



SAN FRANCISCO & YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



14 Days – July 10-23, 2012
Muskogee, Tulsa & Oklahoma City
Tour #1207SFY

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 Continental Breakfasts – 2 Dinners
- Powerhouse Visitor Ctr & Route 66 Museum
- Las Vegas
- Scenic Lake Tahoe
- 3 Nights Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf
- Narrated San Francisco Tour
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve
- Free Day in San Francisco
- Napa Valley Wine Train
- Narrated Old Monterey & 17-Mile Scenic Drive
- Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Yosemite National Park Tram Tour
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Meteor Crater & Much More!

Day 1: San Francisco is one of the nation’s most exciting and best-loved cities. Explore this sparkling “City-by-the-Bay” and the surrounding Bay area from your hotel, the **Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf**. Travel to **Tucumcari, New Mexico** tonight and your accommodations at the **Hampton Inn**.

Day 2: Travel to **Flagstaff, Arizona** with a lunch stop in Albuquerque, New Mexico’s Old Town. Accommodations for the night are at **Drury Inn & Suites**. (CB, snacks & beverages)

Day 3: This morning take a break at the **Kingman Powerhouse Visitors Center** and visit the **Route 66 Museum**. Destination: **Las Vegas**—upon arrival drive down the Strip where you can see all the new casinos and unusual hotels. You have a **free evening** to try your luck gaming, take in a show, or check out some of the other casinos. Accommodations are at **Harrah’s on the Strip**. (CB)

Day 4: **Nevada’s** historical state capital, **Carson City**, located at the base of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range is your destination today. The capital is the second oldest in the country west of the Mississippi River. Accommodations are at the **Hampton Inn** for the night. (B)

Day 5: Climb into the **Sierra Nevada Mountains** today to see **Lake Tahoe**. Named “Big Waters” by the Washoe Indians, it holds enough water to cover the entire state of California with fourteen inches of water. The lake is 22 miles long and 12 miles wide. This pristine, crystalline lake attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. **There will be camera stops along your way...have that camera ready for those Kodak moments!** Travel on to **San Francisco** and the **Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf**, your home for the next three nights. This evening take a short walk for an **included dinner**. (CB, D)

Day 6: Rise & shine for a **narrated San Francisco highlights tour with a local guide**: see the Presidio, a National Park; stop at the Golden Gate Bridge, then cross the magnificent bridge to the charming town of Sausalito, then a drive by the Fine Arts Museum, on to the beach, the Golden Gate Park, up to Twin Peaks with an unbelievable view of the city, then on to the Civic Center, Symphony Hall & City

Hall, then on to downtown, Chinatown & North beach...other sights as time permits. After lunch on your own, travel to Guerneville for a visit to the **Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve**. See a grove of Sequoia trees, the biggest species of Redwoods. These coastal giants will blow you away! Don’t forget your camera! You’ll want to take pictures of the tallest tree, the **Parson Jones Tree**, measuring more than 310 feet in height or the oldest, the **Colonel Armstrong** tree estimated to be over 1400 years old. Return to Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf for a free evening to explore on your own. (B)

Day 7: Put on your comfortable walking shoes & grab your camera ... ready, set, go...on your own... take a ferry to Alcatraz, Sausalito or a harbor cruise... people watch (with such eclectic crowds, it is a great Fisherman’s Wharf pastime) or wander down to Pier 39 to watch the sea lions & explore the many quaint shops. Take a stroll through the plaza & follow the crowds circling around the amazing magicians, jugglers and live musical performers. Hop on one of San Francisco’s **cable cars**, symbolic of the charm & flavor of the city. In no other city can you ride a moving national historic monument. **Ask your Tour Director for assistance & information**. After a little rest at the Holiday Inn, travel to Napa to board the **Napa Valley Wine Train** for a **Gourmet Meal** in refurbished 1915-1917 Pullman Cars creating an atmosphere conducive to relaxation and enjoyment while riding the rails. (B, D)

Day 8: Journey today into a never-never land where you’ll view some of the most spectacular seascapes and picturesque towns in all of America through the eyes of an enthusiastic **naturalist & historian**. Your guide acquaints you with **Monterey, the most historic city in California; “New Monterey” or Cannery Row**, an area immortalized by John Steinbeck; Pacific Grove and the **Butterfly Capitol of the World**; Pebble Beach’s world-renowned **17-Mile Drive** and charming **Carmel-by-the-Sea**. Your guide’s extensive knowledge of the natural, historic, and cultural influences, as well as legendary tales of these very distinctive communities enhance your enjoyment of spectacular ocean vistas and scenic stops along the way. Over night in **Salida** at the **Hampton Inn**. (B)

