



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

LAKE TAHOE & EASTERN SIERRA

FEATURING A GEOGRAPHER-GUIDE, 2 NIGHTS IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, MAMMOTH LAKES

SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2012 ~ 5 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE ☐ Leisurely ☒ On the Go ☐ ACTIVITY LEVEL ☐ Low ☒ High

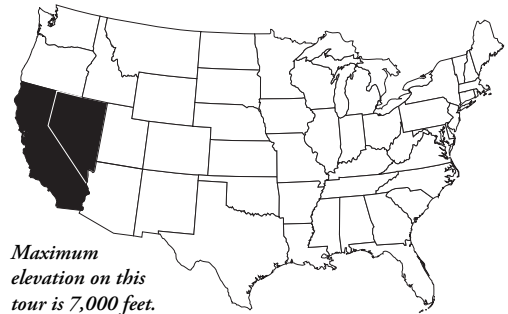
~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Extensive guided sightseeing with former professor of geography, Dennis Napier
- ♦ Enjoy a two-night leisure stay in an all-suites hotel in South Lake Tahoe
- ♦ A narrated paddle-wheeler lunch cruise on Lake Tahoe and sightseeing around the Lake
- ♦ Visit the Museum of Lone Pine Film History and the Alabama Hills to see where many old westerns have been filmed
- ♦ Travel scenic Highway 395 and tour the June Lake Loop, the Mammoth Lakes region and Mono Lake featuring the strange tufa towers

Embark on a five day adventure to discover the majesty of the Sierra Nevada. Born of fire and ice, the granite peaks, valleys and lakes of the High Sierra have been sculpted by glaciers, wind and weather into some of nature's most glorious works. From the eroded rocks of the Alabama Hills, to the glacier-formed June Lake Loop, to the incredible beauty of Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Lakes, this tour features Mother Nature at her best. On this journey, our expert geographer-guide, Dennis Napier, will be onboard to share the history and explain the creation of the places that we will encounter along the way. 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.



Maximum elevation on this tour is 7,000 feet.

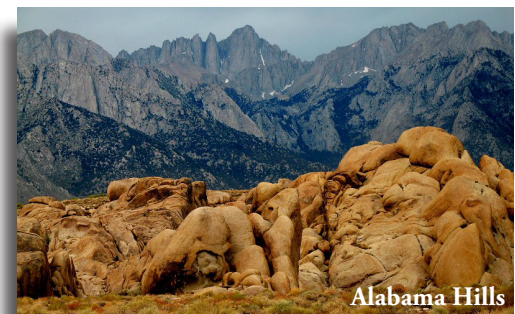
Gene Autry, and the Lone Ranger, all had 'shoot-outs' in these hills. Some recent movies include *Star Trek*, *Gladiator* and *Iron Man*. Later this afternoon we arrive in **Bishop** at a quaint property in the heart of town. Founded by early pioneers

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Night 1 **Crescent Inn**
Bishop, CA
- ♦ Nights 2-3 **Embassy Suites**
South Lake Tahoe, CA
- ♦ Night 4 **Sierra Nevada Lodge**
Mammoth Lakes, CA



Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe



Alabama Hills

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 4 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 7 Meals – 3 lunches and 4 breakfasts
- ♦ Comprehensive 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

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$749 / Single \$999 • Deposit \$150

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan

\$53 Double occupancy / \$67 Single occupancy

♦ DAY 1 ~ TRAVEL HIGHWAY 395 ♦

From our departure points this morning we travel by motorcoach along scenic Highway 395. As we travel by motorcoach beneath the towering **Sierra Nevada**, we'll pass such quaint and old west towns as Big Pine, Lone Pine and Independence as well as **Mount Whitney**, the tallest mountain in the continental United States. In Lone Pine, visit the **Museum of Lone Pine Film History**, dedicated to the glory days of the western movie. See a short film chronicling the history of the movies made in the region, before making a visit to the **Alabama Hills** to see some of the sights where they were filmed. Although very different in texture from the Sierra Nevada, all of the rocks in this region were shaped by the same cataclysmic uplifting 100 million years ago. Millennia of wind, snow and eons of wind-blown sand have blasted across their contours. The outstanding features and environment of the Alabama Hills have attracted movie-makers and commercial companies from all over the world. Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy,

pioneers near the northern end of the Owens River Valley, Bishop still retains its old west feel.

