



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

Travel Solo Together

Sierra Splendor

Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Yosemite!

with Women of the Midwest

May 17-22, 2026



Dear Women of the Midwest Travelers,

Welcome! I'm absolutely thrilled to be your Ambassador for our upcoming journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks. My name is Lisa Anderson, and I'll be traveling alongside you every step of the way—not only as your host, but as your dedicated concierge on the road. My mission is simple: to make sure your experience is seamless, comfortable, and truly unforgettable.

This tour is more than just a scenic escape—it's a chance to stand beneath the towering giants of Sequoia, feel the wild rush of waterfalls in Yosemite, and explore the hidden depths of Kings Canyon. These parks are some of nature's greatest masterpieces, and I can't wait for us to experience their wonder together.

Even more special is the camaraderie we'll build as a group of adventurous women, sharing stories, laughter, and lasting memories. Whether you're traveling solo or with a friend, you'll find that this journey is as much about connection and community as it is about discovery and beauty.

If there's anything you need—big or small—I'm here to take care of it. My role is to ensure you can fully relax, soak in the sights, breathe in the mountain air, and enjoy every moment.

At Women of the Midwest, we believe travel is about more than just seeing the sights—it's about finding joy in the journey, forging new friendships, and discovering new sides of ourselves along the way. Whether you're seeking peace, adventure, laughter, or all of the above, this trip has something magical in store for you.

I can't wait to meet you and begin this incredible journey together. Here's to awe-inspiring views, soul-nourishing moments, and friendships that will last long after the tour ends.

Warmly,
Lisa Anderson, Ambassador & Concierge
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

Delicious Local Fare



Redwood Trees



Steller's Jay



John Muir Historic Site



May 17, 2026 - Sunday

Arrival in Los Angeles - Welcome to California!

Our incredible adventure begins today as we arrive in Los Angeles, where the spirit of discovery is already in the air. After meeting your fellow travelers—soon to be friends—we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and set out on the first leg of our unforgettable journey through Sequoia, Yosemite, and King's Canyon National Parks.

What better way to kick things off than with a visit to one of the world's most breathtaking museums—the Getty Center. Nestled high in the hills above Brentwood, the Getty welcomes us with panoramic views of Los Angeles, world-class art collections, and beautifully curated gardens. Take your time exploring masterworks by Van Gogh, Monet, Rembrandt, and more, or wander through the Central Garden—a living sculpture of blooming flowers, tranquil streams, and a serene reflecting pool. Enjoy lunch on your own at the café or terrace as you soak in the views and begin to connect with the natural beauty that will define our week ahead.

This afternoon, we'll check in to the comfortable Embassy Suites LAX South, where spacious suites and a complimentary evening reception await. It's the perfect setting to relax, unwind, and start getting to know your travel companions.

Tonight, raise a glass to the exciting days ahead—breathtaking landscapes, giant sequoias, cascading waterfalls, and unforgettable memories are just around the corner! **D**

May 18, 2026 - Monday

Sequoia National Park and Wuksachi Lodge

Rise and shine! After an early breakfast at the hotel, we say goodbye to Los Angeles and depart at 8:00 AM, heading north into the heart of California. Settle into your deluxe motorcoach seat as the cityscape gives way to golden hills, rich farmland, and the wide-open spaces of the Central Valley—California's agricultural heartland.

As we travel, you'll witness the state's remarkable diversity: endless vineyards, orchards, nut groves, and the Sierra Nevada rising in the east, promising the natural wonders ahead. Your Tour Director will share stories of the region's past—from Spanish ranchos and Gold Rush tales to its vital role in feeding the nation.

Around midday, we stop for lunch on your own at the iconic Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant in Coalinga. Beloved by locals and travelers alike, it's known for hearty ranch-style meals and

premium beef raised right on-site. Whether you're in the mood for a burger, salad, or comfort food classic, there's something for every appetite.

After lunch, we continue toward the Sierra Nevada foothills. As the road climbs, the scenery shifts from oak-dotted hills to pine forests and eventually the majestic sequoias that define this region.

By late afternoon, we arrive at Wuksachi Lodge, your serene mountain retreat in the heart of Sequoia National Park. Nestled at 7,200 feet and surrounded by redwoods, the lodge offers rustic charm and incredible access to the park's natural beauty.

