

POSTCARDS OF CALIFORNIA



Day 1: LOS ANGELES ARRIVAL

Arrive in beautiful Los Angeles, pick up your rental car and begin to explore the city. There's so much to see from the beaches of Santa Monica and Venice, to the Walk of Fame in Hollywood and numerous world-class museums.

Day 2: LOS ANGELES

A full day to explore the city or visit one of the many attraction parks. Mickey Mouse and Disneyland are classic favorites, but there is also the movie studio complex at Universal Studios.

Day 3: LOS ANGELES - PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY - MALIBU - SANTA BARBARA - CENTRAL COAST

Start the day with a drive through Santa Monica and the famous beaches of Malibu. Continue up the coast to Santa Barbara, a beautiful seaside community with its famous mission and palm-lined walkways. The harbor and wharf areas are great to explore on foot or rent a bike and see even more. Further north, the classic beach towns of California's Central Coast beg to be explored. Overnight in the heart of California's Central Coast.

Day 4: CENTRAL COAST - HIGHWAY 1 - MONTEREY/CARMEL - SAN FRANCISCO

Continue north, and near San Luis Obispo join Highway 1 which is renowned as one of the most scenic roadways in the US. Enjoy more stunning views of the rugged coastline and the Pacific along 17-Mile Drive which passes through famous Pebble Beach. Enjoy more stunning views of the rugged coastline and the Pacific with a drive on the 17-Mile Scenic Drive, which passes through the famous Pebble Beach Golf Course. Experience the quaint village of Carmel and the charming seaside town of Monterey. In the late afternoon, arrive in San Francisco.

Day 5: SAN FRANCISCO

Use the excellent public transportation or take a guided tour in order to get a taste of some of the highlights such as Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Golden Gate Bridge, Union Square and the Civic Center. If the weather is good, take a cruise under the bridges and around Alcatraz or just enjoy sitting at a cafe and watching the people go by in the Italian district of North Beach.

Day 6: SAN FRANCISCO - MUIR WOODS - CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

Cross the Golden Gate Bridge as you head east. Along the way, pass by charming Sausalito with its unique bohemian flavor. Just a short drive further will take you to Muir Woods National Monument. The park is a sanctuary to beautiful redwoods, some reaching as high as 250 ft. Continue east to Napa and Sonoma. These fertile valleys have been attracting tourists and producing the highest quality of wine since the 19th century.

Day 7: CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY - GOLD COUNTRY - YOSEMITE

Start your day early and continue east across California's agricultural Central Valley. Before ascending into the mountains of the Sierra Nevada, join Highway 49 and travel south through California Gold Country following in the footsteps of the thousands of gold seekers during the Gold Rush of 1849. Today this area's streams and creeks are still considered some of the best for gold panning enthusiasts. Continue to Yosemite National Park.

Day 8: YOSEMITE

A full day to explore. Yosemite National Park embraces some of the world's most spectacular scenery and affords a wonderful collection of waterfalls, meadows and forests, including groves of giant sequoias. Marvel at the sheer granite domes and cliffs that soar thousands of feet up from the valley floor. The massive glacial-shaped rock formations of El Capitan and Half Dome are the most famous landmarks of the park and keep a majestic watch over the valley.

Day 9: YOSEMITE - SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTURE

Return to San Francisco for your flight.

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