



ITINERARY

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR FAMILIES

Discover Northern California in style on this family-friendly self-drive adventure that features plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventure in Yosemite, Big Sur and the Monterey Peninsula, along with some time for city exploration in the trendy technology hub of San Francisco.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about San Francisco's rich history on a tour of some of its most interesting neighborhoods.
- Visit the plunging waterfalls, flowery meadows, picturesque valleys and hulking granite monoliths of Yosemite National Park on a day of touring customized to your interests and preferences.
- Get up close and personal with whales and other wildlife on a eco-rafting adventure on the Monterey Peninsula

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ROUTE AND STOPS

11 Days & 10 Nights

- San Francisco
- Sonoma Valley
- Yosemite
- Carmel, Monterey and Big Sur

TRAVEL STYLES

- Family

PASSIONS

- Nature
- Sports + Adventure

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Galleria Park Hotel
- Bodega Bay Lodge
- Tenaya Lodge
- Carmel Valley Ranch



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Welcome to California! After touching down at San Francisco International Airport, you will be privately transferred to your accommodations at the Galleria Park Hotel. Stylish and comfortable, The Galleria Park Hotel is located in the heart of downtown San Francisco's Union Square, just steps away from the Financial District and cultural attractions such as Chinatown and the Moscone Convention Center, as well as several world-class museums. Spend the day settling into your room and exploring your surroundings.

Overnight at Galleria Park Hotel

DAY 2: SAN FRANCISCO EXPLORATION

Kick off your trip this morning with a family-friendly walking tour of some of San Francisco's unique neighborhoods. Explore the unique hilly landscape of the city as you visit its most popular sites as well as some lesser-known hidden gems. On this half-day adventure with your local insider guide, potential stops may include the oldest Chinatown in North America, Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, The Ferry Building, and the famously crooked Lombard Street.

In the afternoon, head to San Francisco's most notorious monument - Alcatraz Island. Formerly the nation's highest-security prison, the island is nowadays one of the most visited touristic attractions in Northern California. Make your way down to Pier 33 to board the ferry to go to Alcatraz Island then enjoy a self-guided tour that will last approximately two hours.

Overnight at Galleria Park Hotel

DAY 3: SAN FRANCISCO DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy today at leisure to take in some of the city's breathtaking sights at your own pace. San Francisco is a very walkable city, and its countless museums, attractions and cultural institutions ensure a fun-filled day.

Overnight at Galleria Park Hotel

DAY 4: SAN FRANCISCO TO THE SONOMA COAST

Today, you will pick your rental car and say goodbye to “The City by The Bay,” as you make your way north, across the Golden Gate Bridge en route to the Sonoma Coast. Along the way, stop at Muir Woods National Monument for a breathtaking self-guided excursion through this pristine coastal redwood forest. Arrive at Bodega Bay Lodge, a charming resort nestled atop a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight at Bodega Bay Lodge

DAY 5: BODEGA BAY ADVENTURE

This morning, embark on a private guided kayak tour of Sonoma Coast State Park. Admire the natural beauty of the dramatic California coastline as you learn about the area’s history, flora and fauna from your expert naturalist guide. Enjoy the chance to catch a glimpse of river otters, whales and dolphins. After kayaking, return to your hotel for lunch and the afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at Bodega Bay Lodge

DAY 6: SONOMA TO YOSEMITE

Today, you will head inland as you make your way to Yosemite National Park. Enjoy a scenic drive through California’s Central Valley, one of the world’s most productive agricultural regions, then continue on through Mariposa, a historic gold mining town. From here, you will follow the Merced River until you enter the park through its south gate and check into your room at the well-appointed Tenaya Lodge.

Overnight at Tenaya Lodge

DAY 7: YOSEMITE TOURING

Explore Yosemite with a local conservationist guide and private driver, enjoying a route customized to your physical abilities and interests. If you are an avid hiker, more demanding routes can be taken. Likewise, if you enjoy photography, your tour may be tailored to focus on the park’s most photogenic features. Gaze at majestic cliffs, giant sequoia trees and tumbling waterfalls as your guide explains the region’s geography, wildlife, and ecology. Take in the fresh mountain air as you enjoy a casual picnic lunch in a pristine natural setting, then explore the valley in an intimate way, getting up close to Yosemite Falls, hiking along the Merced River, and perusing Old Yosemite

Village. As your invigorating day draws to a close, return to your hotel for a well-earned evening at leisure.

Overnight at Tenaya Lodge

DAY 8: YOSEMITE TO CARMEL

Depart Yosemite today, and proceed to the scenic Carmel Valley. On the way, you may opt to stop by America's technology hub, the Silicon Valley for self-guided exploration. Stroll across Google or Facebook's high-tech campuses and walk through the beautiful sculpture garden at Stanford University before hitting the road again. Arrive at Carmel Valley Ranch and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight at Carmel Valley Ranch

DAY 9: MONTEREY BAY

Today, you will head over to Moss Landing where you will speed through the deep blue waters of the bay on an exciting private half day eco-raft ocean safari. Get up close and personal with the region's magnificent wild residents, including humpback and blue whales, orcas, dolphins, otters, and seals, as you explore the beautiful coastline of Monterey Bay as well as Point Lobos or Elkhorn Slough.

Once your safari tour has concluded, make your way to Monterey for a behind-the-scenes tour of the fabulous Monterey Bay Aquarium. In the company of your private guide, explore areas of the facility that are not open to the public. Experience the Aquarium's many marine species up close, viewing stingrays, jellyfish, sea otters, bluefin and yellowfin tuna, and other fascinating ocean residents. After your tour, make your way back to Carmel to enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight at Carmel Valley Ranch

DAY 10: BIG SUR STATE PARK

Rise early this morning and head south to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, traveling along California's breathtaking Highway 1. Meet your private guide for a scenic hiking tour that will reveal the spectacular beauty of this park, from land to sea. Your guide will select a trail tailored to your level of fitness that will enable you to traverse a variety of natural scenery, such as old-growth redwoods, mountain streams, and rugged ocean coves that are characteristic of the area.

At the end of your hike, you will be dropped off at your vehicle. Return to your hotel at your leisure to enjoy lunch on property or at one of the area's local eateries. In the afternoon, enjoy some free

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time to take advantage of your hotel's luxurious amenities and breathtaking surroundings as you reflect on the wonderful memories you've made over the past ten days.

Overnight at Carmel Valley Ranch

DAY 11: DEPARTURE

After breakfast, say goodbye to California, and make your way to either Monterey, San Francisco or San Jose airports, where you will drop off your rental car and begin the journey home.

ACCOMMODATIONS



GALLERIA PARK HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Stylish, comfortable, and friendly, Galleria Park Hotel is a boutique urban oasis in the Financial District with the perfect pied-à-terre hotel rooms and suites for exploring downtown San Francisco's Union Square, Moscone Center, Chinatown, and more.



BODEGA BAY LODGE

SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Relax at this soul-stirring hideaway located along California's Sonoma coast.



TENAYA LODGE

YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Tenaya offers Yosemite Park lodging, with all-season recreation ranging from hiking, biking, swimming, skating and skiing, to the alpine serenity of the tranquil Ascent Spa at Tenaya Lodge.

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CARMEL VALLEY RANCH

CARMEL, MONTEREY AND BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Situated in the picturesque Carmel Valley, this resort is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the good life or to tap into your spirit of adventure, reinvigorating body and soul.

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