

# Yosemite & the California Coast



**Monterey**– After arriving in San Francisco, we will wind our way through Silicon Valley and out to the coast following the coast of Monterey Bay. We'll visit lovely Carmel-by-the-Sea during our 2 night stay on the Monterey peninsula. A day of discoveries begins with a visit to the world renown Monterey Bay Aquarium, home to over 200 award winning galleries and exhibits. Here they spotlight marine life from the waters of the bay and elsewhere. Catch a glimpse of the Monterey Peninsula's impressive homes and stunning beaches as you travel the 17-Mile Drive which winds through Pacific Grove, Asilomar and the Del Monte Forest. We will continue out to Cypress Point, home

**Sequoia National Park** - As John Muir wrote: "The Big Tree" (*Sequoia Gigantea*) is Nature's forest masterpiece, and, so far as I know, the greatest of living things." We will spend our afternoon on a guided tour riding and walking amongst the majesty of Sequoia National Park's magnificent Mariposas, home to the largest living organisms on earth. These 2,000 year old trees will bring a lump to your throat as we see the poetry of the great naturalist and savior of this grove brought to life by the towering trees. Our lodging for this one special night will be at rustic Wuksachi Lodge within the national park.



At his first breathtaking view of Yosemite in 1869, young John Muir had a life-changing moment – a surge of euphoria as he wandered and explored. He was wholly overwhelmed by the great natural beauty of a landscape unlike anything he had seen before. "We are now in the mountains," he wrote, "and they are in us... filling every pore and cell of us."

**Yosemite National Park** is internationally recognized for spectacular granite cliffs, waterfalls, Giant Sequoia groves, and biologic diversity. Yosemite is also famous for its high concentration of waterfalls in a small area and with the location of our National Park Yosemite Lodge you will have plenty of

If you would like to extend your tour, please call the office and speak to Greg about his exciting plans for an extra 4 days in Napa Valley and touring vibrant San Francisco. (828) 692-1399

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