

Good Times Travel

Joshua Tree & San Andreas Fault

Featuring Joshua Tree National Park, San Andreas Fault, Palm Springs, *Fantasy Springs Resort*, Local Guide

March 29-30, 2027 – 2 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- Step into a windswept wonderland of towering monzogranite boulders and iconic desert flora in Joshua Tree National Park, where your local guide will lead you across two colliding ecosystems—stopping at the Visitor Center, the surreal rock formations of Hidden Valley, the sweeping panoramas of Keys View, and the Cholla Cactus Garden—to experience the stark, dramatic beauty of the Mojave and Colorado deserts
- Journey into the heart of the rugged Mecca Hills Wilderness Area to explore the legendary San Andreas Fault with a local guide, uncovering dramatic slot canyons and twisted rock layers carved by centuries of tectonic upheaval
- Settle in for a stylish desert retreat with an overnight stay at the smoke-free *Fantasy Springs Resort Casino*, featuring plush rooms, diverse restaurants, and high-energy gaming
- Spend time at leisure exploring downtown Palm Springs, brimming with retro-chic vintage boutiques, independent shops, familiar favorites, and sidewalk cafés



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
- Water bottles, snacks and candy onboard



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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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 dramatic terrain on this unique two-day getaway featuring an overnight stay at a luxurious casino resort. A knowledgeable local guide will bring these stark yet vibrant landscapes to life as we travel deep into Joshua Tree National Park and witness Earth's incredible power along the legendary San Andreas Fault. Join us to experience a world defined by raw geologic forces, surprising desert vitality, and the stylish comforts of a true Coachella Valley oasis.

Day 1 – Joshua Tree National Park (Monday, March 29)

From our departure points this morning, we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach into the **Coachella Valley**, where a knowledgeable **local guide**—well-versed in the region's geology, geography, history, and folklore—will join us for extensive sightseeing. No trip through the valley is complete without a stop at **Hadley Fruit Orchards**. Founded in 1931, this Southern California landmark is beloved for its premium Medjool dates, dried fruits, nuts, hand-mixed trail mixes, honey, preserves, freshly ground peanut butter, and unique gifts—plus its snack bar, home to their world-famous date shakes! Later this morning, we'll visit the **Joshua Tree Visitor & Cultural Center** in Twentynine Palms, which features a curated bookstore alongside rotating exhibits celebrating the culture, history, and stories of the region's Native American communities. Entering **Joshua Tree National Park**, we're greeted by a dynamic landscape sculpted by fierce winds, torrential rains, and climatic extremes that holds far more life than its stark exterior first suggests. A closer look reveals remarkable vitality, including more than 700 plant species—a botanical diversity so extraordinary that when the area was first proposed for preservation in the early 1930s, its suggested name was "Desert Plants National Park"—alongside wildlife thriving amid surreal rock formations and rich cultural history. After an included boxed lunch picnic, we'll explore the convergence of two distinct desert ecosystems, admiring rugged mountains and desert plains dotted with the park's whimsical namesake trees (actually a variety of yucca). Our stops include **Hidden Valley**, renowned for its towering monzogranite boulder piles surrounded by Joshua trees, pinyon, juniper, oak, mesquite, and cacti, as well as **Keys View** (elevation 5,152'), which offers sweeping panoramas of the Coachella Valley, the Salton Sea, the San Andreas Fault, and Southern California's towering Mount San Jacinto and Mount Gorgonio peaks. Continuing past Skull Rock, we'll arrive at the renowned **Cholla Cactus Garden** for a leisurely stroll among thousands of densely concentrated, naturally growing cholla cacti, keeping our fingers crossed for a glimpse of the park's unpredictable yet stunning springtime wildflower bloom. This evening, we'll settle into our desert oasis at the upscale, smoke-free ***Fantasy Springs Resort Casino***, an award-winning retreat featuring plush guest rooms, diverse dining options, a sparkling pool area, and exciting Vegas-style gaming. (Lunch)

Day 2 – San Andreas Fault, Palm Springs, Journey Home (Tuesday, March 30)

Following an included breakfast at the resort, we'll set out this morning to explore the legendary **San Andreas Fault**—one of the most famous and accessible earthquake faults in the world. Your local guide will bring California's seismic story to life, separating earthquake fact from fiction while sharing fascinating insights into the forces that shape our landscape. With this introduction to plate tectonics in mind, we'll journey deep into the dramatic, uplifted terrain of the **Mecca Hills Wilderness Area**, a rugged wonderland sculpted by the relentless grinding and compression between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate. As we stand on the edge of two tectonic plates, our guide will point out extraordinary geological formations—including dramatic folds, upturned rock layers, sculpted synclines, towering anticlines, and unmistakable evidence of both ancient and ongoing earth movement. This afternoon, we'll head into the heart of downtown **Palm Springs** for time at leisure to enjoy lunch on your own and explore at your own pace. Stroll along Palm Canyon Drive, the city's vibrant core shopping district, where an eclectic mix of mid-century vintage boutiques, local mom-and-pop shops, and familiar name-brand stores sit alongside inviting sidewalk cafés and restaurants. Just steps away, the redesigned downtown plaza captures the energetic pulse of the city with a welcoming, pedestrian-friendly gathering space, while nearby at The Village Green, the Palm Springs Historical Society compound showcases some of the desert oasis's earliest historic buildings. Later this afternoon, we'll board our motorcoach and journey back to our drop-off points, arriving this evening with fond memories of our desert adventure through 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.