

# Best of the West

July 15-26, 2021



## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free parking with round trip transfers to Philadelphia International Airport
- Flights between Philadelphia and Los Angeles, CA and San Francisco, CA and Philadelphia
- Roundtrip transfers - airport/hotel
- Eleven night hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated per itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of Professional CostSaver driver/guide
- Meals: 5 Breakfasts
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- Services of a Discoveries Journey Manager

## PRICING

Occupancy	Rate Per Person
Double	\$2,679
Single	\$3,539
Triple	\$2,529

**All non-members must add \$60 to the above rates.**

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 passengers.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Los Angeles, CA
- Grand Canyon
- Route 66
- Las Vegas, NV
- Mojave Desert
- Yosemite National Park
- San Francisco, CA

## ITINERARY

### **Thursday, July 15, 2021 - Transfer by motorcoach from Central PA to Philadelphia for your flight to Los Angeles**

Welcome to the land where it's always 70 degrees and sunny, California. Arriving today, you'll meet up with your Travel Director in the afternoon before getting to know Anaheim, your home for the next two nights. You'll find plenty of dining and entertainment options with Disneyland nearby. Hotel: Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort, Anaheim, California

### **Friday, July 16, 2021 - Los Angeles Sightseeing**

Ready to get stars in your eyes? This morning's sightseeing tour will show you the all-out glitz and glamour of LA, visiting the wealthy mansions of Beverly Hills, the palm lined streets of Santa Monica, the iconic Sunset Boulevard, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which is just a stone's throw from the beacon of Hollywood, the Dolby Theatre, home of the Academy Awards. With your afternoon then free maybe visit trendy West Hollywood for some subtle celebrity spotting, sip margaritas on the sunset strip together with the city's elite or try out our tasty optional experience that will give you the chance to taste fresh seafood, meat and poultry from the grasslands of both North and South America. It's every bit as delicious as it sounds, we assure you! Hotel: Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort, Anaheim, California

### **Saturday, July 17, 2021 - Los Angeles - San Diego**

Travelling south along the coast, it won't take long for the laid-back charm and sunny disposition of San Diego to work its Cali magic on you. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour visiting the cultural downtown Gaslamp Quarter, the gorgeous green space of the 1,200 acre Balboa Park, and the historic Old Town, which was California's first ever settlement (and the best place for those seeking even more delicious Mexican treats). This afternoon we then have an optional visit to the famous San Diego Zoo, home to three beautiful Giant Pandas. Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites Zoo SeaWorld Area, San Diego, California (Breakfast)

### **Sunday, July 18, 2021 - San Diego - Phoenix**

Today you'll steadily climb 1,219 meters (4,000 ft) as you make your way through the arid lands of the Cleveland National Forest, tip toeing the US - Mexico border before crossing the Arizona state line into the 'Valley of the Sun', a region that boasts a massive 300 days of sunshine per year. Catching your first glimpse of the mighty Colorado River, your final destination for today is exciting Phoenix. Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, California (Breakfast)

### **Monday, July 19, 2021 - Phoenix - Grand Canyon - Flagstaff**

You could start today with our breathtaking optional hot air balloon ride and champagne breakfast over the Arizona landscape before visiting magical Sedona. Venturing into the prehistoric Sonoran Desert, you'll then have your sights firmly set on one of the world's seven natural wonders, the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site Grand Canyon. Meeting with a local specialist you'll discover more about the geological formation of the Canyon, and then it's up to you how you wish to explore it further. If you want to make it extra special, we doubt you'll be able to resist our exhilarating list of choices for this afternoon, including helicopter and aircraft flights over the North and South rims, for absolute money can't buy views of this feat of nature. Still flying high from an incredible day, you'll finish up this evening in the Arizonan escape town of Flagstaff, a laid back outpost on historic Route 66. Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites Flagstaff East, Flagstaff, Arizona (Breakfast)

### **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 - Flagstaff - Historic Route 66 - Las Vegas**

Ready to get your kicks on Route 66? Today's the day to do it. A symbol of the American dream, Route 66 has been eternally immortalized by literature and movies and still to this day represents the ultimate American road trip. You'll be stopping by Seligman and Kingman en route to Vegas, two iconic outposts that are a real taste of all things Americana, complete with classic motels, kitsch petrol pumps and steaming slices of Apple pie. Finally, as if by magic, you'll slowly spot the neon lights of Las Vegas looming in the distance; an entertainment oasis surrounded by dry desert with a reputation almost as big as the fortune's many have made (and lost) there. Hotel: Rio AllSuites Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada (Breakfast)

## Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - Las Vegas Free Time

With a full day in Sin City, it's entirely up to you how to explore the entertainment capital of the world. The casinos, the all you can eat buffets, the glittering roof top pools, the biggest names in show business - they're all here for the taking. Or if you're up for it, to help tailor your Vegas experience, we've also got a whole suite of enticing optional experiences lined up to help you experience a different side of Vegas. You could wake up early for a western style breakfast and cowboy trail ride through the mountains, or heading over to Hoover Dam to stand 900 meters above the Colorado River to admire the US's biggest man made reservoir, Lake Mead. Or perhaps a visit to the Mob Museum, or a sing along at 'Vegas! The Show' are more your style? Whatever you choose, today is guaranteed to be one to remember. Hotel: Rio AllSuites Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

## Thursday, July 22, 2021 - Las Vegas - Visalia

Leaving Vegas, you'll head for the Mojave Desert this morning. As the driest desert in the US you'd expect nothing more than barren landscape as you drive through, so prepare to be surprised as you pass rare and beautiful flora, wildlife and the iconic Joshua Tree. Admiring the dramatic Sierra Nevada mountain range and continuing through into the San Joaquin Valley, you'll finish up today in the agricultural hub of Visalia. With a Downtown area that boasts old world charm and a wide selection of tasty restaurants, tonight's dinner will no doubt be filled with chat about what to expect from glorious Yosemite tomorrow. Hotel: Wyndham Visalia, Visalia, California

## Friday, July 23, 2021 - Visalia - Yosemite National Park - Modesto

Awe inspiring nature at its finest, Yosemite will challenge all other national parks you've previously visited to stake its claim as the most beautiful. The third oldest national park in the US and a UNESCO World Heritage site, this patch of heaven is all emerald green valleys, cascading waterfalls and pine scented forests, all framed by the iconic Half Dome and the imposing presence of El Capitan. Take your time soaking it all in and exploring the various trails and picnic areas before heading on to Modesto, one of the greatest agricultural areas of the nation and the home of the Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery. Hotel: DoubleTree Modesto, Modesto, California

## Saturday, July 24, 2021 - Modesto - San Francisco

Feeling the ocean breeze moving ever closer you'll head back to the Californian coast today, crossing the Bay Bridge into one of the West Coast's best loved cities, San Francisco. A historical hub for progressive thinkers and creatives, San Fran's infamously hilly landscape will instantly win you over as you spy the old fashioned cable cars slowly rising and falling on the horizon. Explore the 'City by the Bay' on a sightseeing tour that visits Fisherman's Wharf, the Palace of Fine Arts, the lush Presidio area and Italian influenced North Beach, and then this evening you could opt to try our Chinatown walking tour, exploring the markets, dim sum joints and herb shops of America's oldest Chinatown before dining family style at a decadent Chinese feast. Hotel: Hotel Union Square, San Francisco, California

## Sunday, July 25, 2021 - San Francisco Free Time

We hope you're hungry as you're off to a San Fran institution, Boudin Bakery, who have been producing their very special 'Mother Dough' to create sourdough loaves since 1849 for an Iconic Breakfast. Appetites satisfied, the rest of today is then free for you to explore your way. If it's icons you're after why not join us for a walk along the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a cruise around the bay, taking in Alcatraz Island en route, or perhaps you'd prefer to head out to Muir Woods to appreciate the towering, ancient red wood trees that grow here, followed by a visit to the pretty seaside community of Sausalito. Wine connoisseurs, you're also taken care of with an optional full day outing to the Napa and Sonoma wineries. Whatever you choose, make your last day an extra special one, whichever way you choose to explore. Hotel: Union Square, San Francisco, California

## Monday, July 26, 2021 - Depart for Central Pennsylvania

Transfer to the San Francisco airport for your flight home to Central PA.

\*Please see separate flyer for the complete list of optional excursions and pricing\*

### **Tour Activity Level: 3**

*This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Travel Documents

Domestic flights traveling after October 1, 2020 require U.S. citizens to travel using a REAL ID, or a Passport.

### Payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by May 2, 2021.  
**Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100**

## **Cancellation/Penalties**

**Deposit date to day of departure** - \$25 per person, plus...

**From deposit date to day of departure** - \$200 per person plus additional supplier fees

**From May 17- June 29, 2021** - 30% per person, plus additional suppliers fees

**From June 30 - July 7, 2021** - 50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees

**From July 8 - 14, 2021** - 90% per person, plus additional suppliers fees

**After July 14, 2021** - Non-Refundable

*\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.*

## **Insurance**

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

## **Flight**

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights schedules may contain code share agreements.

## **Clothing/Climate**

Temperatures in this region in July and August will vary depending on location with averages between the 60s and 90s with cooler mornings and evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best along with comfortable walking shoes.

## **Baggage**

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

## **Travel Assistance**

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

## **Consumer Disclosure Notice - Part of Contract of Service.**

**Please read this notice, it constitutes part of your contract for travel-related services.**

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