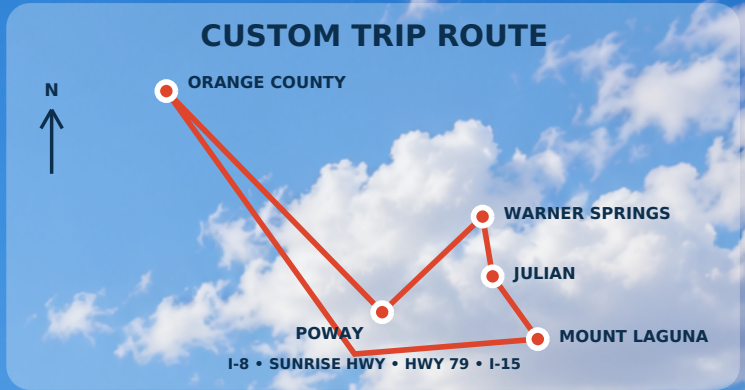




CUSTOM FALL GETAWAY

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026



LAGUNA MOUNTAINS & POTATO CHIP ROCK

Granite Summit Views • Mountain Meadows • Fall Oak Color

Warner Springs Valley • Julian Village

2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT

FROM \$200 / PERSON • OTHER PRICES IN PROGRAM

Trip Overview

A two-day fall getaway through Laguna mountain meadows, Julian and Warner Springs, followed by the iconic Potato Chip Rock hike on Mt. Woodson.

Highlights

- Big Laguna Meadow & autumn oaks
- Warner Springs valley fall color oaks
- Julian village & apple pie stop
- Potato Chip Rock: strenuous hike

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



PRIVATE ROAD TRIP

Orange County • Laguna • Poway

TRAVEL DATES

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COMFORTABLE LODGING

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Laguna Mountains: Warner Springs Fall Foliage & Potato Chip Rock

Mountain Meadows • Fall Oak Color • Warner Springs Valley • Granite Summit Views

Orange County • Mount Laguna • Julian • Warner Springs • Poway — 2-Day / 1-Night Trip

OCT 31 - NOV 1, 2026 • EASY-MODERATE HIKES • STRENUOUS: POTATO CHIP ROCK

Trip Overview

A 2-day, 1-night fall getaway: the Laguna Mountains meadows and the fall color of Warner Springs on Day 1, then the famous Potato Chip Rock on Mt. Woodson on Day 2. This departure is within 2 weeks, so it is a **last-minute booking** with full payment due now.

What to Expect, Oct 31 - Nov 1

Potato Chip Rock is on Sunday, Nov 1, when clocks go back an hour: the extra hour makes the very early start easier. Halloween weekend is busy, and the trail and parking fill fast.

Fall color: black oak and cottonwood color on the Laguna Mountains and in Warner Springs is typically building toward peak from late October into mid-November, though it is local and modest; timing varies by weather. Days are crisp and clear, with cold nights at elevation.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday Oct 31 — Laguna Mountains & Warner Springs Fall Foliage

Driving: ~2.5 hrs to Mount Laguna (~110 mi), ~1 hr on to Julian, ~40 min to Warner Springs | Hiking/Trekking: ~3-5 mi, easy

- Depart early AM via I-8 and Sunrise Highway to the Laguna Mountains
- Big Laguna Meadow and oak groves along the Big Laguna Trail (~3-5 mi, easy), with fall color and long views
- Fall color along Hwy 79 through Julian (apple pie stop), Lake Henshaw, and Warner Springs
- **Optional extras:** Garnet Peak (moderate, ~5 mi RT); Eagle Rock on the Pacific Crest Trail from Warner Springs (moderate, ~5-6 mi RT)
- Overnight: Julian or Warner Springs (Night 1 of 1)

Check Sunrise Highway and Hwy 79 conditions before driving.

Meals: not included

Day 2, Sunday Nov 1 — Potato Chip Rock (Mt. Woodson), then Home

Driving: ~1.25-1.5 hrs to Poway, ~1.5-2 hrs home | Hiking/Trekking: ~7.5 mi RT, moderate-strenuous

- Depart very early (clocks went back overnight, so you gain an hour); the trail and parking fill fast
- Mt. Woodson / Potato Chip Rock via Lake Poway (~7.5 mi RT, ~2,100 ft gain): the famous thin granite slab overlooking Poway
- Drive home to Orange County via I-15

Confirm current Lake Poway / Mt. Woodson permit and parking rules; weekend access can be limited. The exposed slab is windy, with a drop.

Meals: not included

Driving times and trail distances are approximate. No meals are included on any day of this trip.

Lodging Options

Tier	Julian / Warner Springs (Night 1)
2-Star	Mount Laguna Lodge cabins / Julian budget motels
3-Star	Julian inns and B&Bs
4-Star	Julian boutique inns / Orchard Hill Country Inn

Properties are examples; confirm availability when booking.

What's Included

- 1 night of accommodation at the selected hotel tier

- Rental vehicle with fuel and parking / park fees: SUV for 2–4 guests, minivan for 5–6, full-size van / minibus for 7–8
- Trip organizer drives throughout, with participants helping out (fuel stops, navigation, etc.)
- Trip planning and coordination

Not included: all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), Mt. Woodson / Lake Poway permit and parking fees, hotel taxes and resort fees, alcohol, gratuities, and travel insurance.

Price — Last-Minute Booking (per person, double occupancy)

Group size	Vehicle	2-Star	3-Star	4-Star
2	SUV	\$425–\$480	\$450–\$520	\$490–\$580
3	SUV	\$310–\$360	\$335–\$400	\$375–\$460
4	SUV	\$245–\$285	\$270–\$325	\$310–\$385
5	Minivan	\$235–\$275	\$260–\$315	\$300–\$375
6	Minivan	\$215–\$255	\$240–\$295	\$280–\$355
7	Full-Size Van/Minibus	\$215–\$260	\$240–\$300	\$280–\$360
8	Full-Size Van/Minibus	\$200–\$245	\$225–\$285	\$265–\$345

Prices include a late-booking surcharge on vehicle and lodging.

Occupancy Adjustments (per person)

Occupancy	2-Star	3-Star	4-Star
Double (2/room) — standard	Included	Included	Included
Single (1/room)	+\$60	+\$95	+\$145
Triple (3/room)	–\$20	–\$30	–\$50
Quad (4/room)	–\$30	–\$50	–\$70

Organizer tip: a tip of 5–10% of trip cost is highly suggested for whoever plans, books, and coordinates the trip.
Driver / group helper discount: travelers who drive or otherwise help run the trip get 50% off their share of the gas cost.

Payment Schedule (Last-Minute Booking)

Payment	Amount	Due date
Full Payment	100% of trip cost	Now (departure is within 2 weeks), non-refundable

Optional Extras & Points of Interest

- **Moderate extras:** Garnet Peak (~5 mi RT); Eagle Rock via the Pacific Crest Trail (~5–6 mi RT)
- Julian: apple pie and orchards; Lake Cuyamaca and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
- Warner Springs, Lake Henshaw, and Hwy 79 fall color
- Mt. Woodson and Lake Poway

Rate Notes

- **Potato Chip Rock:** permits, parking, and trail access are managed by the City of Poway and can change; confirm before you go.
- **Roads:** check Sunrise Highway and Hwy 79 conditions before driving.
- Hotel rates are market estimates; book early, as weekends and holidays fill quickly.
- Rates are per person, in USD, before hotel taxes and resort fees; final pricing is confirmed once group size is set.



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