

10D7N USA West Coast Highlights (LAX-SFO)

Overview

From Joshua trees and the Grand Canyon to roadside burger joints and the cosmopolitan streets of San Francisco, this region is loaded with the intriguing and the incredible. Best of all, this Los Angeles to San Francisco itinerary is structured so that those short on time can experience the region's best. At any of the sights you'll get great pictures and a greater appreciation of what you're seeing. Best of all, national park entrances are included, so you can explore Yosemite and still try your luck in Las Vegas.



DAY 1: Los Angeles Arrival

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Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.



DAY 2: Los Angeles > Lake Havasu City

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Look for celebs while heading out of town. Hike among the boulders and famous Joshua trees in Joshua Tree National Park, then end the day next to the crystal-clear waters of the Colorado River at Lake Havasu.

Pack up the van in the morning and check out the stars on the most famous sidewalk in Hollywood on an orientation tour. Drive through Beverly Hills and be dazzled by one of the world's most exclusive three-block district: Rodeo Drive.

Orientation Drive Los Angeles

Drive around to spot some of the main highlights of the area. See the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Hollywood sign, and swing by Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive.

Hollywood Visit Los Angeles

Wander around this iconic locale to find stars along the Walk of Fame; celebrities' handprints, footprints, and signatures in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre; and views of the Hollywood sign.

Los Angeles – Joshua Tree National Park

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Joshua Tree National Park Visit

Discover the rugged rock formations and iconic Joshua trees that gave this National Park it's name. Go for a hike, keep a sharp eye out for desert wildlife, and take in the incredible scenery.

Joshua Tree National Park - Lake Havasu City

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

DAY 3 : Lake Havasu City > Grand Canyon National Park

(Dinner)

Travel to the Grand Canyon. Take a short hike along the rim of the Grand Canyon. Enjoy sunset at the rim. Drive to one of the earth's greatest on-going geological spectacles, the Grand Canyon. Take a short hike (weather permitting) at the most spectacular gorge in the world and enjoy dinner at the rim while watching a stunning sunset.

Lake Havasu City – Grand Canyon Travel time includes stops along the way.

Grand Canyon Hiking Grand Canyon

Opt to hike along the rim or down into the canyon. Experience breathtaking scenery with spectacular views. Bring lots of water, a hat and plenty of energy. Remember -- hiking down is optional, hiking back up is mandatory!

Grand Canyon South Rim Visit

Visit the south rim of the canyon for a great first impression. Marvel as the Grand Canyon unfolds before you. Don't get too close. The land drops almost straight down for more than 1,000m (3,280 ft) into the serpentine canyons below! The gorge is filled with rocky buttes, sheer limestone cliffs, and deep canyons all arrayed in a rainbow of colors. Words defy. This is truly one of the most magnificent sights on earth.



DAY 4 : Grand Canyon National Park > Las Vegas

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Spend the morning at the Grand Canyon. Get a bird's-eye view with an optional helicopter flight. After, get your kicks on Route 66 and stop at one of the wackiest, roadside burger joints around. Continue towards Sin City to enjoy exploring the Vegas Strip.

Note: If you have pre-booked the Grand Canyon optional Helicopter Ride you will enjoy your 45-50min ride over the canyon today. Opt to book a VIP Vegas Limo Bus experience as well on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

Seligman (Route 66) Visit

Take a trip back in time to the birthplace of Route 66. Established in the early 1900s as the first transcontinental highways in the U.S, Route 66 has a lot of history on it's original length of almost 2,500 miles. Starting in Chicago, Illinois and travelling through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, before ending at the ocean in Santa Monica California. The creation of the Interstate system bypassed the majority of Route 66, creating ghost towns along it's original route, though there are a few iconic Americana towns still delivering experiences from the past. Check out the historic general store, original motels, and don't forget to get your kicks!



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DAY 5 : Las Vegas > Sierra Nevadas

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Head to desolate Death Valley — the hottest, driest, and lowest spot in North America. Continue across California towards the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Travel to one of the country's most rugged landscapes — the legendary Death Valley, California. Soak in the dramatic landscape. The Death Valley is one of America's most extreme locations – from sand dunes and desert, to badlands, towering peaks, and a basin that actually registers below sea-level, this is sure to be an unforgettable stop. Hottest. Driest. Lowest. There's a bit of everything here on the border of California and Nevada.

During the months of July through mid October, we intend to use the Tioga Pass, a scenic a route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range that connects Yosemite NP with the east side of the mountain range. In the remaining months, the pass is often closed due to poor weather conditions or even snow. During these months, we use an alternate route the travels across California, south of the mountain range. The status of the road is monitored daily, and our travel plan for the area will be confirmed during the trip.



DAY 6 : Sierra Nevadas > Yosemite National Park

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Travel to Yosemite to hike amongst the giant sequoias and stand in awe of Half Dome and El Capitan.

Head out of town towards Yosemite Valley. Take short hikes (weather permitting) to majestic waterfalls, clear lakes, beautiful meadows or walk among giant sequoias. If lucky, spot black bears, deer or coyotes with a keen eye. Spend the night just outside the national park.

