

California Treasures



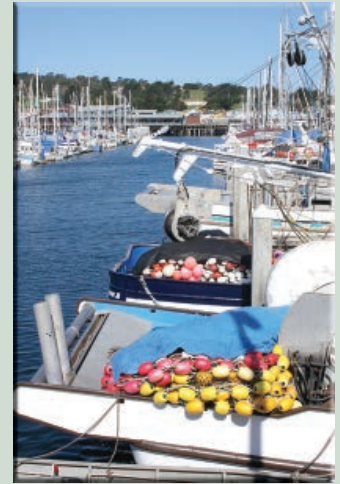
Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco Skyline in Background

14 Days / 13 Nights

Roundtrip from San Francisco

Highlights:

- * San Francisco
- * Monterey, Aquarium, Pacific Coast, Highway 101, Big Sur
- * Joshua Tree National Park
- * Yosemite National Park
- * Palm Springs
- * Los Angeles Universal Studios
- * Las Vegas Strip
- * Death Valley und Mono Lake



Monterey Bay Harbor

See insert for dates & pricing

A Californian Adventure.

Experience the unbelievable contrast between nature and culture as we travel through the heart of America's most beautiful state, California. See the lights, entertainment and shopping of San Francisco and Los Angeles. Alternately, explore along Monterey's and Big Sur's quite beaches, left untouched. See the natural splendor of famous national parks, from lush fields of flowers in Yosemite to unusually barren salt flats in Death Valley. Join us as we journey through the grandest highlights of this beautiful state.



California Treasures Route



Big Sur Coastline

Best Kept Secrets Revealed.

California is filled with surprises and hidden gems that one should not miss, only offered on small tours like ours. Taste freshly picked fruit from an open-air market, grab a cookie from a small town's favorite bakery, or take a swim in a cool mountain lake. Become part of a close and personal tour that aside from famous sights visits the rare and unknown, on back country roads and in small wild-west towns. Join like-minded people that may become life-long friends, and share your delight over a shared dinner in a small country restaurant. Share your excitement with us and our guests as we spot wildlife, observe relics of California's history or taste one of America's finest wines. Enjoy the privacy and comfort of our small group tours.

A Wide Variety of Activities.

Shopping, galleries, romantic harbors, Hollywood Star Walk, Universal Studios, Las Vegas gambling and shows, and more greet you in America's upbeat western cities. In contrast, we spend most of our time walking in the West's most scenic natural areas, with vast expanses of protected land at Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks, as well as along the ocean. After taking a wild carnival ride or watching a performance in L.A., spend a night relaxing in a hot tub at one of our choice hotels. Or maybe you want an optional whale watching tour, before perfecting a picture of wildflowers in front of a beach where you can walk peacefully until the sun sets. Let us take you there, we'll worry about details, while you enjoy this amazing state.



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Las Vegas Strip

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The picturesque Pacific Ocean shown left stands in stark contrast with the strange yet beautiful deserts of the Great Basin, protected in Death Valley National Park seen below. Sights like the towering Sierra Nevada that jut upward from a flat desert landscape, or the giant waterfalls at Yosemite will leave an everlasting impression on visitors.

California is simply a traveler's paradise, filled with exciting outdoor adventure, astonishing natural beauty, and plenty of culture, history, and entertainment.

Day 1: Welcome to San Francisco, California's most famous harbor city. Meet at the hotel, dinner together, receive travel documentation.

Day 2: Drive along the Pacific coastline, stop at wilderness sanctuary on way to Santa Cruz. Optional entertaining activities on the Boardwalk, a semi-theme park directly on the beach. On to the Wharf in Monterey. 2 nights in Pacific Grove.

Day 3: See Monterey Bay by day, take 17-Mile Drive. Stop at a famous movie-star-restort golf club to mingle with millionaires. Visit the gorgeous grounds of Carmel Mission. Optional evening activities include a whale watching tour or the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Day 4: Drive highway 1 along a beautiful stretch of the Pacific. Walk down to an elephant seal colony in a little-known reserve. Night in warm, coastal town San Luis Obispo, a palm and beach paradise.

Day 5: Morning stroll through Pismo Beach, then explore Danish town Solvang. Visit a mission in Santa Barbara, and evening in Santa Monica. Two nights in Los Angeles.

Day 6: Walk through warm and rich Beverly Hills and Hollywood. Afternoon offers an optional visit to Universal Studios or the Paul Getty Museum.

Day 7: Visit to Palm Springs, a wealthy vacationer's paradise. Then a longer walk in the Indian Canyons. Gondola ride into the San Jacinto mountains, build a snowman or enjoy alpine wildflowers, weather permitting. Night in a hot springs pool resort in Desert Hot Springs.

Day 8: Joshua Tree National Park is today's main attraction, where we stop for several unique cactus and cliff sights, picnic. On to Las Vegas where we spend two nights. Endless entertainment opportunities.

Day 9: Explore Las Vegas, with its incredible architecture, world class dining and gambling, optional shows, carnival rides, games, and shopping.

Day 10: Day trip to Death Valley, pictured right. Stop at several points of interest, including a Visitor Center. Walk through colorful, contorted, parched lands. Night in small town Lone Pine.

Day 11: See a giant round granite boulder landscape at Alabama Hills, famous movie backdrop. Explore a sulfuric stream at Hot Creek, a volcanic area we explore on foot. On to Mono Lake, where unique calcium carbonate spires called tufa emerge at the water's edge. Night near Markleeville.

Day 12: Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake in America, and its crystal clear blue waters are inviting. Stop and walk at viewpoints. Next stop at gold mining town Placerville. Night in Mariposa.

Day 13: Today's highlight is Yosemite National Park. Begin with a walk among giant Sequoia trees at Mariposa Grove. Stop at visitor center with Native American Museum, roundtrip to waterfalls. Return to San Francisco, goodbye dinner.

Day 14: Journey home or continue travel on your own.



Death Valley National Park, Dunes