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Western Wonders



12 DAYS FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Tour: 8510

From the gorgeous national parks to the exciting cities, this western U.S. tour through California, Arizona, and Nevada features natural wonders, scenic drives, deep canyons, and sparkling waterfalls—not to mention experiencing some of the world’s most famous cities. You’ll begin in Los Angeles with guided sightseeing in the “City of Angels.” Take a drive through Hollywood and see the legendary TCL Chinese Theater, the Dolby Theatre, home of the Academy Awards, and the Walk of Fame along Hollywood Boulevard. Stroll through the historic Farmers Market, with more than 80 shops and eateries followed by a visit to Santa Monica Pier. Travel through the California desert to Palm Springs and spend the night in this desert oasis. Continue to Scottsdale in the arid Arizona climate and visit Old Town where Western storefronts create an aura of the past. Visit Sedona with its massive red-rock formations and drive through scenic Oak Creek Canyon and the San Francisco Mountains before arriving at the glorious Grand Canyon, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World. Stroll the Grand Canyon’s South Rim and stand in awe as you look out at the stunning vistas. Cross the Mojave Desert for the bright lights of Las Vegas with free time for a show, shopping, or trying your luck in the casinos. Continue to majestic Yosemite National Park to marvel at its giant granite domes, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests. Then on to the “City by the Bay” to take in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge, Nob Hill, and Fisherman’s Wharf. Have free time to ride San Francisco’s iconic cable cars, visit Alcatraz Prison, the federal penitentiary that once housed Al Capone and other notorious criminals, or take an optional excursion to walk through the soaring 600-year-old redwoods of Muir Woods—the choice is yours! Breathtaking scenery, exciting cities, scenic drives, and more...this western U.S. tour is a perfect vacation for savvy, value-minded travelers.

All This. Included.

The world is within reach with everything you need for perfectly affordable touring. Cosmos includes hand-selected accommodations, guided sightseeing, and seamless transportation between destinations—with value-minded travel lovers in mind. Explore with expert Cosmos Tour Directors and Local Guides, and private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi (where available). Enhance your free time to explore like a local with your CosmosGO mobile app!



Your Tour Includes:

- Guided city sightseeing of Los Angeles and San Francisco
- Orientation tours of Palm Springs and Las Vegas
- Entrance fees and guided sightseeing in Grand Canyon National Park & Yosemite National Park

12

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

 COUNTRIES

United States

 MEALS

Continental Breakfast 1

Breakfast 2



Day 1 Day

Itinerary

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1 LOS ANGELES

Welcome to Los Angeles! Your Tour Director is on hand from 3-6:00 p.m. to answer any questions.

2 LOS ANGELES

Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Tinseltown and drive through Hollywood to see the world-famous TCL Chinese Theatre—formerly Grauman’s—site of Hollywood’s most famous movie premieres. See the Dolby Theater, the first permanent home of the glamorous Academy Awards, and the sidewalk stars on Hollywood Walk of Fame. Explore The Original Farmers Market, with more than 80 shops and restaurants then head to the Santa Monica Pier and the ultimate Southern California beach. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for further exploration of the city.

3 LOS ANGELES-PALM SPRINGS

Journey to the desert oasis of Palm Springs where Hollywood stars, like Frank Sinatra, Cary Grant, and Elizabeth Taylor started coming to escape the public eye, buying ranch-style estates to enjoy the abundant sunshine and dry air. Today Palm Springs is known for its spas, resorts, and for hosting events like the Coachella Valley Music Festival. Get a view of the expansive valley on the optional Palm Springs Aerial Tram that has the world’s largest rotating tram car.

4 PALM SPRINGS-SCOTTSDALE-PHOENIX

Travel through cacti-covered desert toward Old Town Scottsdale, where Western storefronts create an aura of the past. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore a taste of the Old West with Western bars, wagon wheels, and abundant cowboy hats, making you feel like you’ve traveled back in time to the era of outlaws and saloons.

While we include select excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

Western Dinner at Rustler's Rooste Cowboy Steakhouse

Bring your appetite and get ready for a real Western dinner experience at Arizona's legendary Rustler's Rooste cowboy steakhouse!


4h 0m

Price Range: \$



5 PHOENIX-SEDONA-GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK-WILLIAMS

First stop today is a visit to the red rocks of Sedona, known as a center for Southwestern and New Age arts. Climb through Oak Creek Canyon with its weather-sculpted formations of dramatic, color-tinted crags. Then pass by the San Francisco Mountains and beautiful pine forests to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park and be awed by the grandeur and stunning vistas of this natural wonder of the world. See the canyon from the sky on an optional helicopter flightseeing excursion for thrilling views of the flame-colored walls plunging 6,093 feet into the Colorado River. Stay overnight in Williams, a picturesque mountain town with Route 66 as its main street.

 Breakfast

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Grand Canyon Helicopter Flightseeing

There may be no better way to uncover the sheer splendor of the incredible Grand Canyon than from the air! Choose from two helicopter tours with awe-inspiring views, a once in a lifetime opportunity!

1h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$\$



6 WILLIAMS-LAS VEGAS

Cross the old Mojave Desert that still has traces of century-old ghost towns. Look out for Joshua trees, a species of the agave family that grows to 40 feet high and can live for more than 300 years. Arrive in the man-made oasis in the Nevada desert that is Las Vegas, a fantastic city of feverish gambling, neon lights, and entertaining shows. An orientation tour upon arrival shows off many of the themed casino resorts along the colorful "Strip." This evening, consider a night on the town with an optional Brazilian steakhouse dinner followed by "Vegas! The Show," and relive the iconic performances of Sinatra, Elvis, and more legends who made Las Vegas the "Entertainment Capital of the World."

