



Good Times Travel

Lakes, Meadows & Monuments of the Eastern Sierra

Featuring a Single-Hotel Stay in Mammoth Lakes, Yosemite National Park, Mono Lake, Alabama Hills

September 13-17, 2025 – 5 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Unpack once and enjoy a single-hotel stay in a villa with separate living area, fireplace and balcony at *The Village Lodge*, an upscale hotel in the heart of the *Village at Mammoth* which features a variety of restaurants and shops
- ◆ Travel over the Sierra Nevada at Tioga Pass (elev. 9,943 feet) into Yosemite National Park with a local guide for sightseeing to include Tuolumne Meadows, Tenaya Lake & Olmstead Point
- ◆ Visit Mono Lake to enjoy a picnic lunch and admire the tufa towers along the south shore
- ◆ Visit Devils Postpile National Monument and be amazed by this unique geologic gem
- ◆ Ride the Panorama Gondola to the top of Mammoth Mountain (11,053 feet elevation) for an included breakfast and spectacular 360-degree views of the Sierra Nevada
- ◆ Travel the length of geologic-rich Highway 395 in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada with extensive sightseeing in Mammoth Lakes, the June Lake Loop and the Alabama Hills with a local guide, and visit both the Museum of Lone Pine Film History and Manzanar National Historic Site



Devils Postpile National Monument



Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows



The Village Lodge



Mono Lake

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 4 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 9 Meals – 1 dinner, 4 lunches, 4 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$1,699 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$600

Itinerary

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the Sierra Nevada, where volcanic fire and glacial ice have sculpted a landscape of unparalleled grandeur. Explore the ancient, weathered rocks of the Alabama Hills, marvel at the strange beauty of Mono Lake's tufa towers, and trace the path of glaciers along the scenic June Lake Loop. Travel the spectacular Tioga Pass to discover the iconic splendor of Yosemite National Park – a testament to nature's enduring power and Mother Nature at her finest! Each day of discovery concludes with a return to your exclusive villa at an upscale lodge in the heart of Mammoth Lakes, providing a relaxing, comfortable and convenient stay amidst the High Sierra's raw beauty.

Day 1 – Alabama Hills, Welcome to Mammoth Lakes!

From our departure points this morning, we'll travel by deluxe motorcoach north along Highway 395 with an included boxed lunch onboard. As we travel north in the shadow of the towering **Sierra Nevada**, we'll pass through such quaint and old west towns as Independence and Big Pine and travel

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ♦ Nights 1-4 **The Village Lodge**
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Departure/Return Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

- ♦Fountain Valley ♦Laguna Hills ♦Long Beach
- Approximate Departure Time: 7-9 a.m.
Approximate Return Time: 6-8 p.m.

Payment Information

- ♦ Full payment due at time of booking
- ♦ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimetravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

in the shadow of Mount Whitney, the tallest mountain in the continental United States! In **Lone Pine** we'll visit the **Museum of Lone Pine Film History**, dedicated to the glory days of the Western and recent films shot in the area. See a short film chronicling the history of the movies made in the region and browse unique exhibits related to the films. A museum guide will join us onboard the motorcoach as we continue into the **Alabama Hills** to see this unique formation of rounded rocks and eroded hills that were created by eons of wind-blown sand, rain and snow. The unique, rounded features of the Alabama Hills contrasted by the jagged peaks of the Sierra Nevada just behind them, have long made these hills one of Hollywood's favorite filming locations. Our guide will point out where iconic movie scenes were filmed and point out where Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry, and the Lone Ranger had "shootouts" in these hills. Some recent movies filmed here include *Star Trek*, *Gladiator* and *Iron Man*. This evening we arrive in **Mammoth Lakes** (elevation 7,881 feet) and begin a four-night stay at *The Village Lodge* in the heart of the **Village at Mammoth**. Each villa of this upscale lodge features a separate living area, fireplace and balcony. Enjoy the evening at leisure with dinner on your own at a variety of restaurants in the Village at Mammoth. (Lunch)

Day 2 – Mammoth Lakes, Devils Postpile

This morning we'll join a local guide and travel to the Main Lodge at **Mammoth Mountain** to board the **Panorama Gondola** which will transport us to the peak of Mammoth Mountain (11,053 feet elevation). Here we'll enjoy an included breakfast with time to absorb the 360-degree views of the Sierra Nevada and learn about the area's geologic, hydrologic and volcanic history. We continue to **Devils Postpile National Monument**, a geologic gem featuring thousands of hexagonal basalt columns formed 100,000 years ago when lava flow slowed and then cooled and cracked. Prepare to be amazed by the enormity of these unique basalt formations that tower 60 feet high and display an unusual symmetry. *Note that visiting Devils Postpile requires a one-mile walk on a flat trail.* We return to our lodge with the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy an included dinner this evening at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 – June Lake Loop, Mono Lake, Mammoth Lakes

After an included breakfast at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, we'll be joined by a local guide and travel north along the **Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway** to explore the **June Lake Loop**, a majestic stretch of road surrounding beautiful glacier-formed lakes. After an included box lunch and sightseeing in **Lee Vining**, we'll continue to **Mono Lake**, an oasis in the dry Great Basin that is estimated to be more than one million years old and is a vital habitat for millions of migratory birds. Along the lake's shoreline we'll admire the strange tufa towers – odd looking spires and knobs formed of calcium carbonate that were exposed as the level of the water dropped. We return to Mammoth Lakes with sightseeing to include the **Earthquake Fault**, **Twin Falls Overlook** and **Twin Lakes Vista**. We return to our lodge with the evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 4 – Yosemite National Park

Following an included breakfast at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, we'll travel north to the eastern entrance of **Yosemite National Park** with a local guide and continue over the Sierra Nevada via the **Tioga Pass** – the highest highway pass in California (elevation 9,943 feet). This is truly a spectacular journey that has to be experienced to be believed. Preserved as a National Park in 1890, Yosemite National Park is home to an incredible collection of stunning lakes, meadows and forests. We'll enjoy an included boxed lunch while exploring Yosemite's much-less visited alpine region including the picturesque **Tuolumne Meadows**, **Olmstead Point** and **Tenaya Lake**, known as the jewel of Yosemite National Park's high-country lakes. We return to our lodge with the evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5 – Bishop, Manzanar National Historic Site, Journey Home

Following an included breakfast at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, we'll travel south along the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway in the shadow of the towering Sierra Nevada. We'll visit **Erick Schat's Bakery** in Bishop, known for their famous original sheepherder's bread which they've been making here since 1938. Enjoy an included boxed lunch in Lone Pine before we arrive at **Manzanar National Historic Site**. In 1942 the United States government ordered more than 110,000 Japanese American men, women and children be detained at the remote, military-style Manzanar War Relocation Center located at this site. On a driving tour we'll see the original sentry posts, the cemetery monument, remnants of original buildings, rock gardens, orchards and the hospital grounds. Enjoy time to browse the exhibits at Block 14, containing a recreated mess hall, women's latrine and two barracks buildings. We continue south towards Southern California, returning to our departure points this evening with many fond memories of our time exploring California's incredible Eastern Sierra. (Breakfast, Lunch)