



Western Discovery - 15 Days (#15380)

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Overview

This is an exquisitely diverse excursion from Los Angeles which includes unparalleled canyon vistas, intriguingly shaped rocks and glittering Las Vegas, the Golden Gate Bridge and America's Danish Capital, Solvang.

Trip Highlights

Los Angeles - Phoenix - Grand Canyon - Page/Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon - Las Vegas - Mammoth Lakes or Fresno - Yosemite Gateway - San Francisco

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 01: Arrive Los Angeles

Arrive Los Angeles International Airport and transfer independently to the hotel where you will meet your Tour Director.



Day 02**Day 2: Los Angeles - The O.C. - San Diego - Los Angeles**

Travel south through San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente to San Diego, the second largest city in California, renowned for its year round mild weather. Following a city tour, visit picturesque Seaport Village and San Diego's relaxing bay front marketplace. Perhaps enjoy the opportunity for shopping. Return to Los Angeles for the evening.

Day 03**Day 3: Los Angeles - Palm Springs - Phoenix/Scottsdale**

Today your journey takes you through Palm Springs, the winter playground for Hollywood royalty, with its lively downtown and immaculately kept golf courses at the base of the rugged San Jacinto Mountains. A sea of wind turbines mark the entrance to this desert oasis. Afterwards you will pass through Indio, home to the Int'l Date Festival in the Coachella Valley.

Day 04**Day 4: Phoenix/Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon**

Travel through the Sonoran Desert, the richest, most biologically diverse desert ecosystem in the Americas. Continue to Sedona, a city situated in a unique geological area and encircled by distinctive red-rock monoliths with such names as Cathedral and Coffee Pot. Then drive through the breathtaking Oak Creek Canyon before arriving at Grand Canyon National Park. Majestic Grand Canyon National Park is one of the 7 great natural wonders of the world. Stop at the rim to fully experience this mile-deep colorful canyon's plunging gorges, and rising spires formed by the mighty Colorado River.

Day 05**Day 5: Grand Canyon - Monument Valley - Page/Lake Powell**

As you journey further today, you will enter the Navajo Indian Reservation, passing the trading post of Cameron. Continue through the Painted Desert and the region of Monument Valley, an area that embodies perhaps the most iconic images of the American West. In the afternoon, enter the town of Page, situated on a mesa above the Colorado River. Evening at leisure.

Day 06**Day 6: Page/Lake Powell - Kanab - Bryce Canyon**

Visit the mighty Glen Canyon Dam, the second highest concrete-arch dam in America. From here you'll enjoy views of stunning Lake Powell, where crystal blue water laps against towering red-rock canyon walls. Enter Utah, known for the Mormon Community, pass through the town of Kanab before visiting spectacular Bryce Canyon, where a tour through a multi-colored world of sandstone spires and pinnacles will dazzle the eye. This evening, weather permitting, be sure to gaze upon the spectacular night sky filled with sparkling stars and brilliant constellations.

Day 07**Day 07: Bryce Canyon - Zion - Las Vegas**

Travel today to Zion National Park and see the massive rock formations carved by wind, time, and the Virgin River. This afternoon experience the contrast of Las Vegas, the dazzling "Entertainment Capital of the World," where round-the-clock shopping, nightly shows, and of course gambling are available. As we stop at the iconic Las Vegas Welcome sign, you may wish to capture a photo memory there.

Day 08**Day 8: Las Vegas**

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy the many attractions that Las Vegas has to offer. In addition to world-class shopping, bustling casinos, and Broadway-caliber shows, you might simply stroll the famous Strip to take in its amazing sights, or "shop 'til you drop" at designer outlets.

Day 09**Day 9: Las Vegas - Death Valley - Mammoth Lakes****

(If Tioga pass closed routing will be done via Fresno)

Having enjoyed glamorous Las Vegas, it will be a sharp contrast this afternoon to enter the quiet and extreme environment of Death Valley. Stop at Zabriskie Point and Furnace Creek Ranch/Visitors Center before continuing across the valley and ascending the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the alpine resort town of Mammoth Lakes**. The area gained prominence as a gold mining town in the 19th century and today is renown for the superior skiing terrain and staggeringly beautiful mountain vistas.



Day 10**Day 10: Mammoth/Fresno - Yosemite - Modesto**

Your journey today brings you to the Tioga Pass** into the scenic wonderland of Yosemite National Park. Here, you will experience the valley floor and its splendors including the glacial-shaped granite formations of El Capitan, Half Dome, the magnificent Bridal Falls and Yosemite Falls. Overnight in nearby Modesto.

Day 11**Day 11: Modesto - San Francisco**

Depart early this morning to arrive in San Francisco, one of the most beloved cities in America. Enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing tour before arriving at your hotel. This evening take a memorable City by Night Tour (optional).

