



# DEATH VALLEY

FEATURING GEOGRAPHER-GUIDE, DENNIS NAPIER & FURNACE CREEK RANCH ACCOMMODATIONS

## MARCH 7-9, 2012 ~ 3 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE  Leisurely  On the Go  ACTIVITY LEVEL  Low  High

### ~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Guided sightseeing of the upper and lower valley with geographer, Dennis Napier
- ♦ See such sites as Ubehebe Crater, Harmony Borax Works, Zabriskie Point, Devil's Golf Course, Furnace Creek Inn and Badwater
- ♦ Guided tour of Scotty's Castle, to learn about the life and stories surrounding this legend
- ♦ Included dinner at the Furnace Creek Ranch

*Ever since the first immigrants saw Death Valley, fantastic tales have been told of its incredible temperatures and enormous riches. But exaggeration is inevitable in describing this narrow valley of strange, exciting beauty, cradled between towering, multicolored mountains. Now comes your opportunity to enjoy the inviting and alluring Valley that so many before have visited. To walk on it's soil, to gaze upon its eclectic geological formations, to relax under its horizon. Welcome to Death Valley.*



Manley Beacon

#### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Nights 1-2 **Furnace Creek Ranch**  
Death Valley, CA

enjoy a continental breakfast onboard and make a stop for lunch before arriving in the Valley in the late afternoon. Check into the **Furnace Creek Ranch**, our accommodations for the next two nights. The Ranch offers a spring-fed swimming pool and tennis courts and is situated in a lush oasis in the heart of the National Park and surrounded by the vast desert. The Ranch, which takes you back to the early West, has been an operating business since 1881 and was the original home of the now famous Borax 20-mule teams. (Cont. Breakfast)

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 5 Meals – 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 3 breakfasts
- ♦ Sightseeing and services of a professional Tour Director/Geographer Guide
- ♦ Admissions per itinerary
- ♦ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ♦ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities



Badwater, Death Valley

#### ♦DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE IN DEATH VALLEY♦

A place of unexpected contrasts, this valley of sand dunes and salt has an abundance of natural wonders that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. We'll explore the wealth of geological phenomena this vast area has to offer at a delightful time of year, while staying within a lush oasis. On board throughout this tour is geographer, **Dennis Napier**, who from the beginning of the tour will begin to educate on the areas we are passing through and our destination, Death Valley. Dennis is a former professor of geography at Long Beach City College and his extensive knowledge and diverse background will make your journey an enlightening one. After leaving from our departure points this morning, we'll



Scotty's Castle

#### ♦DAY 2 ~ UPPER DEATH VALLEY♦

Enjoy an included breakfast buffet this morning – the perfect fuel for our day of touring castles and craters in Upper Death Valley. This morning our geographer-guide will provide commentary on local and regional history, geology, legends and wildlife as we tour **Death Valley National Park**. Today, visit the castle of the desert and learn of the Valley's greatest legend – "Death Valley Scotty". On a 1939 living history tour of **Scotty's Castle**, you'll learn how and why this shady cowboy that toured with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show came to build a castle in the middle of Death Valley. This afternoon, we'll visit **Ubehebe**

#### PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$499 / Single \$629 • Deposit \$100

#### Travel Protection Plan

\$28 Double occupancy / \$40 Single occupancy



Death Valley salt flats

## RESERVATIONS



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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking
- ◆ Balance due 45 days prior to departure
- ◆ All payments should be sent to the address above

## TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Join this tour at one of the following locations:

- ◆ Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
  - ◆ Laguna Hills Sears/Mall
  - ◆ Long Beach - City College
  - ◆ Pasadena - City College
  - ◆ Seal Beach Leisure World

Departure Time: 7 – 9 a.m.

Return Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

*Time depends on location*

*Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure*

## ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location.

## FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See our tour catalog or website

**Crater.** Around 6,000 years ago a powerful volcanic explosion created a crater a half mile in diameter and more than 500 feet deep. Ubehebe Crater is the largest in a series of craters found in the area. An **included box lunch** will be provided during our excursion today. Our late afternoon arrival back at the Ranch will provide time for you to visit the **National Park Visitor Center**, enjoy the sunset from the **Furnace Creek Inn** or relax at your leisure at the Ranch. This evening, an **included dinner** at the Wrangler Restaurant at the Ranch. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Ubehebe Crater

## ◆ DAY 3 ~ LOWER DEATH VALLEY ◆

After an included breakfast buffet, we join our guide and tour Lower Death Valley. Visit **Harmony Borax Works** and learn how Borax was discovered in this area, how 20-mule teams transported it and what importance Borax still has to the world today. See the incredible landscape at **Devil's Golf Course** and the lowest point in the western hemisphere – **Badwater**. Prior to leaving the park, we'll take in the views of **Manley Beacon** from **Zabriskie Point**. Our afternoon departure from Death Valley will return us to Southern California and our drop-off points in the evening. While we will have left the Valley, its flamboyant coloring, geologic phenomena and peaceful serenity will remain in our memories forever. (Breakfast)

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