

Desert Springs



Sunrise at Death Valley National Park, California

13 Days / 12 Nights

from Los Angeles

Dates: see insert in catalog

Highlights:

Drive and hike through flowering deserts:

- * Visit Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- * See the homes of the rich and famous in Palm Springs
- * Hike, explore in Joshua Tree National Park
- * View rare desert flora and fauna in the Mojave National Preserve
- * Mitchell Caverns
- * Death Valley's unique geology
- * Sierra Nevada, Mt. Whitney, Alabama Hills
- * Kernville River Valley surrounded by mountains
- * The lights of Las Vegas, the culture of Los Angeles

Costs: see detailed costs on insert in catalog



Joshua Tree National Park

A paradise for photographers and nature lovers!

Experience the beauty of desert springtime as you hike and explore various regions of Southern California. After heavy winter rains flowers will dot the desert landscape; in drier years, hardy shrubs and individual flowers can be seen. Stand dwarfed by the endless deserts, hike in the broad expanses of Death Valley and Mojave, and watch for elusive wildlife. These areas are fascinating any time of year, but springtime adds a subtle beauty. Spot cactus and Joshua Trees and wait for that perfect light to give you a superb and memorable photograph. Our experienced guides are happy to accompany you to a perfect sunrise or sunset.



Cities, History, Art and Culture.

Our tour begins in Los Angeles where you will see some of the most important sights of this movie capitol. From Hollywood to Universal Studios this city is built on fame and fortune. Stroll the streets of Palm Springs where the rich and famous live. Next enjoy the colorful atmosphere of Las Vegas as you wander along the famous strip and see and hear the sights and sounds of this renowned city. Dine at a buffet, try your hand at the slot machines, or as an independent outing go to one of the city's many entertainment options, from concerts to shows and amusement rides. Then contrast these cities with peaceful country life and vast landscapes.

Relax and enjoy.

When you've seen enough desert and have had your fill of sand dunes, canyons, and Joshua trees you can rejuvenate in the lovely Kern Valley where winter is just beginning to slip away and it is still early spring. This higher elevation offers you a serene setting. Stand surrounded by mountains, stroll along the river or spend your time shopping in the small and friendly downtown area. Every spring is unique and activities will be adjusted according to the weather and wildflower bloom.



Kern River Valley

Why this tour?

If you love nature and enjoy the occasional city adventure this tour is for you! Take the road less traveled as you learn about the geology, flora and fauna that is unique to this special area. Our comfortable van allows for splendid viewing, and hotels are carefully chosen for comfort, amenities and variety.



Walt Disney Concert Hall, L. A.



Las Vegas Downtown



California Wildflower

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This tour of California and Nevada deserts is offered during the beautiful springtime when desert comes alive with flowers, depending on the previous winter's rainfall. Temperatures are pleasant and Travel Dream West has designed a route with the perfect combination of city and nature.

Cholla cactus garden at sunrise. Joshua Tree National Park, California, USA

Day 1: Meet and greet at the hotel in Los Angeles, refreshments provided. Night in Los Angeles, CA.

Day 2: Take a tour of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, explore the attractions of Hollywood and Beverly Hills, then choose between independent exploration and a trip to Universal Studios. Night in L.A.

Day 3: Explore Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Night in Desert Hot Springs at a Resort.

Day 4: Visit Palm Springs, a tourist legend. Gondola ride up San Jacinto Mountain, visit to Indian Canyons. Night in Desert Hot Springs.

Day 5: Hike, explore and photograph the unique landscape of Joshua Tree National Park, a tour highlight. Night in Twentynine Palms.

Day 6: Experience the Mojave Desert, tour the Mitchell Caverns. Then drive on to Las Vegas for an evening on the strip. Night in Las Vegas.

Day 7: In the morning visit Hoover Dam, then spend the rest of the day independently exploring the Las Vegas strip. Optional activities include famous entertainment shows. Night in Las Vegas.

Day 8: Drive, walk and photograph unique sights of a springtime Death Valley, stop at Furnace Creek Visitor Center. Night in Beatty, NV.

Day 9: Visit Rhyolite Ghost Town, then explore Death Valley sights including the Devil's Corn Field and a short hike up Mosaic Canyon. Night in Lone Pine, CA.

Day 10: Visit the base of Mt. Whitney and the strange rock formations of the famous Alabama Hills where many Western movies have been filmed. Night in Kernville, CA.

Day 11: Relax in Kernville with many optional activities including hiking, horse back rides and whitewater rafting. Night in Kernville.

Day 12: Explore Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. Then visit to the J. Paul Getty Museum or Venice Beach depending on group interest. Farewell dinner in Los Angeles, CA.

Day 13: Transportation to airport.

Our tour schedules are adjusted when necessary to provide you with the best itinerary possible. For the most current schedule please visit our website at www.traveldreamwest.com.

Remember that this tour can be customized for your own small group departures throughout the year. We are happy to accommodate families, friends, singles and clubs. Contact us for details.

