Death Valley National Park / Mammoth Lakes (B)
Devil's Postpile National Monument (seasonal activity), Manzanar National Historic Site
Overnight: Village Lodge at Mammoth

Day 5: Mammoth Lakes / Yosemite National Park (B,D)
Park exploration, nature hikes
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

Day 6: Yosemite National Park (B)
Park exploration, open-air tram tour (seasonal)
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

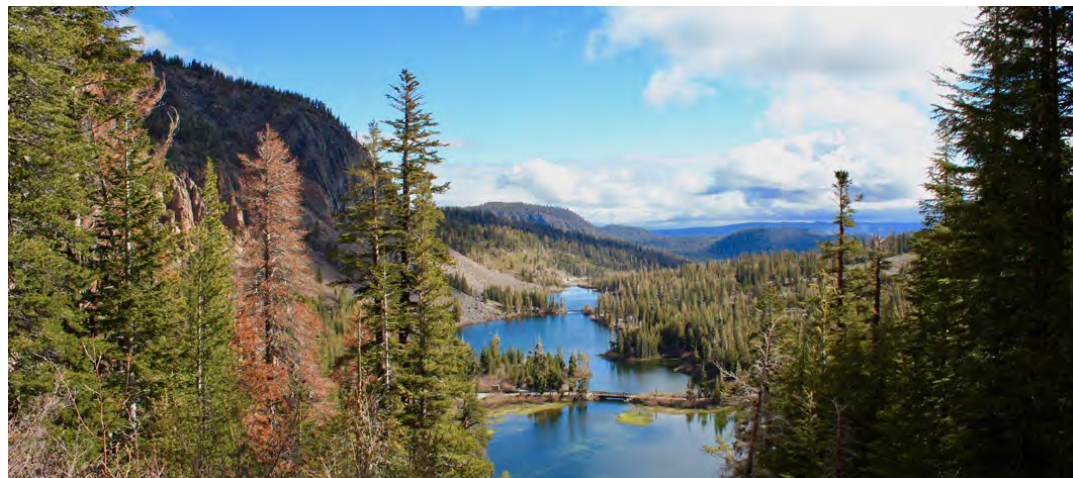
Day 7: Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park (B,D)
Guided sightseeing, Grant Grove Village, General Sherman tree
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

Day 8: Fresno / Depart Fresno (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)



Activity Level: The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the parks have dirt trails, but they are usually fairly smooth for walking, some do have paved pathways and boardwalks. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, rising up to 10,000 feet, to which you may not be accustomed.



Program Highlights

- Experience the diverse wonders of four West Coast national parks accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.
- Observe terrestrial spectacles in Death Valley, the largest national park outside of Alaska.
- Visit Badwater Basin, an otherworldly landscape of crinkly salt flats, and enjoy pristine views of thousands of stars in the nighttime sky.
- Honor and preserve the memory of thousands of Japanese Americans who faced internment during World War II at Manzanar National Historic Site.
- Delight in exploration of Yosemite National Park, a varied landscape supporting more than 400 species of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.
- Spend time at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks that are teeming with endless natural features, including General Sherman—a giant sequoia tree soaring 275 feet into the blue Sierra sky.

What's Included

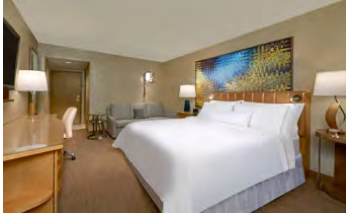
- 7 nights accommodations in inspiring hotels and lodges
- 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners, plus special welcome reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
- All activities as described in the 8-day itinerary
- Admission and park fees
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Accommodations (subject to change)

THE WESTIN LAS VEGAS HOTEL & SPA

This stylish hotel—just off the Las Vegas Strip—features a non-smoking environment, modern guest rooms, outdoor heated pool, fitness studio, lobby lounge, and 24-hour bistro.



THE INN AT DEATH VALLEY

This jewel of a property offers guests the opportunity to relax near the spring-fed pool, stroll through date palm gardens, and retire to rooms where old-school ambiance meets modern style and amenities.