Day 12**Day 12: San Francisco (Napa Valley Optional)**

Day at leisure! Your Tour Director is on hand to assist with making your plans for the day: perhaps a cable car ride to Fisherman's Wharf where you may enjoy a "Taste of San Francisco": local seafood, famous sourdough breads or decadent Ghiradelli's Chocolate. Or take a stroll by Sea Lions' Marina to watch them frolic. Be sure to gaze across the bay to Alcatraz island where "America's Most Wanted" such as Al Capone and "Machine Gun" Kelly were incarcerated. Or visit Union Square for a shopping stop at Macy's Department Store. You also may choose to embark on a wine tasting tour to Napa Valley, world renowned for its fine wineries and beautiful scenery (optional).

Day 13**Day 13: San Francisco - Monterey/Carmel - Central Coast**

Depart San Francisco this morning for the drive to the Monterey Peninsula, known for its magnificent homes and lovely beaches. In Monterey, visit Fisherman's Wharf and famous Cannery Row. Then tour charming Carmel-by-the-Sea, noted for its quaint houses, upscale art galleries and unique stores. In the afternoon your tour continues through Paso Robles, home of fine wineries. Overnight in a quaint Central California Coast town.



Day 14**Day 14: Central Coast - Santa Barbara - Santa Monica - Los Angeles**

Journey south through the Santa Ynez valley into Santa Barbara where palm-lined walkways border white sandy beaches. Upon arrival in Los Angeles an orientation tour commences to include Hollywood, portions of Beverly Hills and Century City before arriving in Santa Monica, home to the finish line of Historic Route 66, where you may enjoy an optional lunch on the pier before arriving at your hotel.

Day 15**Day 15: Los Angeles Departure**

Your tour ends upon check out from your hotel.

Inclusions

- + 2 complimentary breakfast*
- + Enjoy a welcome reception where you will meet your fellow travelers.
- + Experience the low key coastal vibes of San Diego during day long sightseeing tour of the city.
- + Discover the famed mid-century architecture of “Hollywood’s desert retreat” during a visit to Palm Springs.
- + Gaze at the majesty of the Grand Canyon.
- + Relive American western film history, witnessing the iconic western landscapes of Monument Valley.
- + Capture the unique rock formations of Bryce Canyon National Park.
- + Enjoy leisure time for shopping, gambling, eating, or all of the above in glitzy Las Vegas.
- + Post an Instagram of yourself at the iconic “Welcome to Las Vegas” sign.
- + Traverse the lowest and driest spot within the western hemisphere: Death Valley National Park.
- + Explore the magnificent falls during a visit to majestic Yosemite National Park (weather permitting).
- + Take in the sites of the City by the Bay, San Francisco, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Union Square and Fisherman’s Wharf.
- + Journey through America’s capital of technology innovation, Silicon Valley.
- + Experience the charming sites and sounds of Monterey including Cannery Row, inspiration for American author John Steinbeck.
- + Discover through the picturesque scenery of California’s central coast and its rich agricultural plains.
- + Stroll the Hollywood Walk of Fame and find your favorite celebrity star.
- + Get a glimpse of all the glamour Los Angeles has to offer with stops at some of its most famous spots.



Exclusions

International airfares
Optional activities
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program
Personal equipment
Travel insurance
Gratuities
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
Travel and medical insurance
Any items not mentioned as included

Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

Los Angeles - Hilton Los Angeles Airport

Phoenix - Best Western Plus Executive Residency Phoenix North Happy Valley*

Grand Canyon - Squire Resort at Grand Canyon, Best Western Signature Collection

Page/Lake Powell - Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell*

Bryce Canyon - Bryce View Lodge*

Las Vegas - Luxor Las Vegas - Pyramid Rooms

Mammoth Lakes or Fresno - Mammoth Mountain Inn or Hampton Inn Fresno Airport*

Yosemite Gateway - Doubletree by Hilton Modesto

San Francisco - Hilton San Francisco Union Square

Central Coast - Historic Santa Maria Inn

Los Angeles - Hilton Los Angeles Airport

*Complimentary breakfast offered by a hotel may be discontinued at any time with or without notice.

ALL DEPARTURE DATES ARE GUARANTEED TO OPERATE.

EXPERIENCE MORE (OPTIONALS) Rates available on request

- + Take flight over the magnificent Grand Canyon for unforgettable experience.
- + Jump into a Jeep and taking an in depth tour of Monument Valley.
- + Capture the intense colors and ethereal light of Antelope Canyon.
- + How about a boot stompin' dinner with country music fun at Ebenezer's Barn in Bryce Canyon.
- + Experience the glitz and glam of Las Vegas during an extensive evening tour.



- + Hop on board a cable car during an extensive night tour of San Francisco and enjoy the “City by the Bay”.
- + Enjoy city views and up-close experience of the Golden Gate Bridge during the 1 hr. SFO Bay Cruise.

IMPORTANT NOTE

**Winter Routing: The Tioga Pass may be closed due to weather or road conditions, in which case you will overnight in Fresno or Visalia and a visit to Mammoth Lakes will not be possible (winter routing applies to all departures between October and May under normal snow conditions).

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

09 Jan, 2025 Hotel AUD 4,931 P P twin share AUD 7,074 P P single ON REQUEST	06 Feb, 2025 Hotel AUD 4,931 P P twin share AUD 7,074 P P single ON REQUEST	13 Mar, 2025 Hotel AUD 4,931 P P twin share AUD 7,074 P P single ON REQUEST
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