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JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

Mojave Desert and Coachella Valley



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

Begin the Adventure of Your Lifetime

Towering rock formations, deep canyons, sweeping vistas and surreal landscapes from another planet await you around every bend in the Joshua Tree wilderness. All along the way, your expert guide will share the history and geology of the park, along with fun stories about the plants, animals and other unique characteristics. Try your hand at new activities like joining certified rock-climbing guides who'll customize a rock-climbing adventure for you. And this multi-sport trip knows no human bounds, as you'll also soar over the most beautiful landscape the Coachella Valley has to offer, taking in views of desert oases and date palm groves. Back on the ground, admire the mid-century architecture and old Hollywood glamour of Palm Springs. If you enjoy art, adventure and the desert, you'll never want this getaway to end.

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DAY 1

PALM SPRINGS

- Take the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park for a guided hike
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant

Begin your explorations of the Coachella Valley and Mojave Desert in California's famed desert oasis, Palm Springs. With your Classic Journeys guide, you'll explore by foot, balloon, 4x4 above and below this incredible landscape. Now, start your discoveries on a literal high, as you ascend in the largest rotating aerial tramway in the world up 8,516 feet into Mt. San Jacinto State Park.

This is one of the only remaining areas of pristine wilderness in California, and you can wind your way along our favorite hiking trail through its pine forest and meadows. Taking the tramway down, the views over the rugged cliffs of Chino Canyon give you an unforgettable look over this legendary landscape and sets the stage for incredible moments to come.

Back in Palm Springs, enjoy a celebratory dinner. With retro diners, craft coffee shops and modern gourmet restaurants, the food scene is as fabulous as the history. You'll cap the day feasting on the best of it in one of our favorite eateries.

OVERNIGHT: LA QUINTA

MEALS: D

DAY 2

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- Explorations by foot in Joshua Tree National Park
- Visit Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert Art Museum

You make a giant cinematic leap today, as you wake in the movie star playground of Palm Springs, then spend the day somewhere that feels decidedly like a movie set...but is 100% real-life nature. Mother Nature has made a masterpiece of Joshua Tree National Park. With its hulking boulders and yucca-studded vistas, it's hard to explore without envisioning a T-Rex emerging from behind a rock or Indiana Jones riding across the sand. Your expert local guide introduces you to walking trails that lead to Skull Rock, Cholla Cactus Garden and Ryan Mountain with stunning 360-degree views from its peak. You'll see otherworldly rock formations, stark desert plains, and, of course, Joshua Trees galore.

Downtown Joshua Tree retains its colorful sixties vibe, and that's where you head for a lunch of organic Southern Californian cuisine. After a morning spent appreciating nature, the afternoon offers the opportunity to marvel at man-made creations in a museum like no other. Bang in the middle of the desert, the Noah Purifoy Outdoor Art Museum

is a striking array of junkyard assemblage forming one of the greatest historical art wonders in California.

OVERNIGHT: LA QUINTA

MEALS: B, L

DAY 3

COACHELLA VALLEY / PALM SPRINGS

- 4x4 jeep exploration of San Andreas Fault and the Coachella Valley

The tectonic boundary between the Pacific and North American plates reveals itself in sharp cuts, smooth curves and sheer canyons over a billion years old. This morning, access an amazing section of it as you hop into a 4x4 Jeep that whisks you away for a ride through the labyrinth of cuts and canyons that form the San Andreas Fault Zone. Along the way, you'll hear some fascinating stories about the history of your surroundings from your geologist guide. Prefer your soles instead of tires on the ground? No problem. Join your Classic Journeys guide for an equally scenic walk in equally epic surroundings.

How do you want to spend the afternoon? At the spa? By the pool? Shopping? Or with your guide on a walk, hearing stories and anecdotes of how a tiny agricultural settlement grew into one of the glitziest getaways of Hollywood's Golden Age. Along the way, you'll see the city's signature mid-century modern architecture, as well as its vintage stores and galleries. As you weave through this setting, you'll learn of Palm Springs' many claims to fame, collected over years serving as a desert outpost for the rich and famous that range from Bob Hope to President Obama and family.

