



# DESERT ESCAPES OF CALIFORNIA & ARIZONA

October 6 - 13, 2020

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

U.S. State department and destination specific travel regulations at time of brochure printing required the following documents for your travel. A valid government issued REAL ID or passport is required. Travel regulations and state compliance requirements are subject to, and have been known to change. For the most current requirements, which due to potential changes may be other than this listed here, please consult with your travel agent.

### PAYMENT

A **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of \$225 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by July 24, 2020.

**Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100**

### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to August 1, 2020	\$225 per person, plus...
From August 2 – September 14, 2020	25% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From September 15 – 28, 2020	30% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From September 29 – October 5, 2020	50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
After October 5, 2020	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 for this region in October averages in the 80's with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered, comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

### 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.

AAA TRAVEL is acting as a mere agent for SUPPLIERS in selling travel-related services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). This agency, therefore, shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your tickets, invoice, or reservation itinerary, we do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings, reservations, connections, scheduling, or handling of personal effects. Travel agent shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside the travel agent's control. Traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases the agent from any duty of, checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of each destination, and all safety or security conditions at such destinations. For information concerning possible dangers at international destinations, contact the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department. For medical information, call the Public Health Service. By embarking upon his/her travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Traveler's acceptance and retention of tickets, reservations, or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent of the above, and an agreement on his/her part to convey the contents hereto to his/her travel companions or group members.

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For reservations or more information, please contact:



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Palm Springs, CA
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Tucson, AZ
- Foodie Tour in Tucson
- Saguaro National Park
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Scottsdale, AZ
- Heard Museum
- Southwestern Cooking Demo

Tour Activity Level: **3**

**INSIGHT  
VACATIONS.**  
*The Art of Touring in Style.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Roundtrip transfers airport/hotel
- Hotel accommodations for seven nights
- Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of a Professional Insight Vacations Tour Manager
- Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners with wine
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portage for one suitcase per person
- Services of a Discoveries Journey Manager

**THERE IS A 10 PASSENGER MINIMUM TO CONFIRM TRANSPORTATION FROM READING, PA. IF MINIMUM COUNT IS NOT MET, PASSENGERS MUST SELECT THEIR SECOND CHOICE, HARRISBURG OR LANCASTER.**

## PRICE PER PERSON

### OCCUPANCY

Double	<b>\$3,049</b>
Single	<b>\$4,219</b>
Triple	<b>\$2,729</b>

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

*Airfare will be added to above pricing when fares and schedules become available.*

*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 20 passengers.*

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Tuesday, October 6: Depart for Palm Springs

Depart Central PA and fly to Palm Springs, CA to start your incredible vacation. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Welcome to Palm Springs! A star-studded city nestled in the Sonoran Desert of southern California, it was the getaway for Hollywood legends Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Dean Martin and Loretta Young in the 1950s and 60s. It now prides itself on its glory years with a nod to its glitzy past evident in its retro architecture. This evening meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. Hotel: *Andaz Palm Springs*, Palm Springs (Dinner with Wine)



### Wednesday, October 7: Out and about in Palm Springs

Start the day with a tour of Palm Springs' mid-century architecture with a history and architectural expert. Learn about the architects that have shaped the landscape of Palm Springs, including Richard Neutra, John Lutner, Donald Wexler and the Alexander brothers. Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure on your own. The afternoon presents an exhilarating optional drive in four-wheel Jeeps along the San Andreas Fault Line. It is one of the most famous sections of the Ring of Fire in North America. View the most recent uplifting of the earth's crust creating some extraordinary slot canyons. Discover how the Cahuilla speaking an Uto-Aztec language came to call the Coachella Valley their home. Roam around giant native palm in a desert oasis located within the Indio hills. Gain new insights as you experience the spectacular landscape shaped by mighty geologic forces. Tonight, a selection of restaurants is available on your Dine-Around evening in Palm Springs. (Breakfast, Dinner with Wine)

### Thursday, October 8: Joshua Tree National Park

This morning you'll depart from your hotel for an excursion to Joshua Tree National Park, which is characterized by the strangely shaped Joshua trees, rugged rock formations and stark desert landscapes. Your knowledgeable Travel Director will bring the park's history and geology to life. Later, you'll experience the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the world's largest rotating tram car, as it travels along the breathtaking cliffs and transports you to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. As you ascend on your ten-minute journey, the tram car rotates slowly, offering amazing vistas of the valley floor below. In the evening head to Palm Springs Village Fest, a street fair featuring arts, crafts, food and entertainment, based on Palm Canyon Drive. (Breakfast)

### Friday, October 9: Palm Springs and Scottsdale

Today you'll move from Palm Springs to Scottsdale. Once you're in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area we'll be stopping at the Heard Museum for a guided tour. The museum is dedicated to the advancement of American Indian art. Hotel: *Hotel Valley Ho*, Scottsdale. (Breakfast)

### Saturday, October 10: Flavor of Arizona

Start the day with a guided tour of your famous hotel, Valley Ho. Meet a Local Expert who will take you on a guided tour of the property and talk to you about its glitzy Hollywood history and architecture. Later, meet with the chef of this evening experience for a walk through the stalls of the Old Town Farmers Market. This afternoon enjoy an Insight Choice between a small-group tour of Old Town Scottsdale on golf carts **OR** a meeting with artists at Cattle Track, an artist compound. In the evening, you'll be introduced to the authentic flavors of the region as you head to a cooking demonstration and hands on experience. You'll learn to cook classic Southwestern and Mexican staples such as enchiladas, spicy meat dishes and Spanish rice. Once you've had a lesson from the expert, sit and indulge in your tasty masterpiece. (Breakfast, Dinner with Wine)

### Sunday, October 11: Gastronomic Tucson

Named as the first UNESCO City of Gastronomy, Tucson will offer you a day of tasty treats. Meet a Local Expert who will guide you through the city on a Foodie Tour, which will be included as your lunch. Tucson is known for its farmer's markets, annual food festivals and fairs that specialize in their southwestern food options. Later, check in to your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening. Ask your expertly trained Travel Director for tips on where to head or for places to eat. Hotel: *Loews Ventana Canyon Resort*, Tucson (Breakfast, Lunch)



### Monday, October 12: Tucson

Start the day with a morning visit to Saguaro National Park. Situated in southern Arizona, this beautiful park seduces visitors with its wild, rugged land and striking views of the desert landscape. The park is split into two sections on either side of the city of Tucson. In the afternoon you'll make your way to Kartchner Caverns State Park. Once here you'll explore the park's fascinating show cave, which holds 2.4 miles of passages to explore. Originally discovered in 1974 by local cavers, the park's caverns are Arizona's largest living cave system. Enjoy leisure time in the afternoon back at your hotel before heading to your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your travels with your new friends before your trip comes to an end tomorrow. There will also be time for stargazing after dinner with a professional astronomer. Look up to the stars through the largest moving compound telescope in the world, as an expert explains the science behind what you're seeing. (Breakfast, Dinner with Wine)

### Tuesday, October 13: Depart for Home

This morning enjoy breakfast before transferring to the airport with fond memories of a great trip. (Breakfast)

*Itinerary is subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.*

## 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.