



Good Times Travel Joshua Tree & San Andreas Fault

Featuring Joshua Tree National Park, San Andreas Fault, Palm Springs, *Fantasy Springs Resort*, Local Guide
March 23-24, 2026 – 2 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ♦ Extensive sightseeing in Joshua Tree National Park with a local guide including stops at the Joshua Tree National Park Visitor Center, Hidden Valley, Key's View and the Cholla Cactus Garden – this incredible region made up of two distinct desert eco-systems that has been sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain, features bizarre rock piles and strange plants amongst a stark, yet dramatic desert landscape
- ♦ Journey into the dramatic as you explore the legendary San Andreas Fault deep within the rugged Mecca Hills Wilderness Area with a local guide who will point out clear signs of tectonic upheaval
- ♦ Enjoy an overnight stay at the upscale and stylish *Fantasy Springs Resort Casino* – this award-winning, smoke-free resort features luxurious hotel rooms, a variety of restaurants, pool area and exciting Vegas-style gambling
- ♦ Enjoy time at leisure in downtown Palm Springs featuring a redesigned downtown plaza with mom and pop shops, vintage boutiques and name brand stores along with a variety of eateries



Joshua Tree National Park



Downtown Palm Springs



Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Tour Inclusions

- ♦ 1 Night deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 2 Meals – 1 lunch, 1 breakfast
- ♦ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ♦ Admissions per the itinerary
- ♦ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$399 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$100



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Accommodations

- ♦ Night 1 **Fantasy Springs Resort Casino**
Indio, CA

Departure 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.goodtimestravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

While we make every effort to operate our tours as advertised, should we be forced to adjust the itinerary prior to departure or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.

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

Escape the ordinary and journey into the heart of Southern California's most dynamic landscapes on this unique two-day desert escape that features an overnight stay at a luxurious casino resort. A knowledgeable local guide will bring the stark, yet dynamic landscapes to life as we travel deep into Joshua Tree National Park and explore Earth's incredible power while standing on the edge of two continents at the legendary San Andreas Fault. Join us to discover a world defined by raw geologic forces, desert vitality, and the comforts of a true desert oasis.

Day 1 – Joshua Tree National Park (Monday, March 23)

From our departure points we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach to the **Coachella Valley** where we'll be joined by a knowledgeable local guide who is well versed in geology, geography, history and local folklore, and will provide extensive guided sightseeing. No visit to the Coachella Valley is complete without a stop at **Hadley Fruit Orchards**. Founded in 1931, this southern California landmark has provided a friendly place to shop for premium quality Medjool dates, dried fruit, nuts, hand-mixed trail mixes, honey, preserves, freshly-ground peanut butter and a variety of gifts. At the snack bar is where you'll find their famous date shakes! Later this morning we'll visit the **Joshua Tree Visitor & Cultural Center** in Twentynine Palms. In addition to a beautiful bookstore, this visitor center features rotating exhibits celebrating the culture, history, and stories of the Native American communities in the Joshua Tree region. Upon entering **Joshua Tree National Park**, we are immediately greeted by a dynamic landscape that has been shaped by strong winds, unpredictable torrents of rain, and climatic extremes, offering far more than the starkness glimpsed from the road. Closer examination reveals a remarkable vitality and a fascinating variety of over 700 species of plants – a diversity so rich that when the area was initially proposed for preservation in the early 1930s, the name suggested was "Desert Plants National Park" – along with animals that thrive among the bizarre geologic formations and culturally significant history. We'll enjoy an included boxed lunch picnic and make several stops to explore this unique landscape created by the convergence of two distinct desert ecosystems. Admire strange rock formations, rugged mountains and desert plains dotted with the park's wacky namesake trees (actually a type of yucca). We'll visit **Hidden Valley**, famous for massive, bizarre rock piles surrounded by a healthy population of Joshua Tree, pinyon, juniper and oak along with mesquite, yucca, nolina and various cacti. We'll visit **Key's View** (elevation 5,152') which, on a clear day, provides a sweeping panorama of the Coachella Valley, the Salton Sea, the San Andreas Fault, and two of Southern California's tallest summits, Mount San Jacinto and Mount Gorgonio. We'll continue past Skull Rock to the renowned **Cholla Cactus Garden**, providing the perfect opportunity to take a leisurely walk through thousands of densely concentrated, naturally growing cholla cacti, all while keeping our fingers crossed for the unpredictable, yet stunning, springtime wildflower bloom. This evening we'll arrive at our oasis in the desert, the upscale and stylish **Fantasy Springs Resort Casino**. This award-winning, smoke-free resort features luxurious hotel rooms, a variety of restaurants, pool area and exciting Vegas-style gambling. (Lunch)

Day 2 – San Andreas Fault, Palm Springs, Journey Home (Tuesday, March 24)

Following an included breakfast at the resort, this morning we'll begin our exploration of the famous and perhaps most accessible earthquake fault in the world, the legendary **San Andreas Fault**. Our local guide will tell the story of California's seismic activity, separate earthquake fact from fiction, and share a wealth of knowledge about fault activity. After this introduction to plate tectonics, we'll journey into the dramatic, uplifted landscape of the Mecca Hills, created by the continuous, destructive movement and compression between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate. The dramatic folds, upturned rock layers and rugged terrain we'll encounter are the direct results of this intense tectonic activity. Your local guide will point out incredible features like sculpted synclines, towering anticlines, and palpable evidence of past and ongoing tectonic movement, as we stand on the edge of two continents! This afternoon we'll arrive in downtown **Palm Springs** and enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own. Palm Springs' core shopping district along Palm Canyon Drive features mom and pop shops, vintage boutiques and name brand stores mixed in with a variety of restaurants. The redesigned downtown plaza captures the city's energetic pulse point and offers a welcoming pedestrian-friendly experience. The Palm Springs Historical Society's compound at The Village Green features Palm Springs' earliest historic buildings. We return to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of our time exploring Joshua Tree, the San Andreas Fault and the Coachella Valley. (Breakfast)

While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.