

# 14 PLACES TO

We've scoured the planet to come up with spectacular adventures in the new year for travelers and Sierra Club members. Each trip is planned and organized by veteran leaders and sponsored by the Angeles Chapter. So whether it's Solvang or Spain, Alaska or Israel, experience a trip unlike any other that supports the Chapter too. Bon voyage!

## 1 Death Valley National Park Bus Trip

January 18-20

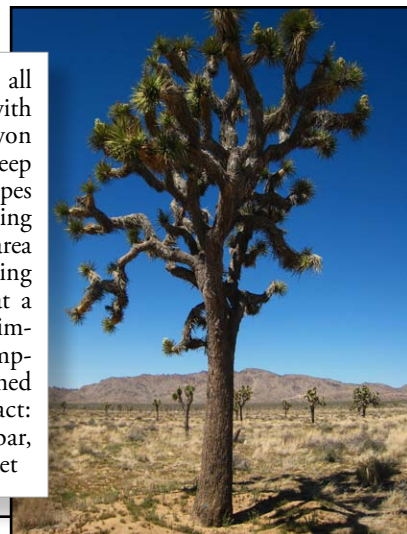
Join us on some of the most spectacular trails in Death Valley National Park with hiking options ranging from 3 to 8 miles daily. Experience geological formations of 1.8 billion-year-old metamorphic rocks and be surrounded by a panorama of rugged canyons and towering peaks. Stay two nights at Furnace Creek Ranch and more! \$290 for Sierra Club members. Contact: Judy Shane, (310) 379-1111 [judyshane@aol.com](mailto:judyshane@aol.com); David H Hixson at 310-676-8848 or [dhixson2@socal.rr.com](mailto:dhixson2@socal.rr.com)



## 2 Pictograph Hike at Joshua Tree National Park

February 1

Moderately strenuous all day seven-mile hike with 400 feet of hard won gain/loss. Hike the steep cross-country desert slopes and go boulder scrambling in cactus filled brushy area to see two outstanding pictograph sites. Led at a deliberate pace with limited breaks. Group camping available. Conditioned hikers only. Contact: Leader: Diane Dunbar, [dianedunbar@charter.net](mailto:dianedunbar@charter.net)



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## 3 Winter Combo Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes

March 7-9



DONNA SPECHT

Go back-country or downhill skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing on a fun-filled weekend at Mammoth Mountain. You can go out on daily leader-led ski and participate in snowshoe tours too. \$305 for Sierra Club members. Contact: Donna Specht, (714) 963-6345 [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)



## Solvang and Then Some!

April 26

Visit the brand-new Wilding Museum, one of the original Spanish missions, Lompoc, Ballard and of course the town known as Copenhagen of the West. Cost is \$79 for Sierra Club members, \$89 for non-members. Cost covers round-trip bus, entrance fees and more. Contact: Paul Cutter, (310) 837-5269, [patecu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patecu@sbcglobal.net); Felicia Hammond, (310) 391-9690, [feliciafgh@earthlink.net](mailto:feliciafgh@earthlink.net)



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## 5 Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks Bus Trip

May 24-27



Explore two outstanding Utah parks: Zion National Park where you may take self-guided hikes amid massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red, which soar into a bright blue sky. Leaders offer more hiking and adventure options on a day trip to Bryce Canyon National Park where red forests of hoodoos (unique pillars of rock sculptured by the forces of erosion) dominate the landscape. Cost is \$600 per person for members/\$625 for non-members. Contact: Judy Shane, (310) 379-1111, judyshane@aol.com David H Hixson, (310) 676-8848 dhixson2@socal.rr.com

## 6 Birds and Mammals of Northeast Mongolia and the Gobi Desert

June 6-27



FRED DONG

Enjoy the beauty of the desert with dramatic cliffs, sand dunes and wildlife in an area that hosts the largest concentration of wild mammals in Asia. See the endangered Mongolian wild horse and gazelles as well as neolithic ruins and the stark beauty of this remote part of the planet. \$4,750 per person (\$4,850 for non-members) includes hotel, local transport, guides and park admissions. Can't do the whole tour? 14-day (\$2,525 per person) and 22-day (\$4,850 per person) options available. Airfare not included; group rates available. Contact: Bruce Hale, (818) 957-1936. Contact: Leaders Bruce Hale and Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net.

