

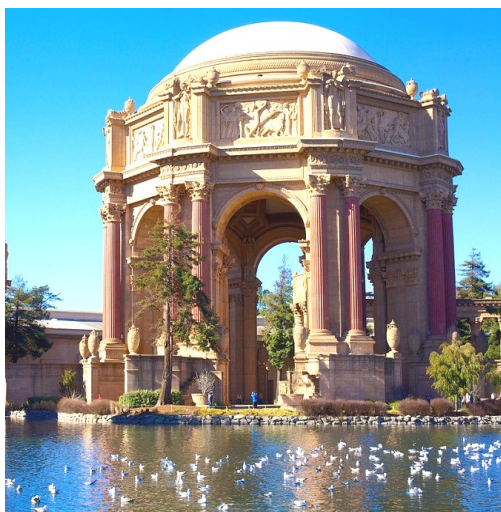
California Kaleidoscope

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Just as a kaleidoscope provides ever-changing views of patterns and colors, so does this incredible journey through spectacular northern California. The graceful, red lines of the Golden Gate Bridge that sweep over the brilliant shimmering blue of San Francisco Bay is just the beginning of your adventure. Stroll through the natural beauty of redwood forests and drink in the vibrant colors of Napa Valley while sipping delicious wines. Travel by rail through the Sierra Nevada Mountains to see some of North America's most spectacular scenery and cruise on Lake Tahoe, one of the world's most scenic alpine lakes. This incredible vacation will provide memories to last a lifetime!

September 30 - October 6, 2024



Monday, September 30 (Dinner)

Today we board our flight bound for **San Francisco**, a city perched atop hills at the entrance to one of the Pacific's largest natural harbors. With a diverse past, the city once a Spanish mission and pueblo under Mexican rule before the U.S. took power in 1846. With the discovery of gold, San Francisco quickly became a cosmopolitan city with a rough frontier edge. Upon arrival we will check into the **Argonaut Hotel** for two nights. Housed within Fisherman's Wharf historic Haslett Warehouse building, the Argonaut Hotel merits the term *iconic*, both for its past and its present. A recipient of the AAA Four Diamond Award for 20 consecutive years, this boutique hotel boasts a location just as noteworthy. Enjoy all of the beauty and excitement of the *City by The Bay*, just steps from your front door! Tonight we will have a wonderful dinner with fabulous views at the popular **Franciscan Restaurant**.

Tuesday, October 1 (Breakfast)

Our day begins with a **guided tour of San Francisco**. Our local guide will provide a complete overview of the city including some iconic sites. We'll see North America's oldest **Chinatown**, the colorful **Haight-Ashbury** neighborhood, the panoramic views from the top of **Twin Peaks**, the **Presidio**, and **Golden Gate Park** - one of the city's premier public spaces. Our highlight will be a stop at the Golden Gate Bridge, where we'll have an opportunity to explore the visitor center, walk on the bridge, and take the perfect photograph.

Then it's time to explore the many restaurants, shopping, and activities available at the festive **Pier 39**. Be sure to check out the sea lions that have taken up residence here! Our afternoon will be filled with stories, history, and images of "The Rock," Alcatraz. Our **tour of Alcatraz** Island offers a close-up look at the first U.S. built fort on the West Coast, the infamous federal penitentiary, and an exhibit on the 18-month occupation by Native Americans. Dinner is on your own so you can try one of the great restaurants on **Fisherman's Wharf** or in **Ghirardelli Square**. You may also want to take the cable car, which stops next to our hotel, to one of San Francisco's many unique neighborhoods.

Wednesday, October 2 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today we will visit **Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve**, a beautiful grove of old growth redwoods. Wander through the 1,000 year old towering giants and stop at the interpretive displays to learn about redwood ecology and the cultural history of the area. Afterward, we continue into the northern tip of Napa Valley to the charming village of **Calistoga**. Here you will have free time to stroll along the quaint streets of this laid-back, bohemian Wine Country town and have lunch.



We'll continue further into the beautiful tapestry that is **Napa Valley Wine Country**. In the town of **Napa**, we will check into the lovely **Hilton Garden Inn Napa** for two nights. There's time to relax and refresh before we enjoy **dinner** together at a local restaurant.

