

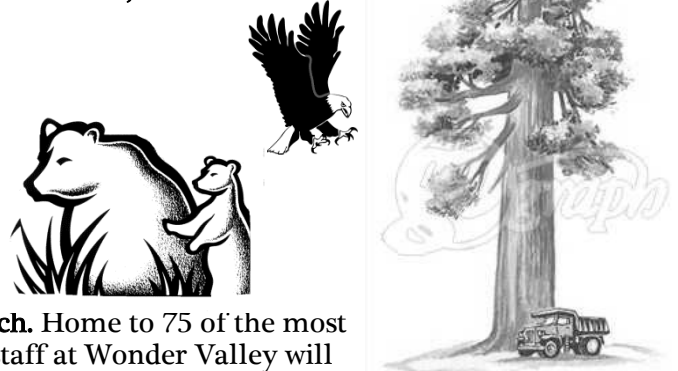
Sequoia & Yosemite NATIONAL PARKS

May 9th -13th, 2022

Sequoia is home to giants: immense mountains, deep canyons, and the world's largest trees. It was America's second national park designated in 1890. The park extends to the summit of Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the contiguous 48 states. Plunging in the opposite direction, far below the surface, are over 200 marble caverns. Yosemite: The granite monoliths, towering waterfalls, and pastoral meadows provide breathtaking scenery. Yosemite Valley offers endless memorable sights including Mirror Lake, Glacier Point, Half Dome & more...

Included:

- ❖ Motor-coach transportation to/from the Portland Airport
- ❖ Services of OregonWest Tour Director
- ❖ Airfare to/from Fresno (1 bag included)
- ❖ Deluxe motor coach on the tour
- ❖ Guided tours of Sequoia & Yosemite National Parks
- ❖ 2 nights Wonder Valley Ranch - 2 Tenaya Lodge
- ❖ Sugar Pine Rail Tour
- ❖ 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners 3 Happy Hours
- ❖ All guide & driver gratuities



Welcome to **our home for the next 2 nights, Wonder Valley Ranch.** Home to 75 of the most beautiful acres in the Sierra Nevada foothills. The grounds and staff at Wonder Valley will exceed all expectations. You'll have a chance to get cozy in your room before we **indulge in a great dinner...** The next morning we'll have a **guided tour of Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks...** They lay side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada, east of the San Joaquin Valley. This landscape testifies to nature's size, beauty, and diversity - huge mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns and the world's largest trees. The largest of the Giant Sequoias is the **General Sherman Tree** - the world's largest living thing. It stands 274.9 feet high with a diameter of 102.6 inches, and has a volume of 52,508 cubic feet. The enormity of these trees is eclipsed only by their age. While their exact ages are unknown, it is estimated that these giants are between 1,800 and 2,700 years old! We'll head back to the ranch where we'll take a walking tour and learn about the immense history of this beautiful place.

After a **leisurely morning** we'll say good bye to Wonder Valley Ranch and head towards everyone's favorite; **Yosemite National Park!** Our first stop will be lunch and a wonderful train ride aboard **the Sugar Pine Rail Road...** Ride into history where powerful locomotives once hauled massive log trains through the Sierra Mountains; where mighty lumberjacks felled the timber, and flumes carried lumber to the distant valley below. The Sierra National Forest's majestic woods provide the backdrop for this narrow-gauge journey back in time. Our home for the **next 2 nights is Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite,** a stunning mountain destination right next door to Yosemite National Park. It offers the cozy feel of a mountain retreat - but features a full range of world-class amenities.

Our next day is loaded with beauty and history as we **tour Yosemite National Park ...** Although Yosemite is not the first designated national park, it was central to the development of the national park idea. It is internationally recognized for its great granite cliffs, waterfalls, clear streams, giant Sequoia groves, and biological diversity. It contains five major vegetation zones: chaparral/oak woodland, lower montane, upper montane, subalpine, and alpine. We'll return to the lodge where you'll have some free time before our **farewell dinner after a fun filled day.**

After breakfast we'll head back to Fresno for our flight home with memories of 2 fantastic National Parks!



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by March 8th, 2022