



2018 – Sierra-Desert-Pacific Tour



April 26 to 29, 2018

Join PCA-Diablo for Diverse and Sublime California and Nevada Back Roads – Gold Country, Sierra Summits, Desert Solitaire, and Central Coast Wine

Connect with your PCA friends and make new ones, over 4 days of enjoyable driving and relaxation. Enjoy open roads, twisties, and the boundless expanse of basin and range.

Day One

Starting in Lodi, CA the tour traverses Highway 49 Gold Country, before climbing sinuous Highway 88 to Carson Pass. Descending east and then turning south, the drive transitions from mountain magic to Nevada's spectacular basin and range vistas. Day 1 ends with afternoon shadows on Mono Lake, before a short hop to Mammoth Lakes. Distance – 250 miles



Day Two

Enjoy the morning skirting south of Mono Lake to Benton Hot Springs, with expansive views of the impressive White Mountains. After a short hop down Highway 395, the route turns east up Westgard Pass. The views westward of California's Sierra Nevada are over the top, with lingering winter snow adding magnificence. The sublimity and open space of the American West beckons to the east of Westgard Pass, as the tour heads south to Death Valley. End the day pool-side, enjoying a sunset tapestry at Furnace Creek. Distance – 235 miles



Day Three

Transition and multiplicity best capture Day Three, beginning with an end run around Telescope Peak and the spectacular Panamint Range, via remote Highway 178 to Ridgecrest. The drive changes again, as Highway 178 winds westward across the southern end of the Sierra Nevada, into the Kern River watershed and Lake Isabella. Experience twisties and white water views, as the Kern descends to Bakersfield. Optional – Consider a cocktail at the surprising Padre Hotel, or a visit to the Fox – downtown restorations, and throw backs in time to today. Distance – 225 miles



Day Four

Staying off the interstate, nostalgic San Joaquin Valley back roads recall another age, and lead to lightly travelled Highway 58. This Central Coast gem traverses the unexpected



Carrizo Plain, before blending into Paso Robles wine country.

The Tour officially ends with a relaxing winery lunch in Paso Robles. Head home in the afternoon on Highway 101 or Interstate 5. Alternately take the slow route on entertaining Central Coast back roads – such as Highway 25 north to Hollister, or Arroyo Seco to Carmel and the Pacific.

Distance – 118 miles



Willkommen ! Registration Opens in December – Announced ahead, via e-Blast to PCA members