

Grand Tour of California:

San Francisco to Los Angeles

June 1-11, 2022 (11 - Days)



From San Francisco's Painted Ladies and Yosemite National Park to Monterey's Cannery Row and star-studded Los Angeles, there's plenty to love about California. Marvel at the Golden Gate Bridge. Visit the vineyards of Napa Valley. Drive along the stunning coastline of Big Sur, and see what makes the Golden State one of a kind.

Travel with SVSU-OLLI

Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels
- 10 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- Guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Round-trip air transportation from Detroit, and ground transportation from SVSU to the Detroit airport and from DTW back to SVSU on the return
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU approximately two weeks prior to departure.
- Post-trip gathering to share photos and memories approximately two weeks following the trip.

Included highlights

Golden Gate Bridge
Bridalveil Fall
Half Dome and El Capitan
Big Sur
Hearst Castle
Old Mission Santa Barbara
Hollywood Sign

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills and stairs.

Grand Tour of California: San Francisco to Los Angeles

San Francisco (3) nights

Day 1: Arrival in San Francisco

Welcome to California! Arrive in San Francisco and transfer to your hotel. Then, meet your fellow travelers at an included welcome dinner. **(D)**

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of San Francisco

Today's guided tour introduces you to the sights and tastes of San Francisco, "the City by the Bay."

- *Pass the iconic Haight-Ashbury neighborhood, epicenter of the countercultural movement*
- *Visit Golden Gate Park and enjoy stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge, a marvel of engineering*
- *See the Palace of Fine Arts, as well as the Pacific Heights and Nob Hill neighborhoods*
- *Drive through North Beach and see the iconic Coit Tower atop Telegraph Hill*
- *Stroll through Chinatown, the largest outside of Asia, and stop at the bakery that's credited with inventing the fortune cookie*
- *Watch a demonstration to learn how the cookie is created and enjoy a tasting*
- *End in Ghirardelli Square and enter the factory store to sample some of the decadent chocolate. After lunch on our own we'll embark a ferry ride for an up-close look at the infamous federal penitentiary at Alcatraz Island. (B)*

Day 3: Free day in San Francisco

Spend a free day exploring San Francisco at your leisure or add an excursion.

Optional add on: Sonoma & Napa Valley Wine Tasting (B)

Yosemite Region (2) nights

Day 4: Yosemite National Park via Muir Woods National Monument

Woods National Monument. Visit Muir Woods National Monument to see the towering redwood trees. Then, travel through the Central Valley, taking in the scenery on the way to Yosemite. Sit down for an included dinner this evening. **(B, D)**

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Yosemite Valley

Learn about the Yosemite Valley's history and geology on a guided sightseeing tour with a park ranger.

- *View Bridalveil Fall, named for the ethereal mists that surround the cataract*
- *Drive up Inspiration Point for phenomenal photos of Half Dome and El Capitan, icons of the Yosemite Valley*
- *Take in the sights at the historic Tunnel View overlook, offering one of the most famous views of the park*
- *Enjoy free time to explore the park's many natural wonders, including the breathtaking Giant Sequoia trees of the Mariposa Grove (B)*

Monterey (1) night

Day 6: Transfer to Monterey

Drive from Yosemite to Monterey, a coastal city brimming with rich history and cultural diversity.

- *Drive through the scenic areas of Pebble Beach and Carmel-By-The-Sea*
- *Spend free time exploring Cannery Row, a waterfront street made famous by author John Steinbeck (B)*

Santa Barbara Region (2) nights

Day 7: Santa Barbara Region via Hearst Castle

Drive down the Pacific Coast Highway and along the scenic Big Sur coastline, stopping to visit Hearst Castle. Here, you'll take a guided tour of the storied hilltop mansion of publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst. Then, continue on to the Santa Barbara region and sit down for an included dinner. **(B,D)**

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Santa Barbara

This morning, get to know the city of Santa Barbara, "The American Riviera."

- Visit Old Mission Santa Barbara, a Franciscan mission established in 1786
- See Stearns Wharf, an iconic wooden pier in the Santa Barbara Harbor
- Pass the historic County Courthouse, a Greek Revival-style building decorated with beautiful interior murals
- View El Presidio, a former Spanish military outpost in downtown Santa Barbara. Take time to explore Santa Barbara at your leisure or add an excursion.

Optional add on: Santa Barbara Wine Country (B)

Los Angeles (2) nights

Day 9: Transfer to Los Angeles

& sightseeing tour. Continue on the Pacific Coast Highway as you travel to Los Angeles, stopping to enjoy free time for lunch at a West Hollywood farmers' market. This afternoon, immerse yourself in lively L.A. on a guided sightseeing tour.

- *Pass Rodeo Drive as you make your way through glamorous Beverly Hills*
- *Stroll through Hollywood, passing Grauman's Chinese Theatre and the star-studded Walk of Fame*
- *View the iconic Hollywood Sign from the Hollywood and Highland Center, a bustling entertainment complex (B)*

Day 10: Today we'll visit the Warner Bros. Studio.

You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at backlots and soundstages that serve as the backdrops for classic films and today's hit TV shows. You'll also have the chance to explore the Picture Car Vault and The Archive, which holds a massive collection of props, cars, and costumes from past movies and shows. Finally, pay a visit to Stage 48: Script to Screen for a self-guided tour. Here, you'll see everything from the writer's lounge to the Legacy Room. **(B, D)**

Day 11: Flight Home

Departure Included meals: breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **(B)**

Tour Activity Level

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, walking up to two hours per day, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at all times. If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact our OLLI office for additional information.

