

The lively cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles contrast with the beauty of the California coast and majesty of Yosemite.



See the stately Victorian homes of Alamo Square, San Francisco

Best of California

TOUR PACE

Easily manageable distances between overnight stops allow for feature-packed touring days. The tour starts and ends with two-night stays in San Francisco and Los Angeles, enabling in-depth sightseeing in two of the world's most exciting cities.

HOTELS

Enjoy luxury, comfort, character and superb locations in San Francisco, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Spend the night in the heart of California's Wine Country and stay inside Yosemite National Park, with spectacular views of peaks and waterfalls.

🍷 DAY 1 – ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO. Welcome to California! On arrival at San Francisco International Airport, your airport transfer service takes you to your tour hotel. Join us at 6 p.m. for a *Welcome Drink* at the hotel. Hotel: InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco.

🗝️📷 DAY 2 – SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING. Spend the morning taking in the bustling activity on Union Square, the famous cable cars, the stately Victorian homes of *Alamo Square* and the beautiful *Golden Gate Park*. After a free afternoon, join your Tour Director and fellow passengers for an informative *walking tour through Chinatown, including stops at various shops and landmarks, followed by an authentic Chinese banquet at a local restaurant.* (B,HD)

🏰🗝️ DAY 3 – SAN FRANCISCO – NAPA & SONOMA. This morning enter California's lush premier wine country, Napa Valley. After free time in Napa, *step aboard the beautifully restored Napa Valley Wine Train. Enjoy fine dining and wine tasting while travelling through Napa Valley's picturesque landscape.* Later, drive along the scenic Carneros Highway to Sonoma Valley and *enjoy a tour and tasting at a local winery* followed by some time at *Sonoma's historic plaza* to peruse the quaint shops. The evening is at leisure. Hotel: The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort & Spa (B,L)

📷 DAY 4 – SONOMA – YOSEMITE. Travel through California's Gold Country and into the Sierra Nevada Mountains to *Yosemite National Park*, one of the first wilderness parks in the United States. Explore the valley floor with its spectacular waterfalls, the imposing rock formations of *El Capitan* and *Half Dome* and abundant wildlife. Spend the night inside Yosemite National Park, close to North America's highest waterfall. Hotel: Yosemite Lodge at the Falls (B)

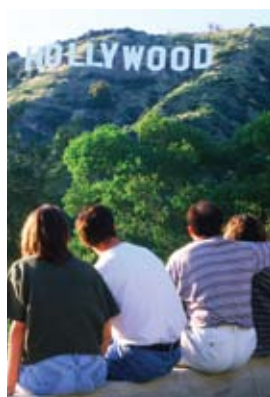
🗝️📷 DAY 5 – YOSEMITE – MONTEREY. Early risers can enjoy the peace and quiet of Yosemite Valley, or take a short walk to the magnificent Yosemite Falls. Then drive down the Sierras and through the fertile San Joaquin Valley, the breadbasket of California. Purchase local fresh fruit at a historic fruit stand en route to the picturesque town of *Carmel-by-the-Sea*. Browse the art galleries and quaint shops on Ocean Avenue, then take a relaxing drive across the Monterey Peninsula and along the *scenic 17 Mile Drive*. Pass the famous *Pebble Beach Golf Links* and *multi-million dollar mansions* before arriving in charming Monterey. *End the day with a lecture and private dinner at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, with superb views of Monterey Bay and time to view some of the outstanding exhibits.* Hotel: InterContinental The Clement Monterey (B,HD)

🏰🗝️📷 DAY 6 – MONTEREY – SANTA BARBARA. Head south this morning and *stop in San Simeon for a guided tour of Hearst Castle, the grandiose estate of publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst.* Continue south through the vineyards of the Central Coast to the elegant resort of *Santa Barbara*. Enjoy an orientation tour of this seaside paradise before checking into your beachfront hotel. This evening, *your Tour Director offers you a selection of restaurants for your dining pleasure.* Hotel: Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort (B,DA)

🏰📷 DAY 7 – SANTA BARBARA – LOS ANGELES. *Visit the beautiful Mission Santa Barbara and learn about the chain of 21 California missions along California's El Camino Real.* Then journey along the spectacular *Santa Monica Bay*, passing through glamorous Malibu on your way to Santa Monica. Take time to stroll along the popular *Third Street Promenade. Visit the J. Paul Getty Museum with its world-class collection of Western art, set against a backdrop of dramatic architecture, tranquil gardens and breathtaking views.* Continue on to your luxurious hotel at L.A. LIVE, the city's newest and one-of-a-kind entertainment destination. Hotel: JW Marriott Hotel Los Angeles at L.A. LIVE (B)

🏰📷 DAY 8 – HOLLYWOOD SIGHTSEEING. *Cruise through Beverly Hills and Bel Air aboard specialised mini-coaches, past movie stars' mansions, while enjoying entertaining stories from your guide about celebrities past and present.* In Hollywood, spot the *Hollywood Sign*, view *Grauman's Chinese Theatre* and stroll along the *Hollywood Walk of Fame. Experience the glitz and glam of Hollywood on a private tour of the Kodak Theatre, home to the Academy Awards ceremony.* This afternoon, why not join an optional Universal Studios Hollywood Tram Tour? (B)

