YOSEMITE, DEATH VALLEY and the GREAT PARKS OF CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL PRESERVES AND FRONTIER HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 5-12, 2021

with optional post-tour: MONTEREY TO SANTA BARBARA

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
See reservation panel for details.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us 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, a cosmic voyage of stargazing, 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 $800 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.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

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 on-going 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 / Death Valley National Park, CA (L,D)
Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, dinner
Overnight: The Inn at Death Valley

Day 2: Death Valley National Park (B,L)
Badwater Basin, evening at leisure, after-dark stargazing activity
Overnight: The Inn at Death Valley

Day 3: Death Valley National Park / Mammoth Lakes (B,L)
Devil's Postpile National Monument, Mammoth Mountain Gondola
Overnight: Mammoth Mountain Inn

Day 4: Mammoth Lakes / Yosemite National Park (B)
Park exploration
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

Day 5: Yosemite National Park (B,L)
Open-air tram ride, ranger-guided touring and nature hikes
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

Day 6: Yosemite National Park / Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (B,D)
Grant Grove Village, Mariposa Grove
Overnight: Wuksachi Lodge

Day 7: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (B,R)
Guided sightseeing, General Sherman tree
Overnight: Wuksachi Lodge

Day 8: Sequoia National Park / 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 11,000 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.
- Stroll along beautiful boardwalks at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge—habitat for a record-setting concentration of indigenous life in North America.
- Observe terrestrial and celestial spectacles in Death Valley National Park.
- Visit Badwater Basin, an otherworldly landscape of crinkly salt flats, and enjoy pristine views of thousands of stars in the nighttime sky.
- Ride the Mammoth Mountain gondola, featuring stunning views of the high Sierras.
- Delight in extended exploration at Yosemite National Park, a varied landscape supporting more than 400 species of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.
- Spend two wondrous days at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, 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 lodges
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners, and a special farewell 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 porterage
- 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
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.

Accommodations (subject to change)

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 ambience meets modern style and amenities.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN INN
Positioned at the base of the mountain, Mammoth Mountain Inn provides spectacular views, comfortable rooms, a hospitable staff, and close access to Mammoth’s best activities and attractions.

TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE
Located on 48 acres, the elegant 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.

WUKSACHI LODGE
Sequoia National Park’s signature hotel, Wuksachi Lodge, is an alluring stone and cedar mountain property, offering striking views of the High Sierra mountains.
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, and ride the rails aboard Amtrak’s Pacific Surfliner down the coast from San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara.

**What’s Included**
- 3 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast each morning
- A farewell reception
- Admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, including transportation
- Train ride from San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

**Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day 8:** Monterey  
Guided panoramic sightseeing, Monterey Bay Aquarium, evening at leisure  
Overnight: Asilomar Hotel

**Day 9:** Monterey / San Luis Obispo / Cambria (B)  
17-Mile Drive, Big Sur, Morro Bay  
Overnight: FogCatcher Inn

**Day 10:** Cambria / San Luis Obispo / Santa Barbara (B,R)  
Scenic coastal train ride, leisure time  
Overnight: Encina Inn & Suites

**Day 11:** Depart Santa Barbara (B)
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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-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

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