

SEQUOIA & WONDER VALLEY RANCH

FEATURING A RANCH RESORT STAY, THE CENTRAL VALLEY, SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NAT'L PARKS

OCTOBER 22-25, 2012 ~ 4 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE *Leisurely* *On the Go*

ACTIVITY LEVEL *Low* *High*



~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Embark on a relaxing exploration of California's Central Valley and two of our Sierra Nevada national parks when the crisp Fall weather should make for a festive and relaxing journey. While we discover Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks as well as other unique destinations in the Central Valley, we'll enjoy a three-night leisure stay at the Wonder Valley Ranch Resort, nestled in the scenic Sierra foothills. Wonder Valley is a fun-filled resort that caters to active adults and seniors and our stay will be filled with activities that highlight the area and the Autumn season.

and much more! Upon our arrival in the late afternoon we'll enjoy a complimentary **"happy hour"**. Following an included **welcome dinner**, we'll get into the western theme as we take a **horse-drawn hayride** and then gather around the campfire with a singing cowboy. (Dinner)



◆**DAY 2 - SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON**◆
 Following an included breakfast this morning we'll board the motorcoach with our local guide for an unforgettable tour to two of our nation's most spectacular national parks, **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**. The Parks are home to immense mountains, deep canyons and huge trees! As we travel up the foothills from the Valley to the Parks in the **Sierra Nevada**, you'll see first-hand breathtaking Fall scenery. Welcome to **Sequoia National Park**, our nation's second-oldest national park – established in the 1890's to protect the giant Sequoia Trees, the world's largest living things. A highlight will surely be the **General Grant Tree**, which is the world's 3rd largest living thing. We will take a guided **Grant Grove Trail** walk where you will find trees that can measure 270 feet tall and 36 feet in diameter, with trunks weighing about 1,400 tons and an estimated age of 2,500 years. Within the trees are meadows, streams and mountain viewpoints. We'll make a stop at the



◆**DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE WONDER VALLEY**◆
 From our departure points this morning we travel by deluxe motorcoach through California's fertile **Central Valley** to our picturesque western-style guest ranch located near Sanger. While enjoying a three-night leisure stay here we'll appreciate the modern accommodations, lodge buildings with rock fireplaces, paved walkways with antique lamps, gorgeous grounds and excellent service. The resort offers a wide variety of activities to choose from including two swimming pools, Jacuzzi spa, a Dalton Pond for sailing or fishing, tennis, horseshoe pits, a game pavilion with ping pong and pool tables, horseback riding stables, a barnyard petting farm, campfire amphitheater,

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks sightseeing with a local guide to see the largest living things on Earth – the giant sequoias
- ◆ Nightly "happy hour" and entertainment, with included Autumn activities at our western-style resort like a horse-drawn hayride and campfire with cowboy entertainment and optional activities including horseback riding, sailing, fishing, swimming or tennis
- ◆ Docent-guided tours of the Cat Haven and Greek Orthodox Monastery

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-3 **Wonder Valley Ranch Resort**
Sanger, CA

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 3 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 8 Meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 3 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$599 / Single \$749 • Deposit \$100

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan

\$40 Double occupancy / \$53 Single occupancy



Maximum elevation on this tour is over 7,000 feet.

RESERVATIONS



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking
- ◆ Final payment 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, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. 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
 - ◆ Glendale/Pasadena area
 - ◆ Laguna Hills Mall
- ◆ Long Beach - 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 goodtimestravel.com

Visitors Center and gift shop before traveling into Kings Canyon. Enjoy a picnic box lunch at the beautiful **Grizzly Falls**, where the geology, rock formations and 100-foot waterfall will astound you. After traveling out of the canyon we'll make our way to **Hume Lake**, one of the most picturesque spots in the Park. Upon our return to the resort, take time to enjoy the resort amenities before our included "happy hour" and dinner. You may want to try the new spa, one of the swimming pools, horseshoes or just walk the grounds. Join your fellow travelers for another fun evening of entertainment at the Ranch. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



◆ DAY 3 ~ CAT HAVEN & MONASTERY ◆

After an included breakfast we'll join our local guide for a full day of sightseeing in the Central Valley and visit two unique and mostly unknown gems. The **Cat Haven** houses some of the rarest wild cats in the world in an attractive natural setting on 100 acres just west of King's Canyon National Park. On a docent-guided tour you will learn about these rare, endangered animals and the efforts going on to save their wild cousins. Old growth manzanita, live oak and buckeye trees, interspersed with small to massive granite boulders, make the terrain highly attractive and the cat enclosures take advantage of these natural features, providing the animals with great opportunities for play and privacy. The exhibits are spaced at intervals along a ¼ mile pathway which winds beneath oaks and manzanita, giving you a sense of discovery as you walk up to each exhibit. Then, a docent-guided tour of the **St. Nicholas Ranch**. Nestled in a beautiful valley in the Sierra Nevada foothills and built during the Civil War, this is one of the oldest and most majestic structures in California. The centerpiece of the Ranch is the two-story horse barn built in the late 1800s in which a chapel dedicated to Saint Nicholas was built. Marvel at the hand carved wood then stroll past the olive grove and apple orchard on your way to the lake where birds and animals of many species abound. Then, a docent-guided tour of the **Greek Orthodox Monastery** that sits atop a hill overlooking the Ranch along with an included authentic Greek luncheon here. Upon our return to the ranch, enjoy time at your leisure before the included

"happy hour", dinner and this evening's entertainment – a fun-filled, hilarious and unpredictable **Vaudeville Review**. Plenty of songs, skits, piano playing and audience participation to go around. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

◆ DAY 4 ~ JOURNEY HOME ◆

An included breakfast this morning at the Ranch before we begin journey home. As we head south we will make some **surprise sightseeing stops** along the way and a stop for lunch at leisure. We'll arrive back to our drop-off points in Southern California in the early evening with many new friends and new memories made on our Autumn getaway. (Breakfast)