DAY 9 – DEPART LOS ANGELES. Your California vacation comes to an end with a departure transfer to Los Angeles International Airport. Or perhaps extend your vacation to see Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. This itinerary forms part of our Great Western American Adventure. (B)



Take in views of the Hollywood Sign



Neptune Pool, Hearst Castle

9 DAYS ~ CALIFORNIA

Enjoy wine tasting and fine dining while travelling through picturesque landscape aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train
Join a tour and tasting at a local winery



Experience an authentic Chinese banquet
Join an informative walk with your Tour Director through Chinatown

Browse the art galleries and quaint shops



Visit the historic Mission Santa Barbara
Enjoy a Dine-Around evening

Take a guided tour of Hearst Castle

Visit the J. Paul Getty Museum
Learn about your favorite celebrities on a guided Movie Stars' Homes Tour through Beverly Hills and Bel Air
Experience the glamour of "Oscars' Night" on your private guided tour of the Kodak Theatre

Experience an exclusive dinner at the Monterey Bay Aquarium
Enjoy a presentation by one of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's docents



Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT & DINE-AROUND DINNERS
- WELCOME DRINK
- LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
- HERITAGE HOTEL + NIGHTS
- STAY INSIDE NATIONAL PARKS

See hotel details on pages 47-49

Included Premium Highlights

- Travel through the Napa Valley's picturesque landscape aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train
- Tour a winery and enjoy wine tasting in California's premier wine growing district
- Enjoy a guided tour of Hearst Castle - the palatial estate of William Randolph Hearst
- Visit the beautiful Mission Santa Barbara and learn about the chain of 21 California Missions
- Explore the J. Paul Getty Museum with its world-class collection of Western art
- Board specialised mini-coaches for a cruise through Beverly Hills past the homes and mansions of celebrities past and present
- Venture behind the velvet rope on a private guided tour of the Kodak Theatre

Included Personal Insights

- Enjoy a walk with your Tour Director through San Francisco's Chinatown to learn more about the famous streets, alleyways, buildings, restaurants and shops
- One of Monterey Bay Aquarium's docents engages you with an interesting presentation about the amazing array of fish, animal and plant exhibits

Included Other Excursions & Sights

- See Union Square, the cable cars, Alamo Square and Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco
- Explore the shops of the beautiful Spanish Sonoma Plaza
- Experience the natural beauty and wildlife of Yosemite National Park
- Visit picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea and browse the shops on Ocean Avenue
- Take the scenic 17 Mile Drive past Pebble Beach Golf Links and fabulous mansions
- Drive down Santa Barbara's State Street, view the Court House and Stearns Wharf
- Travel along beautiful Santa Monica Bay past Malibu and celebrities' beachfront homes
- Stroll along the popular Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica
- Drive along Sunset Boulevard, see the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Grauman's Chinese Theatre

Included First Class Services

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended legroom and onboard restroom
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book with map and information pack
- Airport transfer service on the first and last day of your tour

Included Quality Dining

- 2 Highlight Dinners in San Francisco and Monterey (HD)
- Choose from a selection of restaurants in Santa Barbara on your Dine-Around evening (DA)
- 8 Full Breakfasts (B) and 1 Lunch onboard the Napa Valley Wine Train (L)

TOUR CODE:
ABC

Save up to US\$213 p.p. with our Early Payment Discount

Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option
San Francisco	Los Angeles	p.p.		San Francisco	Los Angeles	p.p.		San Francisco	Los Angeles	p.p.	
* Dec 31	- Jan 08	\$2065	\$925	Jul 01	- Jul 09	\$2125	\$925	Sep 23	- Oct 01	\$2125	\$925
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* Mar 18	- Mar 26	\$2065	\$925	Jul 15	- Jul 23	\$2125	\$925	Oct 14	- Oct 22	\$2125	\$925
Apr 29	- May 07	\$2125	\$925	Jul 22	- Jul 30	\$2125	\$925	2012			
May 20	- May 28	\$2125	\$925	Aug 12	- Aug 20	\$2125	\$925	Jan 06	- Jan 14	\$2125	\$925
Jun 10	- Jun 18	\$2125	\$925	Aug 26	- Sep 03	\$2125	\$925	Mar 16	- Mar 24	\$2125	\$925
Jun 17	- Jun 25	\$2125	\$925	Sep 02	- Sep 10	\$2125	\$925				

Supplements

Pre & post tour accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco	\$109	\$218	\$89
JW Marriott Hotel Los Angeles L.A. LIVE	\$108	\$217	\$72

Accommodation prices are per person, per night, room & taxes only. Airport transfers are not included with pre and post tour accommodation - see page 50 for details.

Notes

All prices are per person sharing a twin room.
All tours start on Friday and end on Saturday.
*Tours operate as per 2010 brochure.

Reductions

SAVE \$255 per person with Triple room reduction
SAVE \$385 per person with Quad room reduction

Insight's Great Savings & Discounts

SAVE \$213 per person with Young Traveller Discount
SAVE up to \$106 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
SAVE up to \$106 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount

Early Payment Discount	12 months	10 months	6 months
SAVE per person	\$213	\$159	\$106

For additional information regarding Insight's Great Savings and Discounts, please see page 50.

DEF **Definite Departures (DEF)** are tour dates guaranteed to operate. These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 50 for details).

Included are worth approximately \$493

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