## 7 Black Hills Adventure

June 7-14s



MIKE SAPPINGFIELD

Go where the buffalo roam and the deer and antelope play on this eight-day trip to South Dakota. Visit Custer State Park's renowned buffalo herd, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower and more on this outdoor closeup of the state's most famous sights. \$1,295 (\$1,350 for non-members) includes hotel, local transport, group activities and happy hours. Airfare not included. Contact: Mike Sappingfield, (949) 768-3610, mikesapp@cox.net.



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## 8 Hawaiian Islands Hiking Adventure: Maui, the Valley Isle

June 14-21

Spend eight days experiencing the unique and outstanding natural beauty of Maui. Hike into awesome Haleakala National Park's moon-scape crater, with its vast array of colors and cinder cones. Traverse diverse vegetation zones, and meet the one-of-a-kind silversword! Enjoy moderate hikes or optional 11-mile Haleakala Super Hike that goes in, across and out of the crater. Cost is \$1,345 for Sierra Club members and \$1,479 for non-members before April 1. Bill Crane, (818) 773-4601, bilguana@socal.rr.com; Sridhar Gullapalli, (310) 821-3900, sridhar\_gullapalli@yahoo.com



BILL CRANE

## 11 France and Spain: Camino del Norte

Sept. 4-27



ED MAURER

Take a long-distance hike along the ancient pilgrimage route across France and Spain to Santiago de Compostela continues in 2014 with a walk along the Camino del Norte, from Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France, to Oviedo, Spain. Experience the green meadows, lush forests and dramatic coastal cliffs as well as the architectural treasures ranging from a 1,200-year-old church near Oviedo to Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Cost for Sierra Club members is \$3,500 per person, non-members, \$3,600 per person, excluding airfare. Contact: Ed Maurer, (949) 768-0417; balois@cox.net

## 9 Alaska Bear Viewing Adventure

July 22-26

Spend three amazing days viewing Alaska brown bears at the state's most spectacular wild bear viewing site, Katmai National Park. Stay at the Brooks River Lodge cabins and go bear-gawking by day. Trip is limited to 10 participants.



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\$1,425 for members, nonmembers add \$100. Consider adding on our Alaska Wildlife Adventure (below). Contact: leaders Fred Dong and Stephanie Gross, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net, and Clifford Caplan (310) 376-9105, caplan04@yahoo.com.

## 10 Alaska Wildlife Adventure

July 26-Aug. 3

Come with us to see Kenai Fjords National Park's calving tidewater glaciers and wildlife along the ocean and on land; enjoy the great hiking and wildlife viewing that Denali National Park has to offer. \$1,995 per person (\$2,095 for non-members) covers hotel, bus, some meals, full day cruise. Airfare extra. Contact Leader Fred Dong, (818) 545-3878; madelinesdad@earthlink.net. Bear lovers add our Alaska Bear Viewing Adventure!



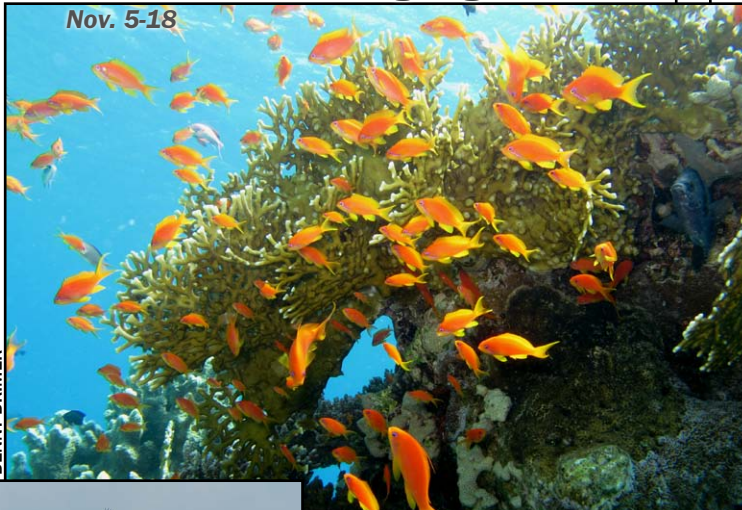
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## 12 Israel Adventure: Natural and Historical Highlights

