

West Virginia University Retirees Association presents...

# Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

September 10 – 19, 2025



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**10 Days • 16 Meals:** 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** San Diego Harbor Cruise, Carlsbad Walking Food Tour, Los Angeles City Tour, Old Mission Santa Barbara, Pismo Beach, Paso Robles Wine Country Lunch, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Choice on Tour: Explore Giant Forest with Local Guide or Brisk Hike with your Tour Manager, Getty Center

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Embassy Suites San Diego Bay - Downtown, San Diego, California
Days 3, 4	Omni Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
Days 5, 6	Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach, Pismo Beach
Days 7, 8	Visalia Marriott at The Convention Center, Visalia, California
Day 9	Hyatt Regency LAX, Los Angeles, California

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 San Diego, California - Tour Begins** From the cosmopolitan, cultural cities of San Diego and Los Angeles to the laid-back, beachy vibes of California's Central Coast and the awe-inspiring scenery of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, this journey has it all. Your tour opens in San Diego, known for its seaside location and idyllic climate.

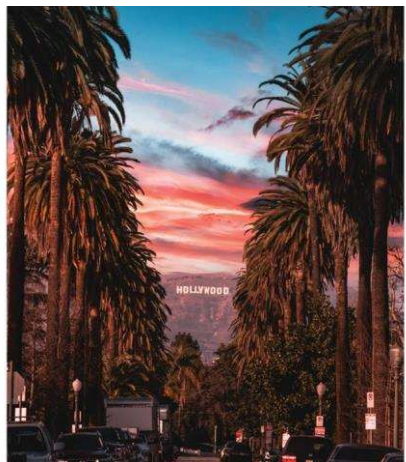
**Day 2: Thursday, September 11, 2025 San Diego** This morning, join a local guide for a tour through the city's diverse neighborhoods, including downtown, the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Coronado Island, and Old Town San Diego. The afternoon is yours to experience San Diego at your leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *(B, D)*

**Day 3: Friday, September 12, 2025 San Diego - Carlsbad - Los Angeles** Start the day on a harbor cruise of San Diego Bay. Cruise beside playful sea lions, Navy ships, and beautiful architecture while hearing fascinating stories that link the city's past and present. Later, head north to the coastal town of Carlsbad, where you'll explore the town center on a walking food tour for lunch. This afternoon, arrive in Los Angeles, the entertainment capital of the world. *(B, L)*

**Day 4: Saturday, September 13, 2025 Los Angeles** Today, explore the City of Angels on a combination bus/walking tour. Walk through the bustling Grand Central Market – a favorite with locals – and see the famed Bradbury Building, an ornate architectural landmark featured in several films. Take in the Hollywood Bowl and stroll along the Walk of Fame to Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Get a close-up look at the iconic Beverly Hills sign and soak in the glitz and glamour of Rodeo Drive. After lunch on your own at the Farmers Market, explore more sights, including the La Brea Tar Pits, the world's only actively excavated Ice Age fossil site found in the middle of a city. *(B, D)*

**Day 5: Sunday, September 14, 2025 Los Angeles - Santa Barbara - Pismo Beach** Today, head to California's Central Coast. Stop for a tour of the Old Mission of Santa Barbara, the tenth of 21 Spanish Missions founded by the Franciscans and the only one the friars still occupy. Enjoy the gorgeous grounds of the "Queen of the Missions," the gardens, cemetery, and chapel. Later, enjoy free time in this beautiful city, admiring its Spanish colonial architecture and small-town atmosphere. Arrive this afternoon in Pismo Beach, another Central Coast gem, and your home for two nights. *(B, D)*

**Day 6: Monday, September 15, 2025 Pismo Beach** Enjoy a day at leisure at your seaside hotel. Or, continue your exploration of the central coast by joining an optional excursion to Hearst Castle, the historic estate built by publishing tycoon William Randall Hearst and his architect, Julia Morgan. Enjoy a tour of the opulent Grand Rooms, imagining what it must have been like to be a guest here during the Roaring Twenties. After lunch, visit an elephant seal rookery and see a colony of



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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Pittsburgh Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from PIT

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

seals at the beach. Don't miss the spectacular sunset back in Pismo Beach this evening! (B)

**Day 7: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Pismo Beach - Paso Robles - Visalia** Today, travel inland to the Paso Robles wine region, home to more than 200 family-run wineries. This Central Coast wine region is less known than Napa, but no less beautiful. Stop for lunch here and later, arrive in the charming town of Visalia, gateway to Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. (B, L)

**Day 8: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Visalia** Today, head to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in the southern Sierra Nevada, where a local guide will join you. See the General Grant tree on a guided walking tour. On the way to your picnic lunch spot, learn about the park's ecology, flora, fauna, and history, including Native American history. This afternoon, visit the largest tree in the world, the General Sherman tree, on a half-mile walking tour. Then, **it's your choice!** Continue with your local guide **-OR-** take a brisk hike with your Tour Manager along the Congress Trail. Back in Visalia, join your travel companions for a farewell dinner at a local

restaurant. This day is sure to be the highlight of your California adventure! (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Visalia - Los Angeles** This morning, bid farewell to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada range and head south to Los Angeles for a final night. But first, visit the Getty Center, nestled on a hilltop in the Santa Monica Mountains. This world-famous museum is known for its private collection, with something here for everyone: fine art, impressive architecture, lush gardens, and spectacular city views. (B)