OVERNIGHT: LA QUINTA

MEALS: B, D

DAY 4

COACHELLA VALLEY

- Watch the sunrise from a hot air balloon over the Coachella Valley

Pull away the covers early—just once. It's for a seriously spectacular reason: to float through desert skies in a hot air balloon. We'll take you to the launching point, where you'll watch your FAA-certified pilot and ground crew inflate your balloon to seven stories high. Then, lift off—you'll float in the morning breeze over as the rising sun douses the Coachella Valley a kaleidoscope of red, purple and gold.

Enjoy your last morning at leisure. Perhaps taking advantage of the hotel's hospitality, or perusing the Design District's boutiques, before you make your way to the airport for the journey home.

MEALS: B



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Tour Hotels



La Quinta Resort & Club

Nestled beneath the beautiful Santa Rosa Mountains, offering championship golf courses, an award-winning spa, 41 pools and five outstanding restaurants, this luxury desert retreat offers the ultimate Palm Springs getaway.

OVERNIGHT: | NIGHTS: 3

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Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
October 22-25, 2020	\$2,895	\$3,590
November 22-25, 2020	\$3,095	\$3,790
December 20-23, 2020	\$3,195	\$3,890
February 25-28, 2021	\$3,195	\$3,890
April 1-4, 2021	\$3,095	\$3,790
May 28-31, 2021	\$2,995	\$3,690
October 8-11, 2021	\$3,095	\$3,790
November 21-24, 2021	\$3,195	\$3,890
December 19-22, 2021	\$3,295	\$3,990
February 24-27, 2022	\$3,295	\$3,990
April 7-10, 2022	\$3,195	\$3,890
May 27-30, 2022	\$3,095	\$3,790
October 7-10, 2022	\$3,195	\$3,890
November 20-23, 2022	\$3,295	\$3,990
December 18-21, 2022	\$3,395	\$4,090

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE to learn more about private journeys.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 4 Days, 3 Nights

START: 1:30 PM Lobby of La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA, USA

END: 10:30 AM Lobby of La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA, USA

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on trails and paths. An average of 2 - 4 hours of walking per day.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 3 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Privileged Access Events**
- **Invisible Check-In**

READY TO BOOK?
CLICK TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Or give us a call

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AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to [a whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

THE Classic Journeys Difference

HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.



At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

President & Founder



You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Joshua Tree National Park & Coachella Valley...

- Walking past giant boulders and cholla cactus gardens in Joshua Tree National Park
- Hot-air ballooning over the Coachella Valley
- Exploring the San Andreas fault zone by jeep
- Enjoying a scenic walk through Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Relaxing poolside at your resort hotel

"Marcia B."

— "Classic Journeys has turned out to be a fantastic company to travel with - one I highly recommend. I truly feel as if I have been on vacation this past week."

Let's Go!

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- Meandering among mystical, rose-colored hoodoos
- Exploring ancient ruins atop chiseled plateaus
- Strolling a river bank to a magnificent gorge

For more information, visit <https://www.classicjourneys.com/grandcanyon/>.



Hawaii

The Big Island

Culture + Walking

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- Walking through other-worldly volcanic landscapes
- Meeting farmers, coffee growers, artists and cultural preservationists
- Soaking in the sunset at our oceanfront resort

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Montana

Glacier National Park

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PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Taking rustic trails past rushing waterfalls
- Cruising glacial lakes in vintage steamers
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New Mexico

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PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Retracing the steps of ancient cliff dwellers
- Viewing stunning landscapes through an artist's eyes
- Witnessing history and culture in a thriving pueblo

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Pacific Northwest

The San Juan Islands

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PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Kayaking offshore while watching for whales
- Learning from artisanal producers of wine, lavender, gin and ceramics
- Combing beautiful beaches for natural treasures

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“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.