

9 DAY WESTERN USA PANORAMA ROAD TRIP

DESTINATIONS

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LOS ANGELES



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Los Angeles
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Dunes Inn Sunset, or similar

Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and head to your hotel. Welcome to the L.A., the entertainment capital of the United States, for a two-night stay. Home to famous movie stars and the infamous landmark, the Hollywood sign; it is a city brimming with culture and happenings. This big metropolis has many regions with distinct flavors and communities. Take a stroll along the Walk of Fame and see the names of celebrities commemorated in pink stars along the sidewalk. Visit Grauman's Chinese Theater, the best-preserved of the movie palaces from Hollywood's golden era, known for its celebrity hand and footprints in the forecourt, over 200 impressions are yours to discover.

DAY 2

Destination	Los Angeles
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Dunes Inn Sunset, or similar

Today is yours to explore the City of Angels. Visit the glitz and glamour of Hollywood. Shop the famous Rodeo Drive, where luxury retail commands the street. Have lunch in Venice Beach, home to famous Muscle Beach, where the sand and surf are secondary to the lively scene of people that inhabit the sidewalk. Visit Santa Monica Pier, once known as the "finish line" of legendary Route 66. Santa Monica pier was built in 1916. It features an aquarium, an amusement park and the famous Hippodrome building, a mix of California, Byzantine and Moorish architecture that has been featured in many films. Or, make your way to Anaheim and visit the "Happiest place on earth." Disneyland is home to your favorite characters like Mickey Mouse. Here you will find entertainment for the young and the young at heart. For a behind the scenes look at movie making, visit Universal Studios. Tour the sets and cast yourself in the thrilling rides shows and attractions that bring the movies to life. In the evening, enjoy Universal City Walk, filled with restaurants and nightclubs.

DAY 3

Destination	Los Angeles 🚗 Las Vegas
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Mardi Gras Hotel & Casino, or similar

Depart the glitz of Los Angeles and continue to Las Vegas. It's the most dynamic and spectacular city on earth; it boasts the vast majority of the world's largest hotels which attract thirty-seven million visitors each year who come to see the amazing spectacle that are the hotels themselves.

DAY 4

Destination	Las Vegas
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Mardi Gras Hotel & Casino, or similar

Today is yours to explore this electrifying city. Make sure not to miss the nightly fountain show at the Bellagio Hotel. Using a dramatic combination of music, water and light, the Bellagio delivers spectacular performances nightly with its majestic fountains. Take a trip up to the top of the Stratosphere hotel tower, the tallest building west of the Mississippi River. Enjoy dinner at the Top of the World, or simply admire the view from the observation deck.

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Visit any of the premier hotels including Caesars Palace, The Venetian and Paris for luxury shopping. If you're searching for a bargain, drive to one of the outlet malls featuring designer names at discounted prices. Dining in Las Vegas is superior. World-renowned chefs have decided to make Vegas their kitchen and there is always a restaurant nearby to satisfy any palette. For a different side of Vegas, visit Fremont Street. This historic street features shops, restaurants and casinos. Above you hangs a canopy screen where more than 12 million lights put on a spectacular show

DAY 5

Destination	Las Vegas 🚗 Death Valley 🚗 Bakersfield
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Quality Inn & Suites Bakersfield, or similar

Depart from Las Vegas and head towards Death Valley National Park, a desert of streaming sand dunes, snowcapped mountains and multicolored rock layers. It is also one of the most arid places on earth and the hottest and driest of the National Parks within the United States with temperatures reaching 134°F (56.6°C) in the summer. Surprisingly, an average yearly rain-fall of 2 inches (5 cm) has proven sufficient for the over 900 species of plants and animals that thrive in this harsh environment. Stop at Father Crowley and Zabriskie Point for spectacular views of the Panamint Mountains and Sand Dunes and at Furnace Creek where you may want to choose to have a light lunch. Continue traveling west onto Bakersfield to spend the night.

DAY 6

Destination	Bakersfield 🚗 Yosemite National Park 🚗 Modesto
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Best Western Palm Court Inn, or similar

Enjoy a scenic drive this morning as you head toward the country's most famous National Park, Yosemite. Yosemite offers breathtaking views and a natural variety of plants and animals. Within the Park, Yosemite Valley's seven square miles is the best known area. It encompasses Yosemite Falls, the famous El Captain and Half Dome granite monoliths, and foggy Bridalveil Falls. The overall scenery is spectacular, views of sheer granite walls, icesculptured domes, thundering waterfalls, alpine peaks, giant sequoia trees, glaciers, and flowered meadows are a common occurrence here. You might want to rent a bike for a short tour or hike one of the short trails. In the afternoon, continue to Modesto.