Day 9: Photo opportunities abound today as you visit **Yosemite National Park**. The park is a vast tract of scenic wild lands set aside in 1890 to preserve the portion of the Sierra Nevada that stretches



along California's eastern flank. Enjoy the most famous part of the large park ...a valley that is seven miles in length and 3/4 miles in width on a **2-hour open-air tram tour**. Located in this valley are waterfalls, great domes, and pinnacles of granite. Travel along the **Merced River** and view the natural wonders of this famous park. Overnight in **Fresno, CA** at **Hampton Inn. (CB)**

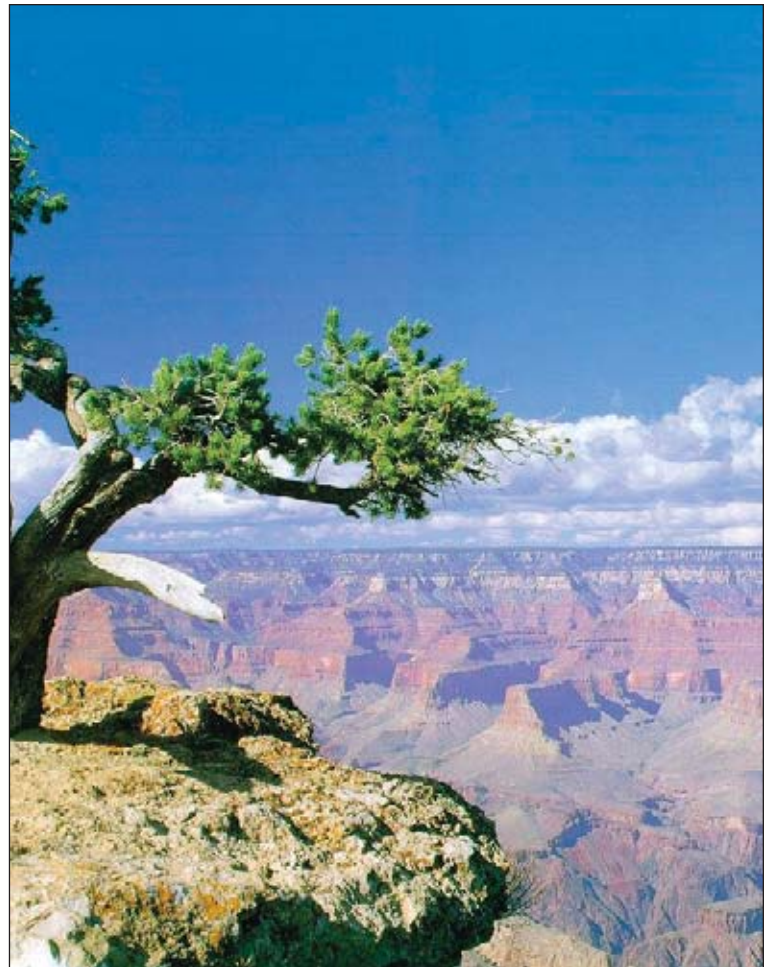
Day 10: Leave the golden state of California today as you head east for **Henderson, NV** and the **Hampton Inn. (CB)**

Day 11: Arrive in one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the United States today, the **Grand Canyon National Park**. The incomparable changing light playing on the cliffs of the canyon fascinates artists, photographers, and sightseers. Over night in the National Park Lodge **Yavapai East: air-conditioned, coffeemaker, fridge & about 1/2 mile from the Rim**. You will have plenty of time to shop, take a walk, and check out the activities & tours available upon check-in. Enjoy a serene & relaxing evening, view a magnificent sunset. **(CB)**

Day 12: This morning you early birds have a chance to see a spectacular sunrise. Next in the high grassland of Northern Arizona, visit the **Meteor Crater Visitor's Center**, an enjoyable educational experience in well-maintained, modern facilities. There are displays on meteorites and the mechanics of impact cratering, as well as four observation areas behind the museum that allow you to view the crater from inside the rim. It is the best-preserved impact site on earth, with topographical terrain that closely resembles the surface of the moon and other planets. In fact, NASA designated the crater as the training site of all U.S. Astronauts. On to over night accommodations at **La Quinta Inn in Gallup, New Mexico. (B)**

Day 13: Travel east through New Mexico into the Texas Panhandle & overnight at **Drury Inn & Suites Amarillo, Texas. (CB, snacks & beverages)**

Day 14: Carrying the memories of the golden "City-by-the-Bay", the natural beauty of the Tahoe area, Yosemite and the Grand Canyon with you, head back to Oklahoma this morning. It's never too soon to plan on creating more memories on another **Travel Tours** trip in the future. **(CB)**



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