

CALIFORNIA'S REDWOODS, RAILS & WINERIES



Departure | September 12 - 19, 2021

8
Days

Twin /Coach– \$3,495.00
Single/Coach– \$4,695.00
Per person, land only

California is a land of possibilities, and this unforgettable tour gives you 8 days to explore them all. Our journey begins in San Francisco, where we explore both the modern and historic sides of the city through guided tours and memorable excursions. From San Francisco it is on to Yosemite - but not before embarking on the first of three railway journeys this trip provides, the Roaring Camp Railroad's *Redwood Forest Steam Train*. In Yosemite, a guided tour of the park allows us to experience the grandeur of nature, and the *Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad* gives us yet another

perspective. It is after Yosemite that we begin the culinary portion of our journey - one that kicks off with a visit to a winery that has been in operation for four generations. Napa, Sonoma and Healdsburg are all on the itinerary, and in each destination, we savor the spectacular food and wine. Our ride through the vineyards of Napa aboard the *Napa Valley Wine Train* makes this journey even more memorable. Whether you seek gastronomic delights or deep history, this California adventure is one not to miss.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- Three scenic rail excursions: *Redwood Forest Steam Train*, *Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad* and *Napa Valley Wine Train*
- Hotel accommodations for 7 nights,
- 10 meals, including lunch aboard the *Napa Valley Wine Train*
- San Francisco city tour, including Fisherman's Wharf
- Alcatraz Excursion
- Yosemite National Park tour
- Visit to Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
- J. Rickards Winery tasting
- Sterling Vineyards tour and tasting
- National park entrance fees
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Services of a professional Tour Manager
- Baggage handling

Day 1 - San Francisco

Arrive in San Francisco and transfer on your own to your hotel, conveniently located at Fisherman's Wharf. Meet your Tour Manager and fellow travelers in the lobby for a briefing on the coming days. The rest of the evening is at leisure to explore the world-renowned dining scene. Overnight San Francisco, CA.

Day 2 - San Francisco Sightseeing

San Francisco's most famous sites are showcased on this morning's sightseeing tour. The Golden Gate Bridge, Lombard Street and Chinatown are just some of the landmarks we encounter as we drive through the city. After lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf, a ferry takes us across the bay to Alcatraz. History comes to life as you walk through the cell blocks and see artifacts that were left behind after the prison's closing. The ferry takes you back to San Francisco, where your evening is at leisure. Overnight San Francisco. (B)

Day 3 - Redwood Forest Steam Train

Leaving San Francisco, experience the logging history of the Santa Cruz Mountains at Roaring Camp Railroads. Enjoy a look at the towering redwoods while riding aboard the narrow-gauge *Redwood Forest Steam Train* to the summit of Bear Mountain. After lunch on your own, we board our deluxe motorcoach for the inland journey to Yosemite National Park. Join the group for dinner, then the remainder of the evening is at leisure. Overnight Fish Camp, CA. (B, D)

Day 4 - Yosemite National Park

After breakfast, we head toward the South Gate of Yosemite to visit the site of the old Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Company. Here we board the *Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad* for a 4-mile journey through the Sierra National Forest aboard fully restored Shay engines. Afterwards, we take a guided tour through the park, where we learn about its history, wildlife and the indigenous

people who once lived here. Overnight Fish Camp, CA. (B)

Day 5 - Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Step back in time this morning with a visit to a California Historical Landmark, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Located in the heart of gold mining country, it features a still-operational Roundhouse and locomotive repair facility; the famous Jamestown Historic Shops, including the Depot Store; and an interpretive center which combines California's history with the film industry. After our visit, we continue west from Jamestown into California's wine country and the city of Sonoma. Overnight Rohnert Park, CA. (B)

Day 6 - Napa Valley Wine Train

Experience the Golden Age of rail travel once more with today's excursion aboard the *Napa Valley Wine Train*. The 36-mile route begins in downtown Napa and takes passengers to St. Helena and back. As the train rolls through the landscape, vistas of rolling vineyards and grand estates come into view. Onboard the train, the mahogany-lined lounge car is the perfect place to enjoy the sights, and there are four onboard kitchens in which chefs prepare some of the most luxurious food one could imagine paired with wines from the region's vineyards. Overnight Rohnert Park, CA. (B, L)

Day 7 - Wine Country Touring

Begin the day in the midst of green vines and juicy grapes as we arrive at J. Rickards Winery. This 60-acre estate boasts Zinfandel vines that date back to 1908. Taste some of its offerings, including Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Malbec and a lovely five-grape blend. Enjoy lunch on your own before visiting the second winery of the day, Sterling Vineyards. Explore the winemaking process and taste some of the fruits of their labor, including Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah, Chardonnay and sparkling wines. Back in Sonoma, spend the

remainder of the afternoon soaking in the sights before freshening up at the hotel and joining the group for a farewell dinner. Overnight Rohnert Park, CA. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tour Conclusion

Your rail journey through the Golden State concludes after breakfast. A group transfer to San Francisco International Airport will accommodate flights departing after 1:00 p.m. (B)



- Hotels include: Hotel Zoe (San Francisco), Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite (Fish Camp), and DoubleTree Sonoma Wine Country (Rohnert Park)
- Hotel properties are subject to change.
- Includes land tour, and departure airport transfer
- Excludes round-trip air, arrival transfer, travel insurance, gratuities.
- Airfare and arrival transfer are not included. Contact Jerri @ 850-792-9613 for round-trip air/transfer options
- \$500 deposit due at time of reservations
- Final payment due 90 days prior to departure (June 12, 2021)
- Travel insurance is recommended