



**Carolina  
Alumni**

OCTOBER 4-11, 2024

with optional post-tour:

MONTEREY TO  
SANTA BARBARA

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

BOOK WITH  
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30-day refund  
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8 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL  
PRESERVES AND FRONTIER HISTORY



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Dear Carolina alumni and friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on an amazing journey into the magnificent, sprawling wilderness of California's national parks. The Golden State has more national parks than any other state, and is 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 eight-day program celebrates the history, beauty and culture of these magnificent public lands. You and your fellow travelers will experience rich and diverse natural landscapes, opportunities to glimpse wildlife and a real connection with nature.

After rewarding days exploring the surreal geological formations at Death Valley, the picturesque panoramas at Yosemite and the towering sequoia forests of Sequoia and Kings Canyon, you'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 [unc.orbridge.com](http://unc.orbridge.com), by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Go Heels and travel the world,

*Audrey, Catherine and Douglas*

Audrey Liles '13, Catherine Nichols '89 and Douglass Payne '04  
Carolina Alumni Travel Office

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 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](http://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

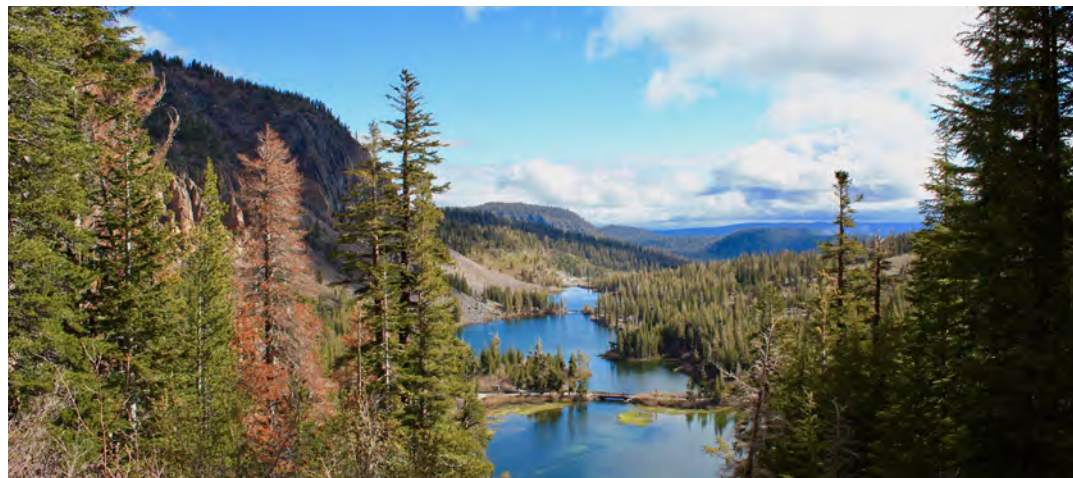
**Day 7:** Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park (B,D)  
Guided sightseeing, Grant Grove Village, General Sherman tree  
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

**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

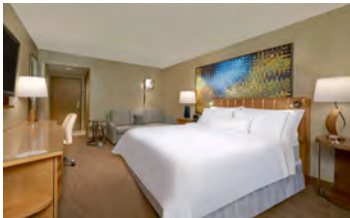




## Accommodations (subject to change)

### 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.



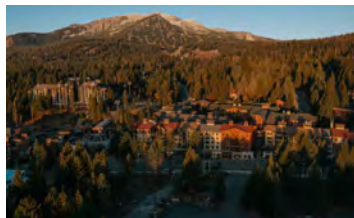
### THE INN AT DEATH VALLEY

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

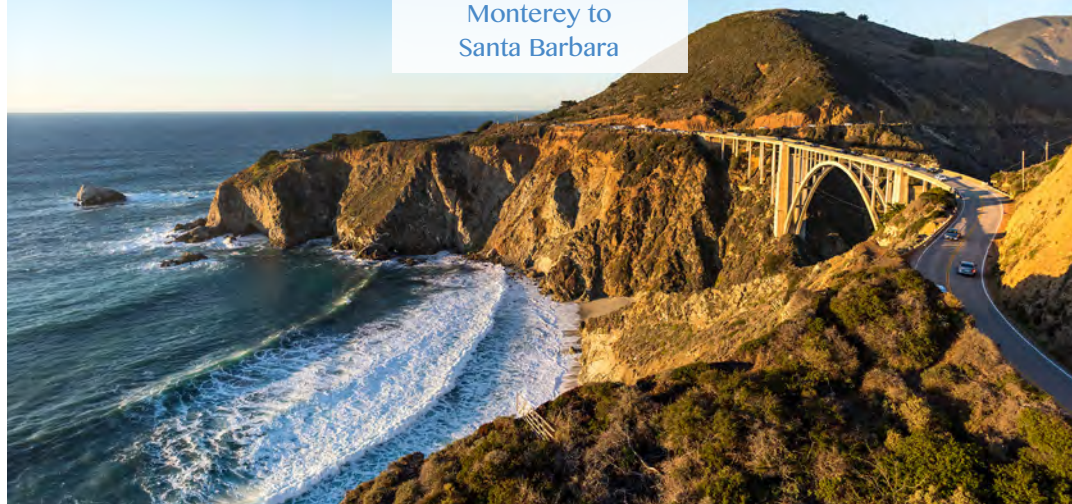
Located on 48 acres, the impressive Tenaya Lodge is nestled high among the pine and fir trees of Sierra National Forest, two miles from the southern entrance to Yosemite National Park.



### 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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OCTOBER 4-11, 2024

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

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

## Reserve Online at:

[unc.orbridge.com](http://unc.orbridge.com)

For questions or to reserve over the phone:

Call (877) 962-3980

## Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Carolina Alumni Travel Office

P.O. Box 660

Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

Participation in this tour is a Carolina Alumni member benefit.

Join or renew today at [alumni.unc.edu/join](http://alumni.unc.edu/join)

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check  ACH (Automated Clearing House)  MasterCard/Visa  American Express  Discover

To reserve this tour using the reservation form, please return to the address above.

For deposits to be paid using a credit card, UNC Carolina Alumni will forward your reservation form to Orbridge for a member of their Guest Services team to contact you to collect your payment.

## 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](http://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.

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$1,000**  
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**FREE Expedition Library**  
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RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by  
**March 29, 2024**

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Tar Heels travelers on Orbridge's Death Valley, Yosemite and the Great Parks of California 2021 travel program.

## What Guests Are Saying...

*I thought that it was a very well-run program. The leaders involved did everything to make the trip more enjoyable. The highlights were Mono Lake, Yosemite, the Sequoias, and Big Sur. Yosemite was a true national treasure. It was totally breathtaking. I would certainly travel with Orbridge again and already have recommended them to friends.*

~Charlene B., Powell, OH

*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