

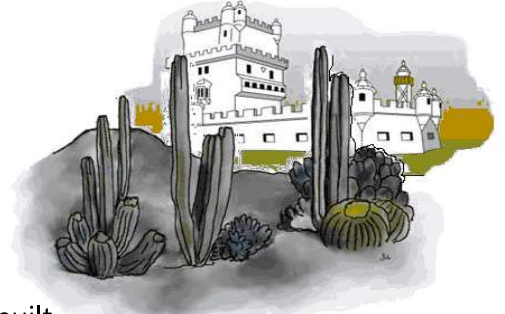
Las Vegas & DEATH VALLEY

March 18th - 22nd, 2018

Death Valley - the hottest, driest, lowest: A superlative desert of streaming sand dunes, snow-capped mountains, multicolored rock layers, 3 million acres of wilderness. Join us for a sunny vacation in the desert!

Included

- Motor Coach Transportation to/from the Portland Airport
- Roundtrip air PDX to Las Vegas
- Personal Services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- 4 Nights Deluxe Lodging (3 at Furnace Creek Ranch)
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 2 Dinners
- Tours & attractions as described below
- All gratuities & lots of fun



We'll fly into **Las Vegas**, where our coach will meet us. Relax and enjoy the scenery as we head to our home for the next three nights; **the Ranch at Furnace Creek**, in the heart of **Death Valley National Park**. It was originally built as a working ranch in the 1880's, and later the home of the famous twenty mule teams. Today it is a complete resort complex. Snuggle into your comfortable room and rest up for the fun times ahead!

Meet our wonderful step-on guide Bob this morning, he will enlighten us on this very unique place. Death Valley's name is forbidding and gloomy, yet here you can find colorful badlands, snow-covered peaks, beautiful sand dunes, rugged canyons, and the hottest, driest and lowest spot in North America. We'll explore the north end of the valley today. **First stop at the Ubehebe Crater...** this large volcanic crater, 600 feet deep, will give you some idea of the awesome powers that were once at work here. **Next it's Devils Cornfield...** which isn't a cornfield at all it's a salt-tolerant desert species that grows where moisture is close to the surface. They also tend to grow upright with long, straight stems, a characteristic that facilitates the sheaves-of-corn shape. **We'll stop to see the Pupfish at Devils Hole...** it's a species of fish native to Devils Hole, a geothermal aquifer-fed pool within a limestone cavern, They have been described as the world's rarest fish, with a population of fewer than 200 since 2005. Recent genetic analyses indicate that this species may have first colonized the hole within the past 1,000 years, or as long ago as 60,000 years ago. **You'll have some time to rest up at the Ranch before dinner.**

Bob will join us again today as we explore the south end of the valley. Our first stop is Badwater... the lowest point in North America, with an elevation of 282ft. below sea level. At Badwater, significant rainstorms flood the valley bottom periodically, covering the salt pan with a thin sheet of standing water. Each newly-formed lake does not last long though, because the 1.9 inches of average rainfall is overwhelmed by a 150-inch annual evaporation rate **Devils Golf Course...** a large salt pan on the floor of the valley. The salt pan is essentially a gigantic, dried up bed of a lake that once covered the valley to a depth of 30 feet. Some 2,000 to 4,000 years ago. We'll head back to the Ranch where your afternoon is free to enjoy the amenities. Tonight we'll head to the beautiful Oasis Inn for dinner. **Afterward, enjoy an optional after dark drive to view the stars!**

We'll say farewell to this unique National Park and make our way **to Las Vegas...** **First stop Hoover Dam Resort** where a delicious lunch awaits. Next, we'll tour **Hoover Dam...** we watch a short film before our guide shows us exhibits and other media that provide a comprehensive view of the massive dam and its operations, they will also tell us about the many unique features around the site. Our home for the night is the **Golden Nugget...** with iconic Vegas ambience and a luxurious, modern feel! It's located in the heart of Fremont Street with its dazzling light shows.

We'll head home the next day with fantastic memories of this one of a kind desert and more!



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by January 15th, 2018