♦ DAY 2 ~ JUNE LAKES, MONO LAKE ♦

This morning, following an included breakfast, we set out for Lake Tahoe with memorable sightseeing en-route. There will be an opportunity to design a sandwich from world-famous **Schat's Bakery** for an included picnic lunch later in the day. As we continue north on Highway 395 we'll make various stops so we fully absorb the spectacular



Mono Lake

RESERVATIONS

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦ Deposit (and travel protection) due at time of booking to the address above

♦ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior to departure

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

Park and join this tour at one of the following locations:

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office

Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

Departure 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 *Good Times Travel* catalog
or goodtimestravel.com for more details

sights along the way. Travel the **June Lake Loop**, a majestic stretch of road surrounding beautiful glacier-formed lakes. Visit **Mono Lake**, estimated to be more than one million years old. This oasis in the dry Great Basin is a vital habitat for millions of migratory birds. At the **Mono Lake Visitors Center** we'll discover the mystery behind the lake's strange tufa towers – odd looking spires and knobs formed of calcium carbonate that were exposed as the level of the water dropped. Then see the towers up close as we make our way down to the shoreline. This afternoon, we arrive in **South Lake Tahoe** for a two night stay in the heart of this mountain resort community. Our all-suites hotel is located in the heart of Lake Tahoe's south shore with plenty of gaming action nearby! (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 3 ~ LAKE TAHOE ♦

Following an included breakfast at the hotel you'll have the morning to relax or take advantage of the **Heavenly Mountain Gondola** located just steps from our hotel. The gentle ride will take you 2.4 miles up the side of **Heavenly Mountain** in 12 minutes and at the top you can disembark and take in spectacular views of the Carson Valley, Desolation Wilderness and shore-to-shore views of Lake Tahoe. Located at 6,200 feet above sea level, Lake Tahoe is the highest lake of its size in the United States and the largest alpine lake in North America. Today we venture onto the lake aboard an authentic **paddlewheeler** for a memorable lunch cruise. This two-hour narrated cruise offers non-stop photo opportunities. Sit back, relax and take in the dazzling vistas of the Sierra and the dramatic beauty of **Emerald Bay**. In Emerald Bay we'll gaze upon **Fannette Island** (nicknamed "little rock island") and **Vikingsholm Castle**, the stone mansion on its shores. Following, we travel around the east side of the Lake visiting the **North Shore** and making stops for photos and viewing. Take a stroll through the **Cal Neva Resort**, once a secret haven for Frank Sinatra and his "Rat Pack", San Francisco's upper crust, Hollywood's stars and international dignitaries. The Resort's mystique lives on and gives the hotel its distinction as a true Lake Tahoe classic. We'll take a drive through **Tahoe City** and a walk across **Fanny Bridge** and see the only location where water (that doesn't evaporate) leaves Lake Tahoe.

♦ DAY 4 ~ MAMMOTH LAKES ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we travel south on Highway 395. Later this afternoon we enjoy a picnic lunch en-route and arrive in the **Mammoth Lakes** area, home to the oldest in a series of volcanoes and some of the most obscure and significant geologic phenomena found on Earth. We'll tour the area with our onboard geographer and discover a region filled with glacier-carved mountains and clear blue lakes. We'll see the spectacular **Twin Lakes**, marvel at the **Earthquake Fault** and venture out to see **Devil's Postpile National Monument** – a series of 60-foot columns of basalt. This evening we'll check into the **Sierra Nevada Lodge** – a historic property and one-time escape for Hollywood stars that has been lovingly renovated. The Lodge is centrally located in the town of **Mammoth Lakes Village** which was fashioned after the ski resorts of Aspen and Whistler. (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 5 ~ JOURNEY HOME ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we continue south on Highway 395 with a lunch stop and more sightseeing enroute. Later this evening we arrive back at our drop-off points. We'll have many new memories and photos of the spectacular geologic phenomena and a new appreciation of Mother Earth and her mysterious ways. (Breakfast)



California's Sierra Nevada



Lake Tahoe Cruise