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# Winter in the Desert Oasis

featuring Palm Springs with Death Valley and Zion National Parks

**Tour Dates: March 3-10, 2024**



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**DAY 1 Arrive in Nevada:** Arrive in exciting Las Vegas, America's entertainment capital. We'll overnight at the center of the glittering "Fremont Street Experience." Meet your Tour Manager at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Las Vegas and Valley of Fire State:** This morning a local guide conducts a narrated tour of the glittering Las Vegas strip, the heart and soul of the city. See Sin City's top hotels and largest casinos including the Venetian, the Mirage and famed Caesars Palace. Also see the over-the-top architecture of New York, the Paris Eiffel Tower and the Fountains of the Bellagio. At the Valley of Fire State Park, be amazed by the landscape of red sandstone mountains, bizarre rock formations and the pink and orange striped hills of the Mojave Desert. Later, come Zion National Park where your classic wilderness lodge and dinner await. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 3 Zion National Park:** Today enjoy the beauty of Zion National Park. Known for its diverse geography such as soaring red sandstone cliffs, emerald pools and rock formations such as "Court of the Patriarchs" and "Great White Throne." Keep an eye open for California Condors, golden eagles and peregrine falcons which sail above and the bighorn sheep and mountain lions along the cliff ledges. Take the scenic drive through the park to see its iconic scenery. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 4 Rhyolite Ghost Town and Goldwell Open Air Museum:** Depart Zion this morning and come to Rhyolite ghost town. Set in the Bullfrog Hills, Rhyolite was once a "rip-roaring" gold mining community. It is now an authentic ghost town. Nearby are the huge outdoor sculptures created by Belgian artists at the Goldwell Open Air Museum. Then, head for the shade of palm

trees on a lush desert oasis in the unique landscape of Death Valley National Park. Here, old tales of prospectors with burros, massive wagons pulled by 20-mule teams and long-deserted mines continue to fascinate. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Death Valley National Park:** Begin the day at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center to learn the history of this fascinating park. Then stop at the ruins of the Harmony Borax Works built to refine the borax found in the nearby salt flats. You will also stop at Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, Devil's Golf Course with its jagged saline formations and Zabriskie Point for panoramic views of the park's colored badlands, salt flats and distant peaks. Later, head to the Stovepipe Wells area where you can take a walk on the extensive Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes. Then make a stop at the Salt Creek Interpretive Trail before returning to the lodge. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 6 Manzanar National Historic Site:** Before leaving the park, stop at Father Crowley Vista Point where a landscape of lava flows gives way to the colorful layers of Rainbow Canyon and pass the dry Owens Lake which was drained to provide a water supply for the City of Los Angeles and come to Manzanar National Historic Site. This is an intensely moving and heart-breaking reminder of the remote internment camps created to house Japanese-Americans during the dark days of World War II. Later, arrive in Palm Springs, a desert resort city once famous for its restoring springs and health tourism. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 7 Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and Celebrity Homes Tour:** Begin the day with an exciting journey aboard the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the largest rotating aerial tramway in



Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

the world. See the rugged Chino Canyon and Coachella from the top of San Jacinto Peak. Then, a local guide brings Palm Springs history and culture to life. With its rich Native American heritage, beautiful palm tree-lined streets and fabulous desert scenery, Palm Springs is also known for its mid-century modern architecture called “Desert Modernism.” Since the 1920s, Palm Springs has been sprinkled with Hollywood stardust and has served as the film industry’s desert playground for celebrities to escape the hustle and bustle of showbiz. This put Palm Springs on the map as celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Marilyn Monroe purchased hideaway homes here. Drive through the same neighborhoods where at one time it was common to see Kirk Douglas watering his lawn.

**Meals: B, D**

**DAY 8 Travel Home:** This morning there is a group transfer to Palm Springs International Airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m.

**Meal: B**



Rhyolite Ghost Town



## Tour Highlights

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- 14 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend one night in Las Vegas
- Narrated tour of the Las Vegas strip with a local guide
- Visit Valley of Fire State Park with its pink and orange striped hills of the Mojave Desert
- Spend two nights at the Zion National Park Lodge a classic wilderness lodge located inside the park
- Tour Zion National Park to see its geography of red sandstone cliffs, emerald pools and rock formations
- Stop at the authentic ghost town of Rhyolite, once a ‘rip-roaring’ gold mining community founded in 1904 and see the sculptures at Goldwell Open Air Museum
- Spend two nights inside Death Valley National Park
- Tour Death Valley National Park including Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, Zabriskie Point for panoramic views of the park’s colored badlands and Stovepipe Wells with the extensive Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes
- Visit Manzanar National Historic Site, a moving reminder of the dark days of World War II
- Spend two nights in Palm Springs, a desert resort city
- Ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway over Chino Canyon to the top of San Jacinto Peak
- Take a guided tour of Palm Springs with its rich Native American heritage, beautiful palm tree-lined streets and desert scenery
- Learn about Palm Springs’ connection with Hollywood’s film industry as a desert playground for celebrities

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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** – Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Days 2 and 3** – Zion National Park Lodge, Zion National Park, Utah
- Days 4 and 5** – Ranch at Furnace Creek, Death Valley National Park, California
- Days 6 and 7** – Hilton Garden Inn, Palm Springs, California

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in Las Vegas is \$169, and in Palm Springs is \$329, tax and breakfast included.

Tour Departure	Per Person based on double occupancy	Single Room add
March 3, 2024	\$3,999	\$1,379

**Pricing Includes round trip BIS or FAR air, on tour baggage handling, transfers, 14 meals and professional tour manager.**

**Deposit of only \$200 per person**

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person optional

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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