Trip Insurance

Go Ahead's trip protection will be included in the price of this trip and must be paid at the time of deposit upon registration. The "Trip protection" package has pre-existing condition coverage. Details about the travel protection package terms and conditions may be found on their website at: goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection. If you choose not to include Go Ahead's travel protection plan, you must provide our office with a signature stating that you are declining the travel insurance for this trip. Please note that insurance fees are not refundable.

Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office and are subject to a cancellation fee of \$50. **Go Ahead's cancellation policies will prevail.**

Air Details

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date. If our flight is scheduled early, we may stay the night prior to departure in Detroit. If this is the case, there will be an added cost per person and these details will be forwarded to you closer to departure.

Weather Projection

Daytime temperatures should range between 50-75 degrees in these regions during this time of the year.

Waitlist & Roommates Needed

If you are looking for a roommate please contact our office, and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will also maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity.

How to Register:

- 8:30 a.m. Walk-in registrations OLLI office, C-201. This is the preferred method of registration for anyone wanting to register for this trip.
- 8:30 a.m. Call OLLI office, for questions: 989-964-4475
- Bring valid driver's license

Registration: Grand Tour of California

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____ Gender: M/F

Name: _____
(as it appears on your drivers license)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Roommate: _____

Estimated Trip Cost: 1/23/2022

\$4,866 SVSU-OLLI Members* (double occupancy)

*This cost includes: trip deposit \$450 & trip protection insurance of \$419

\$4,916 Non-Members* (double occupancy)

* This cost includes: trip deposit \$450, trip protection insurance of \$419 and OLLI membership, expiring 8/31/2022

\$6,076 SVSU-OLLI Single* (limited singles available)

*This cost includes: trip deposit \$450 trip protection insurance of \$429 and \$1,200 single supplement fee

\$6,126 Non-Member Single* (limited singles available)

*This cost includes trip deposit \$450, trip protection insurance of \$429, \$1,200 single supplement fee and an OLLI membership, expiring 8/31/2022

* This cost also includes the Alcatraz Island & Warner Bros. Studio excursions in your trip cost.

Optional Excursions:

\$99 Sonoma & Napa Valley Wine Tasting

\$69 Santa Barbara Wine Country

\$75 Warner Bros. Studio Tour (Included)

\$65 Alcatraz Island (Included)

Travel Protection:

Yes, I understand trip protection is included in my trip cost \$419/ \$429

No, I decline the trip protection offered for this trip

Signature: _____
Details about the travel protection package terms & conditions can be found on their website at: goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection

Deposit & Payment Method:

\$869 per person OLLI members (double occupancy, includes insurance)

\$919 per person non-members(double occupancy, insurance & membership)

\$879 OLLI members (single occupancy includes insurance)

\$929 non-member/single occupancy (includes insurance & membership)

Check (payable to Go Ahead) Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Expiration _____

Date _____ Security Code _____

Will you be using any Go Ahead Travel vouchers? _____

*** The final balance is due by February 24, 2022.**

You will receive a letter with your final balance details prior to due date.

California Website Links:

- * Specialty Insurance Solutions/Seven Corners Inc.: <https://www.goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection>
- * Go Ahead Tours <https://www.goaheadtours.com/guided-tours/grand-tour-of-california-san-francisco-to-los-angeles>

Customize your experience Customize your tour by adding excursion options.

Day 2: *Alcatraz Island \$65 (4 hours, departs in the afternoon) *Included in cost of tour

Embark on a short ferry ride from the Embarcadero Pier for an up-close look at the infamous “inescapable” federal penitentiary at Alcatraz Island. Enjoy a selfguided audio tour of this iconic American landmark and uncover its intriguing history, including details of the great 1962 escape. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 3: Sonoma & Napa Valley Wine Tasting \$99/\$109* (7 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

With over 600 wineries between Napa and Sonoma Valley, California’s wine country stands out among the world’s renowned viticulture areas. Cross over the Golden Gate Bridge as you make your way to a vineyard in Napa Valley for a tour and wine tasting. Later, head to Sonoma Valley to tour another local vineyard, followed by wine tastings. Please note: The order of the day’s events are subject to change. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 3 days prior to departure.

Day 8: Santa Barbara Wine Country \$69/\$79* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Travel through the Santa Ynez Valley outside of Santa Barbara, a wine region famous for its pinot noir. On the road, stop in the charming town of Solvang and soak in its Dutch-influenced art and architecture, including a replica of Copenhagen’s famous Little Mermaid statue, honoring Hans Christian Andersen. Later, pay a visit to two local certified organic and biodynamic vineyards, which helped inspire the movie “Sideways.” You’ll enjoy tours and wine tastings at each. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 3 days prior to departure.

Day 10: *Warner Bros. Studio Tour \$85 (3 hours, departs in the afternoon) *Included in cost of tour

Bring the magic of Hollywood to life at one of Los Angeles’ busiest and most iconic motion picture and television studios: the Warner Bros. Studio. You’ll get a behind-the-scenes look at backlots and soundstages that serve as the backdrops for classic films and today’s hit TV shows—and you may even see actual filming! You’ll also have the chance to explore the Picture Car Vault and The Archive, which holds a massive collection of props, cars, and costumes from past movies and shows. Finally, pay a visit to Stage 48: Script to Screen for a self-guided tour. Here, you’ll see everything from the writer’s lounge to the Legacy Room, learning more about the different components of the entertainment production process as you go. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

**Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.*