**Day 10: Friday, September 19, 2025 Los Angeles - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

### Experience It! Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Be prepared to look up, up, up as you walk among the giant trees of these two incredible national parks, which comprise over 1300 square miles of wilderness. Founded in 1890, Sequoia National Park was the first national park established to protect a particular species. Here you'll see the largest tree in the world, the mighty General Sherman – 275 feet high and 36 feet in diameter. It's estimated to be at least 2,300 years old. At Kings Canyon, view the world's second largest sequoia, the towering General Grant, known as "the nation's Christmas tree." Then relax and discover Native American arts and crafts and other souvenirs at the nearby Grant Grove Village.

**For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1283005>**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Book Now rates valid until Mar 10, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air passengers will arrive into San Diego airport and depart from Los Angeles airport.

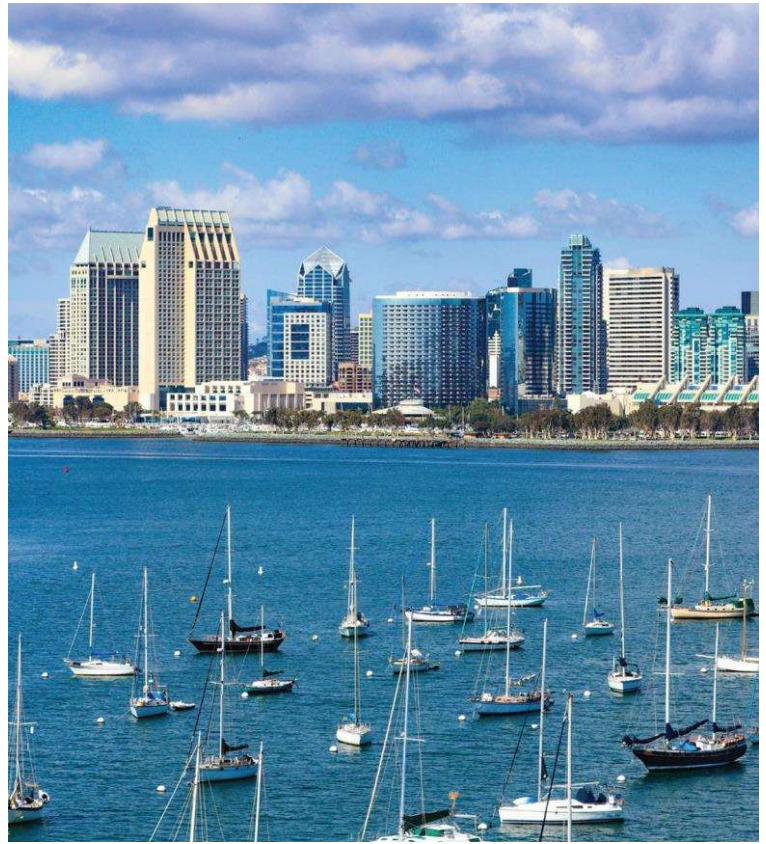
Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

Effective for travel May 7, 2025 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver's license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the guest. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>



Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 03, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 12, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until March 10, 2025.**

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**For important reservation information visit  
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You can also find this information on your tour documents.**



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1283005

TOUR: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks  
*featuring San Diego and California's Central Coast*

DEPARTURE DATE: September 10, 2025

GROUP NAME: West Virginia University Retirees  
Association

### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

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### San Simeon

#### Hearst Castle with Lunch

**\$110 USD**

Hearst Castle is a historic mansion built by publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst on his vast San Simeon estate. With architect Julia Morgan, he conceived an enormous structure inspired by the Church of Santa Maria la Mayor in Ronda, Spain. Your tour begins with a movie, Hearst Castle: Building the Dream, projected on a five-story screen and telling the story of the castle's construction. Next is a guided tour of the Grand Rooms, the opulently decorated rooms, gardens, and pools where Hearst entertained his many guests, especially during the Roaring Twenties. Lunch is also included. This option needs to be purchased at time of booking and no later than 45 days prior to the start of the tour. Any requests to book onsite are based on availability only. *Duration: Approximately 9 hours.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



## Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: [TravelOperations@collette.com](mailto:TravelOperations@collette.com)

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations  
180 Middle Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

***\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle one)

**Are you traveling with a wheelchair?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No

- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

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*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you traveling with a walker?** Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

**Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations?** Yes No

If “YES” Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

*Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.*

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

**Do you understand and accept?** Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

**Are you traveling with an oxygen tank?** Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

*Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal Use Only**

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

TS/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Date: \_\_\_\_\_