



Ultimate Northern California Sample Itinerary- 12 Day Tour



California is full of famous icons: Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Napa Wine Country, the Golden Gate Bridge and more. This itinerary allows you to see the sights that made California famous while minimizing lengthy stretches aboard a motorcoach. You'll also save yourself unnecessary packing and unpacking by utilizing Sacramento as a hub for a number of day trips.

DAY 1 - Arrive in San Francisco.

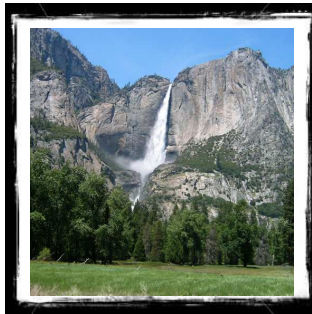
Meet the rest of your group and enjoy a welcome reception at your hotel.

DAY 2 - S.F. to Yosemite

Take in the splendor and awe-inspiring views of one of the world's most beautiful locations. Stay in nearby Sonora.

DAY 3 - Yosemite to Sacramento

Today you arrive in California's Capital City, Sacramento. Visit the Old Sacramento historic waterfront district where Gold Rush prospectors, heroes and villains once roamed these wooden boardwalks. Also see the world famous California State Railroad Museum at the birthplace of the Transcontinental Railroad. For dinner, board the Hornblower Empress for a cruise up and down the Sacramento River.



DAY 5 - Sacramento - Napa - Sacramento

Sip your way through the world renowned wineries of the Napa Valley on a guided wine tour.

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DAY 6 - Sacramento

Take a break from the motorcoach today as you explore beautiful Sacramento. Tree-lined streets shade magnificent Victorian era homes, numerous boutiques, pubs and delectable California cuisine. You'll visit the State Capitol Building, the Crocker Art Museum the west's oldest art museum (new expansion opens in Fall 2010) and the California Museum featuring the California Hall of Fame. Tonight's dinner will be a progressive "Grub Crawl" through a number of Sacramento's popular eateries.



DAY 4 - Sacramento - Gold Country - Sacramento

Follow the footsteps of California's colorful Gold

Rush history as you journey through gold mines, caves, historic homes and famous/infamous locations. Experience gold panning and stand on the exact spot where James Marshall discovered gold back in 1848.

DAY 7 - Sacramento - North Lake Tahoe - Sacramento

Shopping, Casinos and the iconic beauty of Lake Tahoe await you on this day. Breathe in the fresh mountain air as you enjoy yet another diverse California gem.





DAY 8 - Sacramento - Shasta/Redding

Head north through the agricultural center of California with its numerous farmer's markets and fresh fruit stands. View the birds at the wildlife refuge. Enjoy lunch at the Sierra Nevada Brewery before heading to [Lassen Volcanic National Park](#) and spending the night in the shadow of Mt. Shasta in the town Redding.



DAY 9 - Redding - Eureka

Take the scenic drive through the Redwoods to the laidback and rugged shores of California's north coast. Fog and chilly ocean breezes offer a pleasant alternative to the North Coast's more popular Southern counterparts. Visit the historic town square of Arcata and enjoy local micro-breweries, coffeehouses and unique shops.

DAY 10 - Eureka to Fort Bragg

Journey down the Redwood Highway to the picturesque coastal towns of Fort Bragg and Mendocino.

DAY 11 - Fort Bragg to San Francisco

On a trip filled with California icons, you'll see the most iconic of all as you drive over the Golden Gate Bridge on your return to the City by the Bay. Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, dozens of museums, parks and much, much

more, it's easy to see why San Francisco is so well loved by visitors from all over the world.

DAY 12 - San Francisco

Another full day to enjoy all that San Francisco has to offer.



DAY 13 - Depart

OPTIONS

- On Day 7 you may choose to stay in North Lake Tahoe instead of returning to Sacramento. The drive from Tahoe to Redding will go through Sacramento the following morning, so it's just a matter of whether you would rather drive 2 hours in the evening or 4 hours the following morning.
- Day 5 can include dinner or lunch on the Napa Valley Wine Train. Cost is around \$100 per person which can replace the guided wine tour.
- Day 4 can include a number of other options such as the Red Hawk Casino or, for the more adventurous, whitewater rafting.

This is a sample itinerary to use as a guideline when you plan your own tour. When you're ready to personalize a tour for your group please contact:

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