DEATH VALLEY, YOSEMITE
and the GREAT PARKS
OF CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 5-12, 2021

with optional post-tour:
MONTEREY TO
SANTA BARBARA

8 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL
PRESERVES AND FRONTIER HISTORY

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

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on an amazing journey into the sprawling wilderness of California’s national parks. With more national parks than anywhere in the nation, the Golden State is home to some of the 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. You’ll experience rich and diverse landscapes, opportunities to glimpse wildlife, stargazing in truly dark skies and a real 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, you’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.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

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.

**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)

**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
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SEPTEMBER 5-12, 2021
Monterey to Santa Barbara Post-Tour: September 12-15, 2021

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Online: unc.orbridge.com
Call: UNC’s GAA at (877) 962-3980
Fax: (919) 843-4144

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: UNC GAA, P.O. Box 660
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($50 for single, $60 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):__________________________
Email: __________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):__________________________
Email: __________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________
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DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: __________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ________
Name (as printed on card): _________________________________
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DEPOSIT:
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) + # _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ______

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Signature: _________________________________________________ Date: _______________________

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