



Journeys of Exploration & Discovery

Majestic Sierra Parks by Train

Including Monterey, Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon

Guaranteed Departure

June 4-10 \$ 1,999 double | \$ 2,449 single
October 1-7

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Private Deluxe Dome Rail Car: Relax in our restored, vintage dome car and enjoy meals onboard including wine & cocktails from LA to Monterey
- Visit 3 California National Parks: Yosemite, Kings Canyon & Sequoia Redwoods
- Fall Foliage viewing in the Sierras (October)
- Lunch at famous Ahwahnee Lodge in Yosemite
- Monterey Aquarium and Cannery Row
- 17 mile drive, Pebble Beach, Carmel
- John Steinbeck country with National Museum and lunch at his boyhood home



INCLUDED IN TOUR:

- 6 nights' lodging
- deluxe motorcoach
- 5 breakfasts
- 4 lunches
- 4 evening meals
- baggage handling
- airport transfers
- Taxes & Gratuities
- except Tour Manager & Driver

Deposit: \$200 per person

Final Payment: 60 days prior to departure

Cancellation: Fully refundable 60 days before departure; 59 - 30 days before departure: 50% cancellation penalty; 29 - 15 days before departure: 75% cancellation penalty; 14 days and less: no refund

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Itinerary

Arrive into: Los Angeles (LAX) anytime

Depart from: Los Angles (LAX) anytime

Day # 1 - ARRIVALS

Fly to LAX. You will be met and transferred to your downtown Los Angeles hotel for the night. Overnight: Courtyard (or similar)

Day # 2 - Train to Monterey

Transfer by shuttle van to meet your vacation manager at LA's Union Station. Board your private deluxe dome train car and ride the rails north along the California coast and interior farmlands to Monterey. En route, enjoy gourmet meals including wine and cocktails. Arrive in Salinas this evening and transfer to your Monterey Bay hotel for a two night stay. Overnight: Victorian Inn **(L,D)**

Day # 3 - Monterey & Carmel

Morning visit to the world famous Monterey Aquarium, home to over 500 species of marine life and a one-million gallon fish tank. Free time for shopping at adjacent Cannery Row. This afternoon, motor along scenic 17-Mile Drive with stops in Pacific Grove (Pebble Beach Lodge and Lone Cypress Point). Free time in quaint Carmel village to browse the art galleries and shops. Return to your hotel for a wine & cheese party prior to a seafood dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. Overnight: Victorian Inn. **(B, D)**

Day # 4 - Monterey to Coursegold

Motor east to Salinas, lettuce capital of the world and boyhood home of author John Steinbeck. Visit the National Steinbeck Center, dedicated to the life and works of one of America's most endearing authors. Learn about his novels East of Eden and The Grapes of Wrath. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch at the original house of young Steinbeck. Then, drive across the fertile San Joaquin Valley and tour a working vegetable farm prior to arriving in the town of Coursegold for two nights. Overnight: Chukchansi Lodge **(B,L)**

Day # 5 - Day Trip to Yosemite National Park

Spend a full day exploring one of America's truly great natural wonders, Yosemite National Park, originally set-aside for posterity by Abraham Lincoln in 1864. Enjoy a guided open air tram tour of the valley floor with stops at Yosemite Falls, El Capitan, and Half Dome Rock. Pause at world famous Ahwahnee Lodge for an included lunch. In June, the falls should be overflowing from the spring snowmelt. And in October, the foliage is truly a sight to behold. Return to your hotel and relax before your included dinner. Overnight: Chukchansi Lodge **(B,L,D)**

Day # 6 - Sequoia & Kings Canyon

Motor into the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains along scenic General's Highway, named in 1875 by conservationist John Muir. Visit Kings Canyon National Park & marvel at the awesome 2,000-foot deep granite canyon. Stop for a picnic lunch in Sequoia National Park (altitude 6,800'). In Grant Redwood Grove, visit Fallen Monarch Sequoia & the General Grant Tree, a 275-ft. high sequoia redwood tree with a 36-ft. diameter. Then, drive down out of the mountains to the farmlands of Visalia. Our Farewell Dinner is at a local restaurant. Overnight: Wyndham Visalia **(B, L, D)**

Day # 7 - Visalia to LA / Fly Home

Motor south through the Central Valley as you make your way to Los Angeles for your flight home. **(B)**