

DAY 1 LAS VEGAS

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities today until the evening welcome meeting, so check out the strip or get tickets to a show for this evening.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h18:00

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour.

Accommodation

Stratosphere Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

DAY 2 LAS VEGAS/DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Leave the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas behind, and travel to Death Valley – the lowest, hottest and driest place in North America. Marvel at the extremes of this landscape and opt to take a jeep tour.

Please Note: Expect high temperatures of 100°F to over 120°F (38°C to over 49°C). Drink plenty of water and carry extra supplies. Avoid hiking at mid-day.

Private Vehicle

Las Vegas – Death Valley National Park 2h30m-3h230km

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

Death Valley National Park Visit

Death Valley

The Death Valley is one of America's most extreme locations – from sand dunes and desert, to badlands, towering peaks, and a basin that actually registers below sea-level, this is sure to be an unforgettable stop.

Hottest. Driest. Lowest. There's a bit of everything here on the border of California and Nevada.

Accommodation

Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch Resort (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 3 DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK/YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Sit back and enjoy the views on this full day drive via the Mountain town of Bishops and across the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, via the famed Tioga Pass. Arrive this evening into the Yosemite area.

Surrounded by peaks which soar more than 14,000 ft (4,593m) in elevation, Bishop, one of "America's Coolest Mountain Towns." Travel via the Tioga Pass viewing Mono Lake and the Tufa Towers on the way.

Please Note: We intend on using the Tioga Pass (weather dependent), a scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range that connects Bishop with Yosemite NP. The status of the road is monitored daily, and our travel plan for the area will be confirmed during the trip.

Private Vehicle

Death Valley National Park – Yosemite National Park 10h-12h

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

Tioga Pass Drive

Tioga Pass 2h-4h

Take this scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range connecting Bishop with the Yosemite Valley floor. Pass by lakes, meadows, and groves, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife along the way.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 4 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

With our CEO, explore stunning Yosemite National Park in the High Sierra. Explore on foot to view majestic waterfalls, crystal clear lakes, lush green meadows and walk amongst pristine groves in Yosemite.

Yosemite National Park Visit

Yosemite National Park 1h-8h

Picturesque valleys, vast wilderness, powerful waterfalls, ancient sequoias and more than 16 types of granite make up this internationally recognized national park. Hike the trails, get up close to ancient rock formations and take panoramic photos of this gorgeous landscape.

Private Vehicle

Yosemite National Park

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 5 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK/SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Depart early and walk through California's Sequoia National Park alongside a naturalist. Learn about these impressive giant trees, enjoy a picnic lunch on the trail, and then drive to Big Tree Trail for an afternoon hike and learn about how National Geographic deeded tracts of giant trees in the heart of the park to the National Parks Service for safekeeping. This evening, we return to the park for an evening of star gazing with an expert from the Sequoia Parks Conservancy.

Private Vehicle

Yosemite National Park – Sequoia National Park 2h30m-3h22km

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Sequoia Hikes

Walk through California's Sequoia National Park with a naturalist from Sequoia Parks Conservancy. Over 2.5 hours, learn about these impressive giant trees – some so big, they have names. The one called General Sherman is the largest known living single-stem tree on the planet. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the trail and then drive to Big Tree Trail for an afternoon hike. In 1916, National Geographic deeded tracts of giant trees in the heart of the park to the National Parks Service for safekeeping. Keep your eyes on the lookout for the plaque commemorating the important work the National Geographic Society has done in protecting this treasure of a national park.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Sequoia NP Stargazing

The night sky above Sequoia National Park offers one of California's most dazzling opportunities for stargazing, due to minimal light pollution and a higher altitude. Peer upward alongside an astronomy expert from the park who'll discuss the constellations, planets, and stars that fill the twinkling sky. (Weather permitting, of course.) G. H. Grovesnor, first full-time editor of National Geographic magazine, first fell in love with national parks while observing the stars here in Sequoia NP. Thanks to his subsequent involvement in the creation of the National Park Service in 1916, we're still able today to enjoy one of the most impressive dark skies above the Sierra.

Accommodation

Wuksachi Lodge (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 6 SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK/MONTEREY

Travel to Monterey and marvel at the beautiful coastline and mountain ranges of Big Sur along the Pacific coast.

Time and conditions permitting, we will try to make a stop to view elephant seals at Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery.

Private Van

Sequoia National Park – Monterey 10h-12h

Stretch out, unwind, and check your messages aboard our private, wi-fi-equipped ride.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 7 MONTEREY

Go behind the scenes at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on an experience customized for Journeys travellers. Get an inside look at the inner workings of the aquarium as well as at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, where renowned National Geographic explorers like Sylvia Earle have conducted their work.. Enjoy a free afternoon, opt to explore the Bay, or wander historic Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Monterey Aquarium Exclusive

Jump the line at this world-renowned aquarium on an experience customized for National Geographic Journeys travellers. Get an inside look at the workings of the facility and learn about sea otters and tuna. National Geographic has supported researchers and scientists based at the aquarium, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in their efforts to better understand and properly protect marine life. A special experience for every type of traveller.

Free Time

Monterey Afternoon

Don't waste any time – get out and explore.

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 8 MONTEREY/SAN FRANCISCO

Continue on a scenic coastal drive along the Pacific Coast Highway to San Francisco for our final evening. Catch a glimpse of the Golden Gate Bridge on the way into one of America's most popular cities. Opt to catch a cable car ride over the steep hills, explore the city by bicycle or set sail into the setting sun.

Private Vehicle

Monterey – San Francisco 3h30m-4h227km

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

Free Time

San Francisco Afternoon

Enjoy free time to discover San Fran!

Accommodation

Handlery Union Square Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 9 SAN FRANCISCO

Depart at any time.

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast