

Yosemite, Big Sur & the California Coast



Monterey & San Simeon - After arriving in San Francisco, we wind our way through Silicon Valley and out to the Pacific, following the coast to Monterey Bay for a 2 night stay on Cannery Row. A day of discovery begins with a visit to the world-renown Monterey Bay Aquarium, with 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, the Del Monte Forest and Cypress Point, home of the Pebble Beach golf course and the Lone Cypress. After departing Monterey we make our way down spectacular Highway 1 along the cliffs and Red-

wood forests of Big Sur to San Simeon, home of William Randolph Hearst and his magnificent seaside castle.

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 Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park's magnificent Grant Grove, home to the largest living organisms on earth, the mighty Sequoia trees. These 2,000-year-old behemoths 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 giants. Our lodging for this one special night will be at John Muir Lodge within the national park.



Yosemite 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 is internationally recognized for its spectacular granite cliffs, waterfalls, giant sequoias in the Mariposa Grove and extraordinary biologic diversity. Its high concentration of waterfalls in a small area and the central location of our National Park Lodge means you will have plenty of opportunities to feel the spray during the spring melt!

If you'd like to add on a San Francisco pre-trip to your tour, please call the office and speak to Greg about his exciting plans for an extra 4 days touring vibrant San Francisco. (828) 692-1399

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