

## **WEST COAST : 9 Nights / 10 Days**

### **(2N San Francisco - 2N Yosemite National Park - 2N Las Vegas - 2N Los Angeles - 1N San Diego)**

#### **Day 1: Begin Your Tour • San Francisco**

Upon arrival into San Francisco, you will pick up your rental car and head to the City of Sun! San Francisco is amongst one of USA's most cosmopolitan and atmospheric cities. Located on the bay, its suburbs are linked by a series of expansive bridges, one of those being the infamous Golden Gate Bridge. Trams run major routes along the foreshore and into the hilly heights in a city where quaint wooden houses contrast sharply with the sophistication of modern skyscrapers. Overnight in San Francisco.

#### **Day 2: San Francisco**

Drive to the 'City by the Bay' in sunny California. San Francisco is a city which the locals are fiercely proud of and for good reason. There's plenty to keep you entertained but the best introduction is to jump on a hop-on-hop-off bus tour or book one of our 'Urban Adventures' around the city. No trip to San Francisco is complete without a visit to Alcatraz, so enjoy a bay cruise in the evening to explore the dark side of Frisco. Overnight in San Francisco.

#### **Day 3: San Francisco • Yosemite National Park**

After a brief fling with San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, hit the old prospectors' trail to the east into Yosemite National Park. There's some memorable eye candy here, from huge granite cliffs and the chiseled landmarks of El Capitan and Half Dome to the highest waterfalls in North America. Yosemite is also home to some of the oldest trees in the world, the mighty Giant Sequoias which tower above the park, and let's not forget the unbelievable array of incredible wildlife, from bears to coyotes! Overnight in the cabin where you will sleep to the sounds of the forest only to wake up to a beautiful sunrise.

#### **Day 4: Yosemite National Park**

Yosemite National Park which was established in 1890 in the Sierra Nevada, encompasses stunning mountain vistas and valleys housing meadows and forests (including groves of giant sequoias) surrounded by high cliffs and waterfalls. The forest of giant Sequoias, the world's biggest trees and the soaring cliffs of Half Dome are just some of the highlights of the park. During our days in the park there are several options that can be offered. Drive up to Glacier Point, the most impressive viewpoint in the park. From here you can marvel at the valley as well as the impressive walls of Half Dome. There are three very different walks offered at this point each varying in difficulty; two of them descend into the valley while the third traces the rim of the valley. In the evening we can also look for wildlife such as bears and coyotes. Overnight in the cabin where you will sleep to the sounds of the forest only to wake up to a beautiful sunrise.

#### **Day 5: Yosemite • Las Vegas**

After the enchanting nature soothes your soul, it's time to put those lucky numbers to the test, not to mention your energy levels, in this 24/7 party town. A-list stars swarm here, although breaking the bank may be easier than bagging your way into their swanky celebrity hangouts. Arrive in the Sin

City of America, enjoy the panoramic bus tour that explores the lit strip and the casinos. Overnight in Las Vegas.

#### **Day 6: Las Vegas • Grand Canyon**

Leaving the Sin City behind (and hopefully not all your dollars), drive to the desert in search of one of the 'Seven Natural Wonders of the World', the Grand Canyon. As soon as you lay eyes on this super special place, you'll want to give Mother Nature a well-deserved high five! Take to the sky on an optional helicopter tour to witness the Grand Canyon's monumental red-and-gold formations from up high. Hike deep into the canyon on the Bright Angel Trail or check out the aptly named 'Ooh Aah Point' on the South Kaibab Trail. From sunrise to sunset the mighty Grand Canyon will leave you breathless! Overnight in Las Vegas.

#### **Day 7: Las Vegas • Los Angeles**

Drive to the city that mixes glamour, grit and the American Dream: Los Angeles. It is packed with legends, it's full of energy and there are loads of things to do. You can choose to relax at the Santa Monica Pier, or a little further west discovers Santa Monica, LA's oldest beach resort. Known for its liberal vibes, art galleries and wide sandy beaches, Santa Monica is all about the California coast lifestyle. See the famous pier, which serves as a permanent amusement park, complete with a solar powered Ferris wheel! Maybe later you can travel out to LA's quirkiest suburb where anything goes - Venice Beach. A favorite hangout spot for locals, colorful Venice Beach attracts all sorts of people. Overnight in Los Angeles.

#### **Day 8: Los Angeles**

Rise and shine! Today you head to mythical Hollywood and walk across the holy ground for stars. Check out the Kodak Theatre, where the Oscars are held every year and Graumann's Chinese Theatre, where so many legends have pressed their hands into the cement. Cruise down the hottest shopping street in LA, Melrose Avenue, and one of the best areas for nightlife - the Strip (Sunset Boulevard), with its billboards, clubs and eateries, before getting a glimpse at one of the world's wealthiest suburbs in Beverly Hills. Get a feel for street life when you hit the buzzing boardwalk, where performers, tattoo artists, hair braiders, musicians and roller bladders gather. Make sure you check out the markets and stalls, as well as the greased-up body builders pumping iron at the famous open-air gym, Muscle Beach. Later, head out and hit the town's hottest bars and clubs. Overnight in Los Angeles.

#### **Day 9: Los Angeles • San Diego**

Next up, drive to the O.C. - Orange County. You'll join the crew and find yourselves cruising along the unmistakable Pacific coastline as it gloriously winds around to the super laid-back locale of San Diego. Recline into relaxation mode and take in the calming nature of San Diego. Start by embodying the easygoing vibes with a visit to the eclectic mix of vibrant neighborhoods around this city, including Balboa Park for some Mother Nature time. If you have that active vibe in you, you can visit the San Diego Sea World or the Zoo. Overnight in San Diego.

#### **Day 10: Los Angeles • Homeward Bound**

It's time to say goodbye to the mesmerizing tour that you've had. Pack your bags with loads of



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memories, drop your rental at the airport and fly out.