



**See the World Tours
Tour to Northern California
April 16-21, 2011**

First Day/Saturday, April 16th, 2011 (Dinner included)

9:33 AM The group will arrive San Francisco International Airport at 9:33 AM after the flight(s) from the Midwest and will be met at the airline baggage claim by the group's local Tour Director, David Olivier.

Upon arrival the group will board a deluxe motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of San Francisco, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Even if you have been to San Francisco before, this most beautiful "city by the bay" always has something special to witness and experience. If this is your first visit, you will quickly be seduced by the city's charm, uniqueness and beauty. And all along the way, you will absorb the sights and sounds of the many neighborhoods which make San Francisco so vibrant. The tour includes stops at Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, and Alamo Square.

11:30 AM The group will then make a stop at the San Francisco Ferry Building, a popular attraction which overlooks the Oakland Bay Bridge, where individuals can enjoy the restaurants, food shops, and the Farmers Market.

1:30 PM The tour continues through the financial district, Nob Hill, Union Square, and the Fishermans Wharf area.

3:00 PM The tour will conclude at the Radisson Hotel at Fishermans Wharf –

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Following pre-registered check-in at the hotel the rest of the afternoon is at leisure to relax and freshen up.

6:15 PM Tonight the group will take the short stroll to Pier 39, a shopping and restaurant complex which overlooks the bay. After viewing the sea lions which frolick on docks below the pier the group will enjoy a gala welcome dinner at the Fog Harbor House, a popular restaurant which features excellent cuisine and beautiful views of the Golden Gate.

Following dinner individuals can enjoy the specialty shops and street performers at Pier 39 before the group heads back to the hotel.

Second Day/Sunday, April 17th, 2011 (American Breakfast & Dinner)

Each morning guests will have breakfast at their leisure at the International House of Pancakes at the hotel.

The morning is at leisure. Individuals may want to explore the waterfront attractions or take a cablecar ride to Union Square.

12:00 PM This morning the group will travel across the world renowned Golden Gate Bridge and make a photo stop at Vista Point which offers commanding views of the distant cityscape and beautiful bay.

The group will then drive to picturesque and charming Sausalito where tour members will have time to dine at one of the restaurants overlooking the bay, shop at the stores along Bridgeway, to explore the marinas and yacht clubs, and to just relax in this spectacular setting.

The tour continues past the houseboat community in Sausalito and along the Panoramic Highway to Muir Woods, a national monument featuring ancient and towering redwood trees. In size, antiquity, and awe-inspiring grandeur, there are no other living things in the world that can compare with the impressive California redwoods.

The group will then return to San Francisco. Enroute a stop will be made atop the scenic Marin headlands for spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco skyline.

4:30 PM Arrival back at the hotel.

6:30 PM This evening the group will take the short drive along the Embarcadero via taxicab to Pier 3 for the 7:00 PM sunset dinner cruise onboard the California Hornblower, a luxurious passenger vessel designed to resemble the grand steamships that once sailed under the Golden Gate.

9:30 PM Following the dinner cruise the group will transfer back to the hotel via taxicab.

Third Day/Monday, April 18th, 2011 (American Breakfast & Lunch)

6:00-8:45 AM Breakfast at leisure at the International House of Pancakes at the hotel.

9:00 AM Today the group will travel north to the beautiful tapestry of the wine country. Passing fabled hills, valleys, and lush vineyards, the group will first make a stop at Gloria Ferrer, a beautiful red-tiled roofed winery in Sonoma. On the private guided winery tour members of the group will learn about the methode champenoise, the special techniques and equipment used to create the winery's renowned sparkling wines. Following the excellent tour, individuals will taste some of the winery's sparkling wines on the patio overlooking the vineyards.

The tour continues to the Napa Valley where the group will enjoy a memorable lunch onboard the Wine Train, a nostalgic return to the gracious era of elegant rail travel.

The group will then return to San Francisco via the Oakland Bay Bridge. A stop will be made here at Treasure Island for brilliant views of the city skyline.

4:30 PM Arrival back at the hotel with the rest of the day at leisure.

Suggested activity tonight would be a cocktail at sunset at the Top of the Mark on exclusive Nob Hill followed by dinner at one of San Francisco's celebrated restaurants.

Fourth Day/Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 (American Breakfast & Dinner)

6:00-8:15 AM Breakfast at leisure at the International House of Pancakes at the hotel.