Settle into your forested accommodations and enjoy the tranquil setting. Dinner is on your own this evening—perhaps at the lodge's cozy restaurant, where local flavors and a relaxed lodge atmosphere set the tone for your stay.

Tonight, sleep beneath a canopy of stars. Tomorrow, the giants await. **B**

May 19, 2026 - Tuesday

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Wake up to the crisp mountain air and the scent of pine as the morning sun filters through the towering trees outside your window. After a hearty breakfast at the lodge, get ready for a full day of awe and adventure in one of the most majestic landscapes on Earth.

Today, we'll be joined by a knowledgeable local guide who will bring the stories of this ancient forest to life as we explore the awe-inspiring beauty of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Our journey will take us along the breathtaking Kings Canyon Scenic Byway, often called one of the most beautiful drives in America. As we wind through this dramatic glacier-carved valley, keep your eyes peeled for cascading waterfalls, granite cliffs, and wildlife that call this pristine wilderness home.

Step into the silent majesty of General Grant Grove, where colossal sequoias stretch skyward. Here stands the General Grant Tree—nicknamed "The Nation's Christmas Tree"—one of the largest living trees on the planet and a humbling symbol of resilience and time. We'll also visit the national park's Visitor Center, a perfect place to deepen your understanding of the ecosystems, history, and preservation efforts that make these parks so special.

This afternoon, we'll enjoy a boxed picnic lunch beneath the giants, surrounded by trees that have stood for over 2,000

Sugar Pine Railroad



Yosemite National Park



Grizzly Falls



Largest on Earth



years. It's a peaceful and powerful moment—eating lunch in the shadow of living monuments.

Depending on trail and weather conditions, we may make optional stops at some of the park's iconic highlights:

- **Tunnel Log**, the famous fallen sequoia you can walk or drive through.
- **The Giant Forest Museum**, where the story of the sequoias is told through engaging exhibits.
- **Moro Rock**, a dramatic granite dome with a staircase to the summit that offers panoramic views stretching across the Sierra Nevada (weather permitting and optional).

After a day filled with natural wonders and unforgettable memories, we'll return to Wuksachi Lodge for a relaxing evening. Dine at the lodge restaurant, sip a drink by the fire or at the cozy bar, or take a peaceful stroll beneath a canopy of stars in the clear mountain night sky. **B/L**

May 20, 2026 - Wednesday

Sugar Pine Railroad & Arrival at Tenaya Lodge

After a relaxing breakfast at Wuksachi Lodge, we check out and head north through the scenic Sierra foothills. The landscape shifts as we pass pine-covered slopes, historic logging country, and charming mountain towns.

In Fish Camp, we'll step back in time aboard the historic Sugar Pine Railroad—a 60-minute narrated ride on a restored narrow-gauge steam train. Once part of the 19th-century logging boom, these open-air cars offer fresh mountain air and stunning forest views. As the train whistles and chugs along, we'll hear stories of the rugged loggers and rail workers who once called this region home.

Before continuing, we'll enjoy a BBQ lunch surrounded by towering pines—a rustic and satisfying meal to fuel the road ahead.

Next, we enter Yosemite National Park through the dramatic Tunnel View Overlook, where a breathtaking panorama unfolds: El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, and Half Dome in all their iconic glory. It's Yosemite at its most cinematic—so have your cameras ready.

By late afternoon, we arrive at Tenaya Lodge, our home for the next two nights just outside the park's south entrance. The evening is yours to relax, explore, and enjoy dinner on your own—perhaps at the elegant Embers Restaurant or the casual Jackalope's Bar & Grill. Let the quiet grandeur of Yosemite settle in—tomorrow, the adventure continues. **B/L**

May 21, 2026 - Thursday

A Day of Discovery + A Final Evening at Tenaya Lodge

Awaken to another beautiful morning in Yosemite Valley, where the sound of rushing waterfalls and the scent of pine fill the air. After breakfast at the lodge, prepare for a day that will leave a lasting imprint on your heart and memory.

We'll be joined by an expert naturalist from the Yosemite Conservancy, whose passion and deep knowledge will guide us through the wonders of this legendary national park. Today's full-day journey will uncover the stories, science, and soul of Yosemite—from ancient geology to ecological preservation, and from indigenous history to the enduring power of natural beauty.

