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## Commercial Use Authorization Conditions for: Commercial Bus Tours

1. For the purpose of this authorization the term “Commercial Tour” is defined as one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold for leisure/recreational purposes by an organization that realizes financial gain through the provision of the service.
2. For the purpose of this authorization the word “Holder” shall mean the person, company, and/or corporation to whom this Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) has been issued. This definition shall include employees and/or agents of the person, company, and/or corporation to whom this authorization is issued.
3. For the purpose of this authorization the term “Commercial Bus” shall mean any mode of transportation, which is used to carry paying passengers into and out of the park area. This definition includes, but it is not limited to sedans, SUV’s, mini-vans, vans, mini-buses, motor coaches, taxis, and limousines used for commercial transportation services.
4. Commercial Bus will not travel off designated roads. All Backcountry Travel rules and regulations will be followed. Holder operations shall be in compliance with "Leave No Trace" philosophy and provide Leave No Trace brochures to all passengers. Available at: <http://lnt.org/sites/default/files/PrinciplesTrifold.pdf>
5. Archeological, historic structures and/or artifacts will be left in place, undisturbed. No natural features should be disturbed. No exotic plants/animals/or human features will be introduced and/or left behind. Holder is requested to report all wildlife sightings, including date, time and location.
6. Holder will provide for basic first aid and initial transport at the standard first aid level. Holder must report all injuries sustained in the Park by Holder or their clients. All commercial vehicles entering the park shall have a first aid kit on board.
7. No sale of items or filming of the tour for commercial purposes. Commercial photography and filming of advertisements within Death Valley National Park requires a separate film permit, which must be approved by the Superintendent. (Contact the Office of Special Park Uses at (760) 786-3241 for further information).
8. Advertising for the authorized activity shall not state or imply endorsement by Death Valley National Park or the National Park Service
9. Group will not exceed the number of operable seatbelts in each vehicle.
10. Payment of Entrance Fees: Holder is required to pay appropriate entrance fees for commercial vehicles. Entrance fees are collected at the following locations in the park: Furnace Creek Visitor Center, Grapevine Entrance Station, and Stovepipe Wells Ranger Station and Scotty’s Castle Visitor Center. Under 36CFR 2.23(b), failure to pay the designated entrance fee upon entering Death Valley National Park may result in a fine and the suspension or revocation of your permit. Following is the entrance fee schedule:

<u>Passenger Capacity</u>		<u>Commercial Tour Fee</u>
1-6	(Sedan)	\$25.00 + \$10.00 per passenger (\$75.00 Maximum)
7-15	(Mini-Van, Van, Suburban)	\$75.00
16-25	(Mini-Bus)	\$100.00
26+	(Motor Coaches)	\$200.00

11. Holder will submit a certificate of liability insurance listing Death Valley National Park, National Park Service as additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Superintendent will not be responsible for any omissions or inadequacies of insurance coverage and amounts if such prove to be inadequate or otherwise insufficient for any reason whatsoever. **We encourage you to consult with your insurance company in the event State requirements exceed Federal guidelines.**
12. Activities permitted under this CUA will not disrupt other park visitors. The CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area within the park or access to areas not open to the general public.
13. Holder will have a valid TCP or PSC number issued by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for passenger carriers. (For California Intrastate Trips)
14. Holder will have a Federal U.S. DOT Number to operate an out-of-state-domiciled commercial vehicle in California.
15. Holder will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes.
16. Holder will provide a copy of this authorization to all employees operating under authorization and in all commercial vehicles. The authorization must be presented upon request by National Park Service personnel.
17. The Holder expressly agrees that the terms and conditions of the permit shall not establish a precedent for any future permit within Death Valley National Park or any other unit of the National Park System. Holder further acknowledges that this permit is issued in good faith by the National Park Service, and that continued use of National Park Service lands is contingent on satisfactory observance of these conditions; failure to follow the conditions of the Permit may result in revocation of this permit and denial of future permits.
18. Idling is permitted while passengers are on board and 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding. Idling shall occur in designated parking spaces. Busses shall not sit and idle in loading zones in front of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center or other park facility as this creates noise and air pollution for other visitors recreating around these facilities.
19. Busses may pause in designated passenger loading and unloading zones to allow passengers to disembark, and then must immediately park in designated parking areas. Busses may not obstruct the flow of other vehicle traffic to allow passengers to embark and disembark. If no designated loading area exists at a park facility, busses must board passengers from a designated parking space.