

# Go West!

From high-mountain lakes and deep mossy forests to rolling wine country and sparkling seaside towns: join us for a dazzling journey into the most breathtaking preserves and cultural meccas of the Golden State.



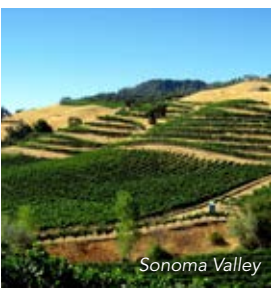
Yosemite National Park



## Our 9-Day Itinerary\*

- Day 1:** Arrive in San Francisco, CA (R)  
Welcome reception  
Overnight: Omni San Francisco
- Day 2:** Sonoma / Lake Tahoe (B)  
Sonoma wine tour and tasting  
Overnight: Lake Tahoe Resort
- Day 3:** Lake Tahoe / Yosemite National Park (B,D)  
Lake Tahoe cruise, evening in Yosemite  
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge
- Day 4:** Yosemite National Park (B,L)  
Valley floor tour, picnic lunch  
Overnight: Tenaya Lodge
- Day 5:** Yosemite / Mariposa Grove / Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (B,D)  
Giant sequoias, stargazing  
Overnight: Wuksachi Lodge
- Day 6:** Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (B)  
General Sherman Tree  
Overnight: Wuksachi Lodge
- Day 7:** Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park / Monterey (B)  
Coastal California, Cannery Row, Monterey  
Overnight: Monterey Marriott Hotel
- Day 8:** Monterey / Carmel (B,D)  
17-mile drive, historic mission, aquarium  
Overnight: Monterey Marriott Hotel
- Day 9:** Monterey / Depart San Francisco (B)

**Optional Extension:** Days 9–11 in San Francisco



Sonoma Valley



Cannery Row



Sunrise on the Pacific Coast

## Program Highlights

- Experience the wonder and beauty of **Yosemite National Park**, enjoy stargazing and storytelling, and stay at scenic Tenaya Lodge.
- Cruise stunning Lake Tahoe**, the largest alpine lake in North America, and taste local vintages during a guided **wine tour and tasting** in Sonoma.
- Admire spectacular **Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks**, overnighting inside the park at Wuksachi Lodge. Behold the **largest and third-largest trees in the world**—General Sherman and General Grant.
- Spend time strolling the seaside towns **Monterey and Carmel**, havens for writers, artists, and celebrities; and tour a historic mission to learn California's history.
- Enjoy a private after-hours tour and special farewell dinner at the world-famous **Monterey Bay Aquarium**.
- Relax:** Included are 8 nights accommodations, private deluxe motor coach transportation, airport transfers for guests on suggested flights, all gratuities, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners, and more.

### Activity level:

*Guests should be able to walk a mile on uneven ground at a moderate pace, board and exit a motor coach, and be able to manage stairs without assistance.*

*\*Subject to change.*



Giant Sequoias



## Our Expedition Leaders

From identifying a wildflower to recalling details about California's colorful history, the company and keen eye of two Orbridge Expedition Leaders will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of "the Golden State."



Lake Tahoe



Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel



Tenaya Lodge



Wuksachi Lodge

## Accommodations\*

**Omni San Francisco Hotel**  
Built as a bank in 1926, the lobby of this beautiful downtown hotel is adorned with Italian marble, rich fabrics and Austrian crystal chandeliers—and is just a short walk to Union Square.

**Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel**  
Nestled within the Sierra Mountain Range, comforts at this resort include indoor pool and hot tub, garden atrium with koi ponds, and outdoor sundeck.

**Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**  
Located on 35 acres bordering the Sierra National Forest, guests can access abundant year-round recreation, swim in one of its pools, or visit the on-site spa.

**Wuksachi Lodge, Sequoia National Park**  
This Park hotel surrounds you with lodge décor of cedar and stone, accented by natural woods, cozy fireplaces, and striking views of the High Sierra mountain peaks.

**Monterey Marriott Hotel**  
This hotel is in the heart of the historic downtown center, near Fisherman's wharf and other attractions.

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## Optional Extension San Francisco

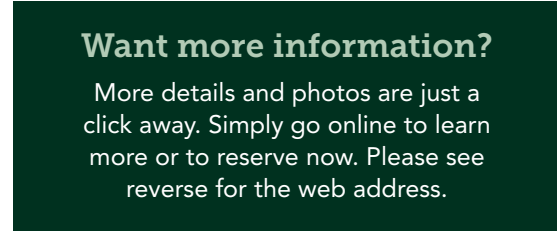
With two added days in San Francisco, enjoy time to wander its fine museums, theaters, destination neighborhoods like Chinatown, Haight-Ashbury, North Beach, and Fisherman's Wharf.

### What's Included

Two nights accommodation at Omni San Francisco Hotel (or similar) with breakfast each morning; all transfers; gratuities; walking tour of Chinatown with a local guide followed by a Dim Sum lunch; and services of a local host to provide ideas and suggestions to help you plan your days.



Chinatown



Monterey

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9 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL PRESERVES AND FRONTIER HISTORY

\* Sea scenes, giant trees, and California dreams\*

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Howdy, Ags!

I'm pleased to invite you on a journey to the national parks and monuments of California, including Yosemite National Park, Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks, the Sonoma wine region, Lake Tahoe, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Monterey.

In addition to experiencing some of the most magnificent natural preserves in the country, try some of the celebrated vintages of Sonoma wine country, cruise sparkling Lake Tahoe, visit a historic mission, stroll the seaside towns of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Monterey, and stay a night in San Francisco. With the guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and the comforts of a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit the great parks and the majestic state of California.

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*Jennifer Bohac*

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