You'll visit some of the most iconic sights in all of Yosemite, each offering its own unforgettable moment:

- **Tunnel View**
- **El Capitan & Half Dome**
- **Bridalveil Fall**
- **Sentinel Bridge & Merced River**
- **The Ahwahnee Hotel**
- **Yosemite Falls – North America's tallest waterfall**

By midday, we'll stop in Yosemite Village, where you'll have free time to grab lunch on your own, visit the Ansel Adams Gallery or explore the Visitor Center.

As the day winds down, we return to Tenaya Lodge for one last evening surrounded by nature's grandeur. Savor the golden light as the sun sets behind the cliffs, casting a warm glow across the valley.

Tonight, we gather for a final dinner, bidding farewell to new friends and the unforgettable experiences we've shared. As night falls, take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey you've shared in one of the most extraordinary landscapes on earth. **B/D**

May 22, 2026 - Friday

A Fine Farewell

After enjoying a hearty breakfast at our hotel, we pack our bags and bid farewell to the breathtaking beauty of California's National Parks. With cherished memories and smiles accompanying us, we board our motorcoach to Fresno Yosemite International Airport for our return flights home. **B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:
 Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

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| Per person in a shared double room: | \$4,295 |
| Per person in a single room: | \$5,495 |

We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on January 31, 2026, is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:
 Register at least eight (8) months prior to departure
 (September 10, 2025) and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 20, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2+ 3 4

This tour involves a decent amount of walking, some stairs, periods of standing, outdoor activities, and some steep areas within the places visited. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are always recommended. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Group airfare:
 Group airfare is available. Refer to the separate insert for details.

Travel Insurance:
 We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Hotel Accommodations (announced 30 days prior to dep.):

- Embassy Suites LAX South (1 night)
- Wuksachi Lodge (2 nights)
- Tenaya Lodge (2 nights)

Included:

- Airfare Omaha* - Los Angeles / Fresno - Omaha*, economy class incl. taxes and fees (airfare is subject to change)
- 5 nights at 3 and 4-star hotels
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All tours and admissions as per the tour program
- Transportation with private deluxe motor coach
- Baggage handling at hotels (1 bag per person)
- Women of the Midwest tour ambassador
- Professional, local tour director from arrival in Los Angeles to departure in Fresno
- All local taxes and fees

*Travelers are not required to join the group each day. However, if you choose not to participate, please notify the Tour Director or Ambassador in advance. In the event of illness or injury, our policy ensures that the Ambassador will remain at the hotel to provide support.

We are happy to assist with airfare from any city in the U.S. A small additional fee may apply.

Not Included:

- Baggage fees (usually \$40 for the first checked bag up to 50 lbs.)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for your motorcoach driver, Tour Director and any local guides. We recommend \$9-\$12 per person per day for the Tour Director, \$4-\$7 per person per day for the motorcoach driver and \$2-\$4 per person for any local guide services. The gratuity amount should always reflect the quality of service provided.
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to sites other than mentioned
- Professional fees, \$100 due at registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

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Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found on our website at WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys/

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GROUP AIR DETAILS!

Group airfare with United Airlines is included in your package:

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| May 17, 2026 | Omaha, NE* - Denver, CO | 6:00 AM | 6:39 AM |
| May 17, 2026 | Denver, CO - Los Angeles, CA | 7:58 AM | 9:34 AM |
| May 22, 2026 | Fresno, CA - Denver, CO | 1:18 PM | 4:40 PM |
| May 22, 2026 | Denver, CO - Omaha, NE* | 5:55 PM | 8:25 PM |

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. Additional individual transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group in Los Angeles on May 17 around 9:34 AM is not possible. The same applies for the return on May 22. A small supplement may be applied for assistance with transfers.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
Economy Plus can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$200-400.
Premium Economy and Business Class can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Please reach out for your personal quote. Not all flights offer Premium Economy and Business Class. Estimate a supplement of \$500-\$1,000 for Premium Economy and a supplement of \$1,500-\$1,800 for Business Class seating.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals traveling on a group air contract is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of registration. Otherwise, upon check-in at your local airport** on the days of departure.

Taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

Air schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

