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TRIP START DATES

2022	2023
JAN 21	JAN 13
FEB 25	FEB 10
MAR 25	MAR 03
APR 08, 15	APR 14
MAY 06, 13	MAY 05, 12
JUN 17, 24	JUN 16, 23
JUL 08, 29	JUL 28
AUG 19, 26	AUG 18
SEP 02, 30	SEP 08, 22
OCT 14	OCT 06

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REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

10 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
13 MEALS
10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Paso Robles: Join a Farm-to-Table dinner at Thomas Hill Organics. Established to support local agriculture by showcasing fresh, organic and straight-from-the-earth ingredients, this collaborative of local farms spans ten acres and two restaurants.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Los Angeles: Visit the historic Los Angeles Theatre with a Local Expert for a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the most iconic movie palace in the Broadway District, closed to the public since 1994.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Los Angeles: Choose to learn everything worth knowing about transportation and the humble automobile at the Petersen Automotive Museum. Alternatively, step into the world of movie making at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures or sojourn through the galleries at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Join your Amtrak's rail journey from San Diego to Los Angeles, and from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara.

Yosemite National Park: Ride an open-air tram in Yosemite National Park.

Visit Hollywood • Paso Robles • Mission Santa Barbara • Monterey • Yosemite National Park.

BEST OF CALIFORNIA

"The Amtrak route from San Diego to Los Angeles has operated since 1938, bringing you down the tracks into living history. When you arrive in downtown Los Angeles, the renaissance is clear when you see the restored grand old monuments like the Los Angeles Theatre and the Bradbury Building." – **Jason, Travel Director**

IMPROVED ITINERARY



TRAIN ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST, CALIFORNIA



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE



LOS ANGELES THEATRE

DAY 1 WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO

After your arrival at San Diego Airport, you are transferred to your hotel on the downtown waterfront.

Perhaps take a walk along the bay before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

InterContinental San Diego.

DAY 2 SAN DIEGO SIGHTSEEING

Discover America's finest city as you embark on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. Journey through the Gaslamp Quarter, the historic heart of San Diego and Balboa Park, one of North America's most iconic urban parks. Finally, stroll among the atmospheric old and historic adobe ranch homes of the Old Town State Historical Park. This afternoon, board the Pacific Surfliner and enjoy far-reaching ocean views as the train hugs the coast. Travel through Orange County to the Mission Modern-style Union Station in Los Angeles. (B)

InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

DAY 3 LOS ANGELES SIGHTSEEING

An exciting day awaits as you set out to explore lively Los Angeles. Ride on the landmark Angel's Flight funicular for a taste of early 20th-century nostalgia. Continue to the Los Angeles Theatre, one of the former grand movie palaces of the Broadway District, for a private guided tour. In legendary Hollywood, view the famous hillside Hollywood sign and stroll along the Walk of Fame. Look for the hand and footprints of cinema's greatest celebrities at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre.

In the afternoon, explore Los Angeles with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the innovative Petersen Automotive Museum, a captivating experience about the history and artistry of motorized transportation. Alternatively, head to the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures and take a deep dive into the history of filmmaking. Another option is to visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, a fantastic collection of artworks from ancient times to modern day.

To top off your perfect day, dine at Nick and Stef's, an outstanding steak house in Downtown LA. (B) (DW)

DAY 4 TRAIN JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN RIVIERA

Return to the Union Station and board your Pacific Surfliner train. Travel through the valleys around Los Angeles before arriving at the coast where the shoreline wraps around to Santa Barbara. Spend time on State Street, a palm tree-lined avenue of shops and eateries before you further explore Santa Barbara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the 18th-century Old Mission, one of the original 21 California Missions founded by Spanish Franciscans. Alternatively, take a relaxing stroll through the Botanical Gardens and learn about California's diverse native plants. (B)

Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

DAY 5 PASO ROBLES WINE COUNTRY

Relaxed Start. Join your Amtrak rail journey one more time and soak up sweeping ocean views as you ride along the coast to San Luis Obispo. Later, arrive to Paso Robles in the heart of wine country and spend time at the City Park. In the afternoon visit the Eberle Winery for a tour of the vineyard and the unique underground caves.

Tonight, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a farm to table dinner at Thomas Hill Organics—a 10 acre collaborative supporting local agriculture with a focus on fresh, organic and straight-from-the-earth ingredients. (B) (DW)

Allegretto Vineyard Resort Paso Robles.

DAY 6 GIANT SEQUOIAS

Journey to the majestic Yosemite National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at the Mariposa Grove, home to over 500 mature sequoias and admire these gigantic trees. The oldest tree in the Grove is the Grizzly Giant, which dates back around 3000 years and stands 209 feet (64 metres) tall. (B)

Yosemite Valley Lodge.

DAY 7 EXPLORING YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Relaxed Start. Join a park ranger and embark on a guided tram tour of the Yosemite Valley floor. Get up close to the magnificent Yosemite Falls that cascade from a height of 2,425 feet (739 metres). See the Half Dome, a rock formation with a distinct shape, and El Capitan, a granite rock monolith rising 3000 feet (914 metres) above the valley floor. Take in the spectacular scenery from Tunnel View, encompassing towering mountains, dense forests and the Bridalveil Falls. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. Perhaps join an activity and explore further by renting a bike, going on a hike or visiting the Ansel Adams Gallery. (B)

DAY 8 ON TO SAN FRANCISCO

Travel towards the coast, cross the Bay Bridge and arrive in buzzing San Francisco. Head to the Fisherman's Wharf, once home to the city's colourful fishing fleet and today a popular district full of restaurants, cafes and shops. This afternoon, join your Travel Director for a stroll across the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, a symbol of California, then continue on a short drive to the quaint town of Sausalito. Enjoy some leisure time before taking the ferry back to San Francisco, passing the infamous Alcatraz Island. (B)

Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco.

DAY 9 SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. This morning, venture across the road to the Ferry Building and shop among the stalls at one of America's most famous farmers markets. On your city sightseeing tour, journey past lively Union Square and the vast Golden Gate Park, before passing through the SoMa District and Mission Bay. See the incredible growth and urbanization of the city here, ahead of a culinary exploration of the Mission District with your Travel Director. Later, visit Balmy Alley and see the most concentrated collection of urban murals in San Francisco.

Tonight, toast to your travels at a local restaurant at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)


DAY 10 FAREWELL CALIFORNIA


After breakfast, you are transferred to San Francisco Airport where your journey comes to an end. (B)

KEY

 Join/Leave Options

 UNESCO Heritage Site

 Central Hotels + Nights

 Scenic Hotels + Nights

 Place Visited

 Train

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Yosemite Falls. (Day 7, Yosemite National Park)



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