Tioga Pass - Yosemite National Park

Take this scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range connecting Bishop with the Yosemite Valley floor. Pass by lakes, meadows, and groves, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife along the way. (Seasonal July through mid October.)

Yosemite National Park Visit CEPremier TM

Picturesque valleys, vast wilderness, powerful waterfalls, elusive wildlife, ancient sequoias and more than 16 types of granite make up this internationally recognized national park. Hike the trails, get up close to ancient rock formations and take panoramic photos of this gorgeous landscape. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

DAY 7: Yosemite National Park > San Francisco

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Leave the Sierra Nevadas and stop to try some of the region's best produce en route to the coast. On the way through San Francisco, take in some first sights. Stop at the Golden Gate Bridge, where on a clear day you can see the San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz and the Bay Bridge to one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. Opt to sail into the sunset in San Francisco Bay or take a cable car ride over the steep hills. Depart in the morning for one of the greatest cities in the world: San Francisco. Discover some of the iconic attractions such as bustling Fisherman's Wharf and the stately Golden Gate Bridge, a marvel of engineering and Art Deco design.

Orientation Walk

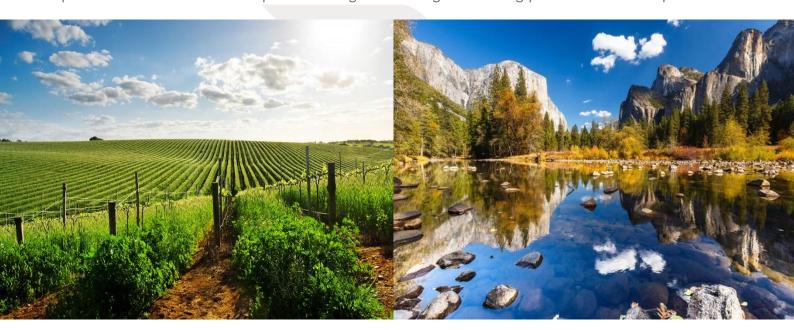
Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

California Produce Tasting

California's Central Valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the United States. Nestled in between California's Coastal Range and the Sierra Nevadas, the region is known for fruits, vegetables and nuts. Stop in the heart of the valley to sample some of the seasonal favorites.

Golden Gate Bridge Visit @ San Francisco

What trip to San Fran would be complete without seeing the Golden Gate Bridge? Depending on time, step foot on this famous red suspension bridge or find a great viewing point to take some photos.



DAY 8 : San Francisco - KLIA

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Free at own leisure, transfer to airport.

DAY 9: Flight Enoute to KL

DAY 10: Arrival KLIA

Tour inclusive of:

- ✓ Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- ✓ Joshua Tree National Park Visit
- ✓ Grand Canyon National Park Visit
- ✓ Sunset at the rim of the Grand Canyon
- ✓ Route 66 Visit
- ✓ Fremont Street Experience
- ✓ Death Valley National Park Visit
- ✓ Tioga Pass drive (seasonal)
- ✓ Yosemite National Park Visit
- ✓ Golden Gate Bridge Visit
- ✓ Entrance fees to all national parks with hiking and walking excursions
- ✓ All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

Group Leader Description

This trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and driver - this person is experienced in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being guides in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

While our CEOs are trained and have resources to assist them along the way, the United States is the fourth largest country on the planet, and it is impossible for them to know everything about this massive country. We recommend local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds

Please note that specific tour guide licenses are required to guide in certain cities and regions, and as such, our CEOs will oftentimes provide brief orientation walks to point out useful places like supermarkets, main squares and ATMs but for more specific or in depth destination information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Meals Included: 1 dinner

Solo Travellers

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

October-May Start Dates: Hotels (7 nts).

June-September Start Dates: Hotels (5 nts), participation camping (2 nts).

About Accommodation

This trip uses 2-3 star hotels and motels in cities and near park entrances. Our chosen hotels vary in size, character, and amenities, but are of a good standard, and the rooms are double occupancy with a private bathroom.

Tipping

It is customary in North America to tip service providers such as waiters, bartenders and taxi drivers, at approximately 18-20%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip any local guides used. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from \$2-8 USD per activity depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline \$5-10 USD per person, per day can be used as a guide. If your CEO(s) exceeded your expectations, feel free to tip more.

DEPARTURE DATES

- 13SEP 2020
- 04, 11, 180CT 2020
- 01, 15, 22NOV 2020
- -03, 24 JAN 2021
- -07, 28 FEB 2021
- 14, 21MAR 2021
- 04, 11,18, 25 APR 2021
- 09,16,23 & 30 MAY 2021
- 13, 20 & 27 JUN 2021
- -04, 18 & 25 JUL 2021
- 01, 08, 22 & 29 AUG 2021
- 05, 12 & 26 SEP 2021
- -03, 10, 17 & 31 OCT 2021
- -07,14&21NOV2021
- 12 & 26 DEC 2021

Estimated price including flight: RM13,300/person*

Please contact us for actual fare/availability as pricing subject to actual travel date

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PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary i-e Lunch and Dinner
- All personal expenses; porterage, bar & laundry
- USA visa @ RM850/pax
- Travel insurance @ RM198/pax
- Canada visa required as Niagara Falls will cross over to Canada @ RM990/pax

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