

Western Wonderland



Las Vegas Hotel Excalibur

21 Days / 20 Nights

from Las Vegas, NV to San Francisco, CA

Highlights

- * Las Vegas and San Francisco
- * national parks up close:
Hikes in Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Grand Canyon, Zion, Death Valley and Yosemite
- * Mesa Verde ancient cliff dwellings
- * Back roads in the famous movie location, Monument Valley
- * Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- * Antelope Canyon und Lake Powell
- * Mono Lake and the Alabama Hills area
- * Pacific Coastline and Monterey



Pioneer-style ox

Discover.

From the heart of the West to the rolling waves of the Pacific Ocean, this tour takes you beyond the everyday for an adventure you'll never forget.



Western Wonderland tour route

Your journey begins in Las Vegas.

City of lights, fascinating by day and night, this is one thriving metropolis you won't want to miss. Complete with fabulous food, entertainment, glitz and glamour like nowhere else on earth, this jewel of the desert never ceases to amaze. Visit galleries, enjoy a show, or just take in the colors. We recommend you arrive a few days early to fully appreciate this lively city, and we will be happy to assist you with arrangements to assure that your time in Las Vegas is truly unforgettable.

National Parks Galore!

Let us introduce you to the greatest, the most beautiful, and the least-known. Outdoor wonders abound in these grand parks, and there's no lack of natural beauty anywhere along the route. Explore the desert regions of Utah as you hike and relax in Bryce, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion National Parks. Immerse yourself in a variety of unique geologic features, including famous bridges, hoodoos, and arches. Witness history as you tour Monument Valley, home of the Navajo and famous for its movies. Delve even further back as you explore the ancient cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde, and lose yourself in the expansive views of the Grand Canyon.

End the journey with a week in California, from the hot sands of Death Valley to the lush greenery and towering granite of Yosemite National Park. Enjoy the Pacific coast from Monterey to San Francisco.



Big Sur, California coast



Hiking in Arches National Park



Painted cliffs



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Our tour begins in Las Vegas, City of Lights, and ends in magnificent San Francisco

San Francisco trademark:
the Golden Gate

Day 1: Las Vegas

6pm meet and greet in Las Vegas at a dinner location. Arrive early to enjoy world class entertainment & shopping.

Day 2: Las Vegas - Valley of Fire - Bryce Canyon

Morning visit to Valley of Fire State Park with impressive sandstone formations and petroglyphs.

2 nights near Bryce Canyon

Day 3: Bryce Canyon

Today's highlight is Bryce Canyon N.P. Hike along the rim and/or into the canyon; we'll help you choose your guided adventure.

Day 4: Hwy 12 -Kodachrome Park - Escalante Petrified Forest Park - Torrey

Drive scenic Hwy 12; stop at Kodachrome State Park; later picnic and walk to petrified forest; afternoon hike to Lower Calf Creek Falls, with possible swim. Night in Torrey.

Day 5: Capitol Reef Park - Goblin Valley Park - Moab

Hike in dry river canyon at Capitol Reef National Park, then picnic nearby. Walk among disney-like stone formations at Goblin Valley State Park. Stop at Sego Canyon to view rare rock art, then on to Moab, Utah
2 nights in Moab, Utah.

Day 6: Arches National Park

Morning in Moab. Optional white water rafting on the Colorado River. Afternoon at Arches National Park with numerous walks to majestic arches.

Day 7: Canyonlands N.P. & Deadhorse Point Park - Durango

Explore "Islands in the Sky" area of Canyonlands N.P., where the Green & Colorado Rivers meet. Then on to Dead Horse Point State Park, used as a natural corral by cowboys in the 19th century. Night in Durango, Colorado

Day 8: Durango - Silverton

Visit old western towns Durango and Silverton. Optional 3-hour steam engine train tour.

Day 9: Mesa Verde N.P.- Bluff

Mesa Verde National Park. Climb into ancient cliff dwellings of the ancestral Pueblo peoples on ranger-led tour. Night in Bluff / Blanding

Day 10: Valley of Gods - Gooseneck Park - Monument Valley

Drive to Gooseneck State Park. Experience Monument Valley--Navajo tribal park and setting for popular westerns. Optional night in hogan, hosted by Navajo guides.

Day 11: Horseshoe Bend - Lake Powell - Antelope Canyon - Page

Optional morning tour of Antelope Canyon, led by Navajo guide. A must for photographers. Optional boat tour on Lake Powell. 1 Night in Page

Day 12: Marble Canyon-Lees Ferry-Pipe Springs - Kanab

Stop at Lees Ferry. Tour of Pipe Spring N.M., early Mormon fort. Coral Pink Sand Dunes. 2 nights in Kanab

Day 13: Grand Canyon North Rim

Spend day absorbing extraordinary vistas at different stops along the rim. Time at visitor center. Possible ranger talks.

Day 14: Carmel Hwy-Zion N.P. - Las Vegas

Explore singular beauty of Zion N.P. Afternoon return to Las Vegas. Night in Las Vegas

Day 15: Death Valley N.P.- Sierra Nevada - Bishop

Highlights today are Death Valley N.P.--the hottest spot in America-- and the Sierra Nevada range
1 night in Bishop

Day 16: Laws- Ghost Town Bodie - Bridgeport

Laws Depot with Railway Museum; visit Bodie Ghost Town. 1 night in Bridgeport.

Day 17: Mono Lake- Yosemite N.P. - Mariposa

Otherworldly Mono Lake; Tioga Pass (if open) to Yosemite N.P. with its granite monoliths. 1 night in Mariposa.

Day 18: San Luis Reservoir- San Juan Bautista Mission-Steinbeck Center - Monterey

Visit Steinbeck Museum; stroll Pacific beaches; explore Fisherman's Wharf. 2 nights near Monterey.

Day 19: Pebble Beach - 17 Mile Drive - Carmel Mission

(Optional activities --whale watching or aquarium tour). Afternoon:17-mile drive; Carmel mission.

Day 20: Santa Cruz - San Francisco - Sausalito

Head north to Santa Cruz and San Francisco. Views of Golden Gate; Sausalito farewell dinner.

Day 21: Journey home or continued travel on your town.

Antelope Canyon, photo-paradise