Nov. 5-18



BENNY BRIMER

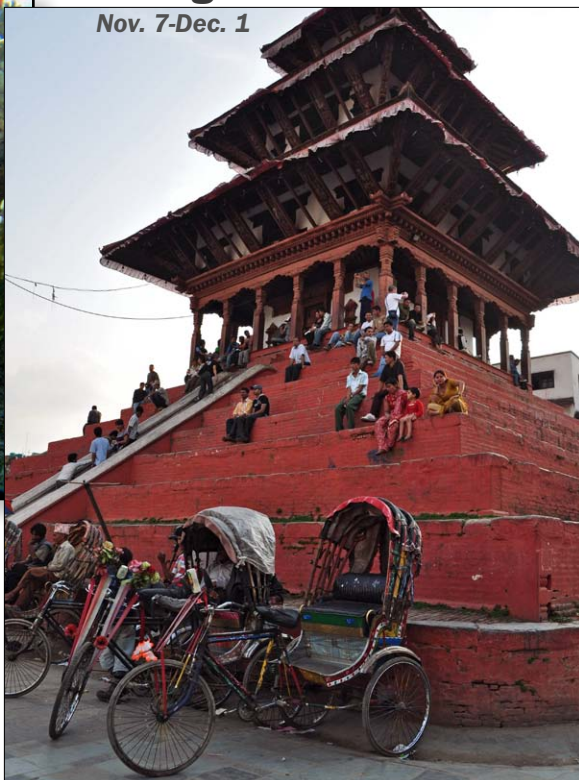


ISRAELI MINISTRY OF TOURISM

Join an active adventure to Israel to learn about classic religious and historical sites as well as the natural history that makes Israel a critical respite in wildlife migration. Hike up Masada, stop at places along the Mediterranean Sea, and experience the Jordan River and Sea of Galilee on this special Sierra Club trip. The cost is \$3,970 per person for Sierra Club members; non-members add \$100. Airfare is extra. Contact: Shlomo Waser, (408) 483-7716; shlomosierclub@gmail.com; Kath Giel, (415) 720-4430, sierrakath@gmail.com.

## 14 Nepal Highlights and Hiking Adventure

Nov. 7-Dec. 1



MAEW SUCHIN

Explore the Himalayas, the world's highest mountains, wildlife and learn about the religion and culture of the Nepalese on this journey to Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, Kathmandu, temples, villages and national parks. \$3,000 per person before March 31, 2014; \$3,100 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add \$100. International airfare is extra; group airfare available. Leaders: Maew Suchin, Fred Dong, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net

Can't do the entire trip? Come on the Nepal Highlights Adventure from Nov. 7-14 (\$1,500 per person for Sierra Club members who sign up by March 31, 2014; \$1,575 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add \$100.) or the Nepal Mountain Hiking Adventure from Nov. 12-Dec. 1 (\$1,800 per person for Sierra Club members who sign up by March 31, 2014; \$1,875 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add \$100.) Leaders: Maew Suchin, Fred Dong, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net

## 13 New England Extravaganza

Oct. 4-12

See the extraordinary fall colors and covered bridges of New Hampshire and Vermont. Boston-area highlights include the Freedom Trail, Paul Revere's house, and Concord and Lexington. \$1,350 per person (\$1,450 for non-members) includes hotel, local transportation, admission to scheduled excursions, some meals. Airfare not included. Contact: Mike Sappingfield, (949) 768-3610, mikesapp@cox.net



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