



Good Times Travel Backroads, Barrels & Borrego Springs

Featuring *Pechanga Resort Casino*, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Temecula Valley Wine Country, Julian

March 29-30, 2026 – 2 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy an overnight stay at the upscale and stylish *Pechanga Resort Casino* – this AAA Four Diamond, smoke-free resort features luxurious hotel rooms, a variety of restaurants, new pool area and the largest casino (200,000 square feet) in California
- ◆ Extensive sightseeing in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park with a local guide at a typically delightful time of year and when wildflowers are most likely in bloom – the largest state park in California, Anza-Borrego provides an opportunity to experience the wonders of the California desert
- ◆ Visit the world famous Sky Art Sculptures – the massive, rust-colored, metal sculptures of prehistoric creatures that dot the open desert landscape in Borrego Springs
- ◆ Tour the Temecula Valley Wine Country with an included lunch and wine tasting at an elegant and award-winning winery
- ◆ Time at leisure in Julian – the early 1900s mining town known for its clean mountain air, charming boutiques and fresh apple pies

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: \$499 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$175



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Accommodations

- ♦ Night 1 **Pechanga Resort Casino**
Temecula, 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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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

Embark on an unforgettable, two-day getaway exploring Southern California's stunning scenic contrasts, traveling the backroads from the Pacific Coast to the mountain town of Julian, to the stark desert expanses near Borrego Springs, and the lush, grapevine-covered hills in the Temecula Valley Wine Country. This fun and adventurous journey is a true feast for the senses – from the stark beauty of rugged boulders and desert blooms to the rich history of mining towns and metallic art installations, to home-baked apple pie and sophisticated Pinot Noir – with the upscale and stylish Pechanga Resort Casino providing an exciting and luxurious overnight escape.

Day 1 – Julian & Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (Sunday, March 29)

From our departure points this morning, we'll travel south by deluxe motorcoach to Santa Ysabel and visit **Dudley's California Bakery**, everyone's favorite backcountry bakery offering 43 different types of freshly baked bread, pastries, cookies and pies available for purchase. We'll continue east along the scenic mountain roads to **Julian**, the charming gold-mining town nestled among oak and pine forests in the beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains (elevation 4,200'). San Diego's historic mountain town is so famous for its apple pie that it's often described as "American as apple pie." Julian's entire "downtown" is a designated historic district with shops and restaurants housed in Victorian-style buildings dating back to the 1870s. Enjoy time at leisure to browse Julian's unique boutiques and pie shops selling a variety of apple pies and apple ciders, with lunch on your own at a variety of restaurants. This afternoon we'll continue over the Vulcan Mountains to **Anza-Borrego Desert State Park**, the largest state park in California. We'll be joined by a local guide who will showcase this spectacular landscape that features 12 wilderness areas and provides a unique opportunity to experience the wonders of the California desert. While this typically delightful time of year is when wildflowers are most likely in bloom, the intensity and duration of the wildflower bloom varies from year to year and blooms are never certain, so we'll keep our fingers crossed! We'll stop to admire the world-famous **Sky Art Sculptures** in and around Borrego Springs. The work of artist Ricardo Breceda, these massive, rust-colored metal creatures are meticulously crafted and feature such details as curling eyelashes and "fur" made of shaved iron. All of the 100 prehistoric creatures that dot the open desert landscape either once lived here, still do, or were created entirely in the artist's imagination. Late this afternoon, we'll arrive at the award-winning, AAA Four Diamond **Pechanga Resort Casino** in Temecula. This upscale and stylish smoke-free resort features luxurious hotel rooms, a variety of restaurants, new pool area and the largest casino (200,000 square feet) in California with over 4,500 state-of-the-art slot machines, 154 table games and a poker room with 38 tables.

Day 2 – Temecula Wine Country, Journey Home (Monday, March 30)

Following an included breakfast and leisurely morning to enjoy the resort, we'll travel deeper into the **Temecula Valley** and discover the **Temecula Valley Wine Country**. This region of grapevine-covered rolling hills is home to almost 50 family-owned wineries that produce almost 50 different wine varietals. The award-winning wines coming out of the Temecula Wine Country are made possible by the granite-based soil and a unique microclimate that features morning mist, warm midday sun, cooling ocean breezes, and crisp starry nights – ideal for growing grapes and creating premium wines recognized by wine connoisseurs internationally. At the stunning and elegant **Wilson Creek Winery**, we'll enjoy an included deli-style lunch buffet, wine tasting and a guided tour of this stunning winery that features pristine grounds and beautiful vistas. This afternoon we'll enjoy time at leisure in **Old Town Temecula**, the charming western-themed historic district that features unique boutiques, curio shops and tasting rooms. We return to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of our fabulous mountain, desert and wine country getaway. (Breakfast, Lunch)