THE VILLAGE LODGE AT MAMMOTH

Steps from great shopping and dining, this mountain resort offers both convenience and luxury with beautifully maintained grounds, a pool, hot tubs, and fitness center along with well-appointed units.



TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE

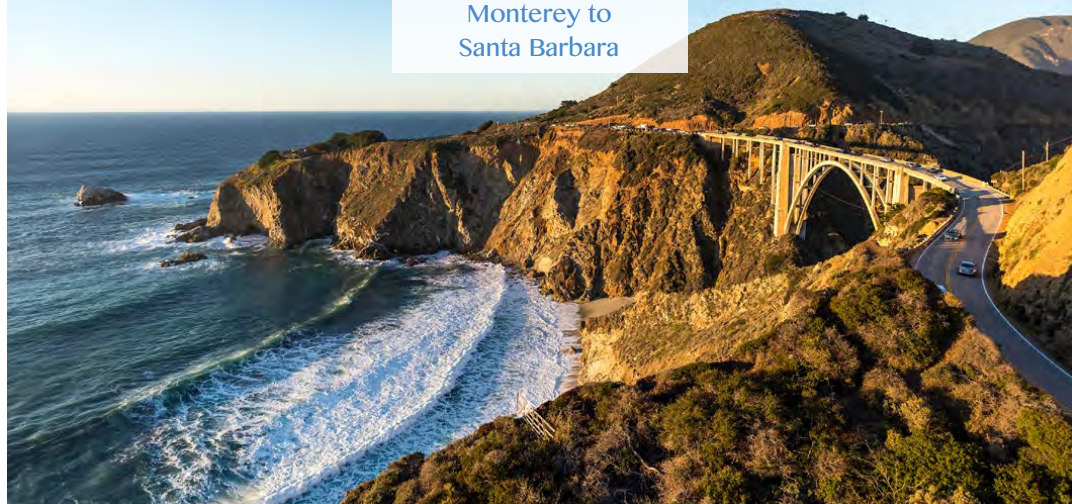
Located on 48 acres, the impressive Tenaya Lodge is nestled high among the pine and fir trees of Sierra National Forest, two miles from the southern entrance to Yosemite National Park.



Your Expedition Leader:

Throughout this program, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and geography of the great parks and scenic coastline of California.

Optional Post-Tour Monterey to Santa Barbara



Extend your California adventure with this wondrously scenic tour, highlighting breathtaking views and points of interest. Cruise the panoramic coastline, discover wildlife and conservation inspiration at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, savor a wine tasting, and experience the history and grandeur of the Old Mission in Santa Barbara.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 8: Monterey

Guided panoramic sightseeing, Monterey Bay Aquarium, evening at leisure
Overnight: Victorian Inn

Day 9: Monterey / Cambria (B)

17-Mile Drive, Big Sur, Morro Bay
Overnight: FogCatcher Inn

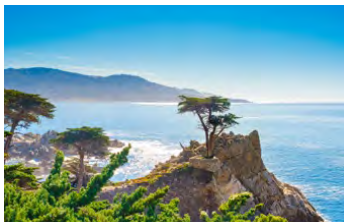
Day 10: Cambria / Santa Barbara (B)

Old Mission tour, wine tasting event, leisure time
Overnight: Best Western Plus Santa Barbara

Day 11: Depart Santa Barbara (B)

What's Included

- 3 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast each morning
- Admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Santa Barbara's Old Mission, including transportation
- Wine tasting event
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



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Monterey to Santa Barbara Post-Tour: October 11-14, 2024

Standard Rate: \$5,499 \$7,299 Single	Special Rate: \$4,995* \$6,795 Single
Monterey to Santa Barbara Post-Tour*	
Double: \$1,495 Single: \$1,995	

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Poulsbo, WA 98370

Travel Insurance: An application for trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at (662) 325-3360 or lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

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DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

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What Guests Are Saying...

Excellent trip! Our guides were friendly, engaging, and very knowledgeable. They went out of their way to accommodate our needs. We were able to see and learn things we would never have if we had been on our own. We enjoyed our fellow travelers who were on the tour with us.
~Ed and Carolyn G., Atlanta, GA