



CUSTOM FALL ROUTE



2026 DEPARTURE OPTIONS

OCT 31 - NOV 1

OR NOV 7 - 8

OPTIONAL STRENUOUS HIKE: SAN JACINTO PEAK

IDYLLWILD

FALL ROAD TRIP • OAK GLEN & JULIAN

Apple Orchards • Fall Foliage • Mountain Trails

Quaint Village • Julian Apple Pie

2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT

FROM \$200 / PERSON • DOUBLE • GROUP OF 8 • 2-STAR

Trip Overview

Pick apples in Oak Glen, walk golden forest trails and stay overnight in Idyllwild. Travel scenic back roads through Anza and Warner Springs to Julian for orchards and pie.

Highlights

- Oak Glen orchards & farm stands
- Ernie Maxwell Trail & golden oaks
- Idyllwild village & scenic back roads
- Julian apple picking, pie & cider

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



OAK GLEN APPLES



IDYLLWILD VILLAGE



GOLDEN FOREST TRAILS



JULIAN APPLE PIE

PRIVATE ROAD TRIP

Orange County • Oak Glen • Idyllwild • Julian

EASY WALKS • OPTIONAL HARDER HIKES

Ernie Maxwell Trail • Village & orchard strolls

CUSTOMIZE YOUR MOUNTAIN HIKES

EASY FOREST WALK

Ernie Maxwell • approx. 3 mi

MODERATE OPTION

Devil's Slide • Saddle Junction

STRENUOUS OPTION

San Jacinto Peak • replaces Julian

Lodging, vehicle & coordination included • Meals and orchard fees extra

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Idyllwild Fall Road Trip: Oak Glen & Julian Apple Picking

Apple Orchards • Fall Foliage • Mountain Trails • Julian Apple Pie

Orange County • Oak Glen • Idyllwild • Julian — 2-Day / 1-Night Trip

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Trip Overview

A 2-day, 1-night fall road trip from Orange County: apple picking at Oak Glen, an afternoon of fall color in the pines and oaks of Idyllwild, and a scenic back-roads drive through Anza and Warner Springs to Julian for more orchards and apple pie before heading home. Both departures are within 3 months, so they are priced as **last-minute bookings**.

Which Dates? Early vs. Late

	EARLY: Oct 31 - Nov 1	LATE: Nov 7 - 8
Fall color	Color building toward peak in Oak Glen, Julian, and Idyllwild	Typically at or near peak in Idyllwild and Julian; Oak Glen is past its best
Apples	Prime picking season with many varieties	Later varieties; some orchards are winding down
Weather	Mild days, cool nights; sunset about 5:55 PM	Cooler, with a higher chance of rain; sunset about 4:50 PM
Crowds	Halloween weekend: Oak Glen and Julian are busiest	Lighter crowds

Color timing varies by year and weather; we will share a foliage update before departure. Clocks go back on Nov 1.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday — Oak Glen Apple Picking, then Idyllwild

Driving: ~1.75 hrs to Oak Glen (~80 mi), ~1.25 hrs on to Idyllwild via Banning and Hwy 243 | Hiking/Trekking: ~3 mi, easy

- Depart early to reach the orchards in the morning: pick-your-own apples, cider, and farm stands (orchard fees are extra)
- Drive via Banning and the scenic Hwy 243 up to Idyllwild
- Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail (~3 mi RT, easy) through the pines and fall color, or a stroll through Idyllwild village
- Overnight: Idyllwild (Night 1 of 1)

Oak Glen is very busy on fall weekends; arrive early. Check Hwy 243 for closures or chain requirements.
Meals: not included

Day 2, Sunday — Back-Roads Fall Drive to Julian, then Home

Driving: ~2-2.5 hrs to Julian via Hwys 74, 371, and 79, ~2.5 hrs home | Hiking/Trekking: ~1-2 mi, easy

- Morning in Idyllwild, then the scenic back road through Anza and Warner Springs, with oaks and sycamores in fall color
- Julian: orchards, apple picking, apple pie, and cider on Main Street
- **Optional extras:** Devil's Slide to Saddle Junction (moderate, ~5 mi RT) before leaving Idyllwild; San Jacinto Peak via Marion Mountain or Devil's Slide (strenuous), replacing the Julian drive
- Drive home to Orange County via Hwy 78 and I-15

Julian is crowded on fall weekends; arrive early for pie.
Meals: not included

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

Lodging Options

Tier	Idyllwild (Night 1)
2-Star	Idyllwild budget lodges and cabins
3-Star	Idyllwild cabins / Strawberry Creek Inn-type inns
4-Star	Boutique inns and large cabin rentals

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), orchard pick-your-own fees and purchases, wilderness permits (free, self-issued), 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
Deposit	75% of trip cost (100% for the Oct 31 trip)	Now, non-refundable
Final Payment	25% of trip cost (Nov 7 trip only)	Saturday, Oct 24, 2026 (2 weeks before departure), non-refundable

Optional Extras & Points of Interest

- **Strenuous extras:** San Jacinto Peak (10,834 ft) via the Marion Mountain Trail (~11 mi RT, ~4,400 ft gain, steep) or via Devil's Slide from Humber Park (~15 mi RT, ~4,300 ft gain); wilderness permit required; Day 2 only, very early start, with snow and ice possible and short days. Also Tahquitz Peak from Humber Park (~8.3 mi RT, ~2,300 ft gain)
- **Moderate extras:** Devil's Slide to Saddle Junction (~5 mi RT); Deer Springs Trail; Suicide Rock Trail (~7 mi RT)
- Oak Glen orchards and farm stands; Idyllwild village and Humber Park
- Anza and Warner Springs; Julian Main Street and orchards; Lake Cuyamaca

Rate Notes

- **Roads:** Hwy 243 and the back roads can have closures, snow, or chain requirements; check conditions before you go.
- **Orchards:** pick-your-own seasons and hours vary by farm and week; confirm before you go.
- 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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