8:30 AM Today the group will drive south along the scenic coastal highway to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. California's scenic coastal highway is one of the most spectacular coastal drives in the world.

Upon arrival the group will make a lunch stop at charming Carmel-by-the-Sea, a simple yet sophisticated shopper's paradise. This one square mile community attracts millions of visitors each year to its peculiar mix of English village, ramshackle beach town, and cosmopolitan shopping district. Individuals will want to shop at the upscale stores along Ocean Avenue, have lunch at one of the popular restaurants, see some of the art galleries, or just stroll along the white sanded beach.

The group will then take the famed 17-Mile Drive, a private community known throughout the world for its natural scenic beauty and affluence.

During the course of the driving tour the group will make featured stops at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, the Lone Cypress, and Bird and Seal Rocks.

The group will then will visit Cannery Row, immortalized by the author John Steinbeck, which features restaurants, factory outlet stores, specialty shops, and wine tasting rooms that overlook beautiful Monterey Bay.

5:30 PM Following some free time the group will dine at the Fish Hopper Restaurant. While watching the never-ending water show of playful harbor seals, soaring seagulls, and an occasional sea otter, tour members will dine on fine seafood featuring the harvests of the sea.

7:00 PM After dinner the group will head back to San Francisco through the fertile Salinas Valley, "the salad bowl of America", and through Silicon Valley where many of the country's computer and high tech companies are based, with arrival back at the hotel by 9:45 PM.

Fifth Day/Wednesday, April 20th, 2011 (American Breakfast & Dinner)

6:00-8:45 AM Breakfast at leisure at the International House of Pancakes at the hotel.

9:00 AM The group will take the short walk along the Embarcadero and board the ferry for the 1 1/2 mile bay crossing to Alcatraz Island, "the Rock." During the bay cruise, individuals can enjoy the refreshing bay air, the graceful flight of colorful seagulls, and the city's famed landmarks. The site of the first lighthouse built on the Pacific Coast, "the Rock" is best known as the infamous former federal prison that once held such notorious criminals as Al Capone, the Birdman of Alcatraz, and Machine Gun Kelly. Tour members will take a special guided tour of the prison cellhouse; their audio guides for this tour will be the guards and inmates who occupied the island during the Federal Penitentiary era.

Late morning arrival back at the hotel with the rest of the afternoon unstructured so that individuals can enjoy San Francisco at their own pace. The serious shoppers will want to head for the department stores at Union Square and the discount shopping outlets in the South-of-Market district. Many individuals will want to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, take the ferry to Alcatraz or Tiburon, visit one of the city's great museums, or return to Golden Gate Park to visit the Botanical Gardens and Japanese Tea Garden. There's golf, fishing, boating, hiking, and bicycling. Perhaps the best way to truly experience San Francisco is on a walking tour through the city's diverse and colorful neighborhoods and hilly terrain.

6:15 PM Tonight the group will be taken to exciting Chinatown, San Francisco's fabled city-within-a-city, the largest Chinese community outside of the Orient. Chinatown offers a wide variety of world-renowned restaurants, exotic shops, food markets, temples, museums, and night spots. Here the group will take a walking tour which will provide a fascinating glimpse of Chinese culture and lifestyle.

6:45 PM The group will then enjoy a farewell Chinese dinner at the Cathay House.

Following the meal individuals will have time to shop at the stores along Grant Avenue for fine silk, jade, and pearls.

The group will then take a night-time driving tour through along bawdy Broadway and through North Beach, with arrival back at the hotel by 9:45 PM.

Sixth Day/Thursday, April 21st, 2010 (American Breakfast)

Breakfast at leisure at IHOP at the hotel.

The morning and part of the afternoon are free.

12:00 PM Checkout of the Radisson Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf. Individuals will have their bags stored with the bell desk.

1:00 PM The group will transfer to the airport for the return flight home, with fond remembrances of the tour to San Francisco. Individuals may have indeed left their hearts in San Francisco but are bound to take home many wonderful memories of the *SEE THE WORLD TOURS TRIP TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA*.

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What to Pack

The most important rule to bear in mind in packing for a trip to San Francisco in April is to prepare for changes in temperature. Take along a jacket and clothes for layering as your best insurance for coping with variations in temperature. Remember to pack sneakers or good walking shoes for touring. Avoid high heels for the dinner cruise. It likely will not rain but to be safe bring a rain coat or small umbrella as well as a hat. Don't forget your camera. Pack any prescription medications you need regularly. It is advisable to pack these medications in your "carry-on" bag.