Thursday, October 3 (Breakfast, Lunch)

This morning we will take a tour of **The Culinary Institute of America**, one of the world's most unique and enriching schools for food and wine education. We'll have time to browse through the *Spice Islands Market Place*, stocked with a variety of cookware, kitchen tools, and more than 1,700 cookbook titles - many autographed by the author. You will also discover hard-to-find spices and local Napa Valley specialties.

Next, we're on our way to **V. Sattui Winery**, a beautiful and popular family-owned vineyard. Enjoy a winery tour, wine tasting, and gourmet **picnic lunch** (complete with wine, of course) under the shade of massive oak trees or inside one of their barrel rooms. Then we return to the hotel for some free time to rest and



relax. You may choose to enjoy a stroll through downtown Napa, where you will find many fine restaurants featuring delicious California cuisine and wine.

Friday, October 4 (Breakfast, Box Lunch)

A short drive brings us to **Sacramento**, where we'll board **Amtrak's California Zephyr**. Sit back and relax as our **rail journey** takes us through the beautiful **Sierra Nevada Mountains**. Enjoy a **boxed lunch** as we take in dramatic views of wildflower meadows, the glistening **Donner Lake**, and perhaps even a dusting of snow on the evergreens. Our excursion ends in the charming mountain town of **Truckee, California**. This Old West-style town has morphed into an artistic hub with historical sites, appealing boutiques, and galleries to explore.



We continue on to nearby **Stateline, Nevada** and check into the 4-star **Harrah's Lake Tahoe Hotel** for two nights. Our hotel is situated on the border of Nevada and California amongst world-class dining, gaming, shopping and entertainment.

Unwind in your oversized, deluxe hotel room. The evening is free for you to explore the area and have dinner at one of the many nearby restaurants. Then perhaps you'd like to try your luck at a local casino.

Saturday, October 5 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast this morning, we will visit historic **Virginia City**. Established in 1859, Virginia City was once the richest mining town in the world! The building of San Francisco was largely financed by the gold and silver discovered here. Today's Virginia City is remarkably similar to the way it was during its heyday and is known as the



"World's Liveliest Ghost Town." We will start at **The Way It Was Museum** to view mining artifacts, rare photos, and maps from the area. Then you'll have plenty of time to have lunch in a local saloon, try your luck at an old-fashioned slot machine, or shop in the town's great stores. This afternoon, we head out on the water for a **2-hour narrated, cruise on Lake Tahoe**. Enjoy beautiful views of one of the most magnificent mountain lakes in the world! Surrounded by towering peaks and fed by sparkling streams, this pristine lake is the centerpiece of an awe-inspiring landscape that offers picture-perfect scenery at every turn. We will enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant before having the remainder of the evening free.

Sunday, October 6 (Breakfast)

After breakfast this morning, we depart our hotel for **Reno, Nevada** to visit the **National Automobile Museum**. Explore the collection of the late Bill Harrah which includes vintage, classic, special interest, one-of-a-kind wonders, and dynamic race cars. We'll then make our way to the Reno airport for our return flight home. We'll be taking with us warm memories of wonderful experiences, beautiful scenery, and new friends made along the way!



Tour cost per person: Double: \$4,275 Single: \$5,195 Triple: \$4,029



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers must carry a valid driver's license or passport, per TSA requirements.

DEPOSIT: \$100 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: JUNE 14, 2024

TOUR INCLUDES:

ROUND TRIP AIRFARE

DELUXE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION

SIX NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

SIX BREAKFASTS, TWO LUNCHES, AND THREE DINNERS

BAGGAGE HANDLING THROUGHOUT THE TRIP

ALL TOUR-RELATED TAXES AND GRATUITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES AS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY

SERVICES OF A TRUE TRAVELS REPRESENTATIVE

SERVICES OF A CRUISES AND TOURS WORLDWIDE TOUR MANAGER

NOT INCLUDED:

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION (SEE BELOW)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO/FROM MSP (SEE BELOW)

AIRLINE CHECKED BAGGAGE FEES, IF APPLICABLE

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Please complete a **reservation form** and submit it with your **\$100 per person deposit** and **travel protection premium**, if desired, to:

True Travels, Attn: Rhonda True

921 North Pennsylvania Ave.

Mason City, IA 50401

Phone: 641-530-0963

Email: mctrue Travels@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to **True Travels**.

Travel Protection: Optional Travel Protection Premium of **\$308** per person in Double occupancy, **\$374** per person in Single occupancy, and **\$290** per person in Triple occupancy.

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