DAY 7

Destination	Modesto 🚗 Monterey 🚗 San Francisco
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Cova Hotel, or similar

A morning drive will bring you to Monterey, an artisan city on the water famed for the abundance and diversity of its marine life. Here you will see Old Fisherman's Wharf Cannery Row, an old sardine packing plant and many historic buildings depicting its Spanish past. Travel the famous 17-Mile Drive; this scenic road winds through the prestigious gated community of Pebble Beach in Carmel, past the Del Monte Forest, ocean-front mansions, secluded coves, pristine beaches, and esteemed golf courses.

This drive is also home to natural attractions including the famous Lone Cypress tree, Fanshell Beach, and Seal Rock. Once in the area, visit the city of Carmel, voted as one of the most beautiful towns in California, and a Mecca for the performing and visual arts. In the afternoon, head to San Francisco for a two night stay. San Francisco is one of the most

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beautiful cities in the US. It's a compact and approachable place, where downtown streets rise on impossible gradients to reveal stunning views of the city, the bay and beyond. San Francisco is culturally vibrant and ethnically diverse; as a result, it has evolved into the urban jewel of California's coast.

DAY 8

Destination	San Francisco
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Cova Hotel, or similar

Today's highlight is an included visit to Alcatraz this morning. Step back in time and experience the legendary island that has been a Civil War fort, a military prison and one of the most notorious federal penitentiaries in US history. This memorable tour includes: 45 minute audio presentation "Doing Time: The Alcatraz Cellhouse Tour," featuring actual correctional officers and prisoners who lived and worked on the Island; orientation video by Discovery Channel; ranger and docent tours; historic gardens and abundant wildlife.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to continue exploring San Francisco. Visit the dramatic curves of Lombard Street, one of San Francisco's most photographed sites. The beautifully landscaped, one-block descent from Hyde Street to Leavenworth Street, has given Lombard the title of "crooked street in the world." At the intersection of Hyde and Lombard, a cable car route provides spectacular views of Alcatraz, Angel Island, Coit Tower, Yerba Buena Island and the Bay Bridge. Stop by the Wharf which offers unobstructed views of infamous Alcatraz Island and consists of a long, coastside row of seafood restaurants, street vendors and entertainers, souvenir stores, and beautiful ocean scenery. Spend some time in Golden Gate Park; it offers dozens of fun things to do. Top sights are the Conservatory of Flowers and the Japanese Tea Garden. Don't miss the local resident buffalo herd. This evening, dine in one of San Francisco's many distinctive neighborhoods; from Chinatown to the very Italian flavored North Beach, each offers its own distinctive culture and cuisine.

DAY 9

Destination	San Francisco
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Head towards San Francisco International (SFO) for your departure.

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Inclusions

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- Incredible sightseeing, including the iconic city of Los Angeles and its star-studded attractions, the dynamic and breathtaking city of Las Vegas, the snow-capped peaks and dry desert basin of Death Valley National Park, the incredible scenery of Yosemite National Park, travel the famous 17-Mile Drive along the California coast, and spend two nights in the culturally vibrant city of San Francisco
- 9 days car hire including unlimited mileage, taxes and airport fees
- 8 nights accommodation in central 3-star accommodation
- Comprehensive Discovery Guide Program Documentation
- Included tour to Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights exploring Los Angeles and its countless attractions, including Hollywood, Venice Beach and the iconic Hollywood sign
Discover the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas during your two-night stay
Traverse Death Valley National Park's parched landscape surrounded by snow-capped peaks
- Enjoy Yosemite National Park's views of sheer granite walls, ice-sculptured domes, thundering waterfalls, alpine peaks, giant sequoia trees, glaciers, and flowered meadows
- Travel the famous 17-Mile Drive past the Del Monte Forest, ocean-front mansions, secluded coves, pristine beaches, and esteemed golf courses
Get to know San Francisco's sights including the crooked Leavenworth Street, the dramatic curves of Lombard Street, the famous waterfront, Golden Gate Bridge and Old Fort Baker
- Included tour to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, including an Alcatraz cellhouse tour with actual correction officers who worked on the island.

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Fine Print

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Please follow the 'book now' prompts to view the deposit amount
- A second installment will be due 28 days after your initial deposit of 30% per person
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request:

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners
- Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID -19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be affected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portorage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

Single Supplement

Select 'book now' and choose 1 passenger to show the single supplement for this tour.

Triple Share

Available upon request.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including, e -tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

Group size varies from package to package. Depending on the services provided, the group size might range from private 2 person experiences up to coaches of 60 people depending on your selected holiday.

Tour Styles - This package is a Independent style.

To meet the needs of various types of travellers, we choose to operate various types of tours and depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip. The following descriptions of each tour style we hope will ensure that each traveller has appropriate expectations before they start their travels -

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Independent - On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible.

Partially Escorted - A portion of these packages runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by an expert tour leader. Another portion is independent, whether conducted by rail, cruise or land, and you will travel between destinations on your own, with free time to explore at your own pace.

Fully Escorted - This tour is fully escorted by an expert English - speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Children

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tipping/Gratuities
- Car Rental