 Continental Breakfast

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"Vegas! The Show" The Story of Vegas Entertainment

Savor a hearty dinner of juicy, hand-carved meats at Pampas Brazilian Grille, then enjoy "Vegas! The Show", a toe-tapping musical tribute to the good ol' days of the "real" Las Vegas!

5h 0m
Price Range: \$\$\$



7 LAS VEGAS

The day is free for exploring on your own. Perhaps try your hand at the blackjack table, check out some of the over-the-top hotel lobbies, shop, or lounge by the pool. Or consider joining an optional excursion to see Hoover Dam, an engineering marvel, or opt for something a little more adventurous and take an optional Black Canyon Rafting trip on the legendary Colorado River.

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Hoover Dam

Come face to face with one of the world's Top 10 architectural wonders on this captivating tour of Hoover Dam!

4h 0m
Price Range: \$\$



Black Canyon Raft Adventure

Travel through the breathtaking scenery of the Black Canyon on this exhilarating rafting trip along the legendary Colorado River!

6h 0m
Price Range: \$\$\$\$



Helicopter Tours

Discover the scenery and sights of Las Vegas and beyond on this phenomenal helicopter flightseeing tour!

4h 30m
Price Range: \$\$\$\$



8 LAS VEGAS-SELMA

Departing the neon lights of Las Vegas, continue across Nevada's desert landscape before crossing into California. See the vast Mojave Desert, which covers one-fifth of California, and pass through some of the state's most productive agricultural land for an overnight in Selma in the central San Joaquin Valley.

9 SELMA-YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK-SONORA

This morning, enter Yosemite National Park that was established in 1890 as the nation's third national park. Gaze at the wonderland of granite cliffs, towering pinnacles, cascading waterfalls, and giant sequoia trees. See magnificent Half Dome, El Capitan, and 620-foot Bridal Veil Falls before continuing to Sonora.

10 SONORA-SAN FRANCISCO

This morning, we head west to the "City by the Bay"— San Francisco, famous for its cable cars, which are the last manually operated cable car system in the world. After lunch, enjoy included sightseeing that takes in the spectacular Golden Gate Bridge, Nob Hill, and bustling Fisherman's Wharf. This evening, perhaps venture out to try some of the city's diverse and innovative culinary scene.

 Breakfast

11 SAN FRANCISCO

The day is free for you to explore more of this fascinating city. Perhaps visit legendary Alcatraz Island, walk the colorful streets of Chinatown, or go on an iconic cable car ride. Or be humbled walking through the soaring 600-year-old redwood trees on an optional excursion to nearby Muir Woods. Or take to the water to view the stunning cityscape by boat on an optional scenic San Francisco Bay Cruise.

NOTE:

Consider advance ticket purchase for Alcatraz Island with the National Park Service.

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Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

San Francisco Bay Cruise

This fully narrated one-hour cruise sails under the majestic Golden Gate Bridge. Experience the thrilling history of San Francisco Bay with all the sound and glory it deserves.

1h 0m

Price Range: \$



Muir Woods Tower Tours

Venture north over the Golden Gate Bridge to an isolated canyon filled with ancient coastal redwood trees, also known as Muir Woods National Monument.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



12 **SAN FRANCISCO**

Your vacation ends this morning. You may choose to extend your vacation with extra nights and explore San Francisco further.

Notes



- On vacations that include an overnight stay in Las Vegas, at least one member of the traveling party must be 21 years of age or older.
- If you have more time, consider the 8500 which continues to Los Angeles.

Your Local Expert

Tour Director



With Cosmos, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of a Tour Director. We'd like you to meet one of our Tour Directors, who average over a decade of experience and are representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation. Please note: This may not be your actual tour director on your tour.



JOHN PLOSZAJ

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

My favorite things to do include travel and meeting wonderfully interesting people from around the world. Luckily, I get to do both as a Tour Director! What I love most about my job is the chance to be an ambassador for the United States. To see the smiles on my travelers' faces at the end of a tour and to know they had a great time and learned a little something about our country is priceless.

Hand-Picked

Hotels




After a day of traveling, you want to relax at a comfortable, clean, and attractive hotel. We select hotels with the best guestrooms (always with a private bathroom), service, and food for the money.

LOS ANGELES

Westin Bonaventure

404 S. Figueroa Street Los Angeles United States

 Superior First-Class WiFi

Stunning downtown hotel comprising 5 glass towers and a 6 story atrium lobby with fountains. Facilities include an outdoor pool, health club, spa and on site shopping mall. Dining facilities include a lobby bar and bistro restaurant - The Lakeview Bistro - and a famous steakhouse on the 35th floor - LA Prime - which offers spectacular views of the downtown area. On the 34th floor is a revolving lounge and restaurant - the Bona Vista Lounge

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Gift Shop
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning

PALM SPRINGS

Palm Springs Courtyard

1300 Tahquitz Canyon Way Palm Springs United States

 First-Class WiFi

Rid yourself of travel worries when you book at Courtyard Palm Springs, offering an oasis of comfort and convenience. With our location just a mile from Palm Springs International Airport, you can travel from your gate to guest room in a breeze. Unwind in our spacious hotel rooms and suites offering plush bedding and complimentary Wi-Fi to keep you comfortable and connected.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Hot Tub
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Pool

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Television
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning
- Phone
- Mini-Bar
- Cable/Satellite

PHOENIX

Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport North

1515 N 44TH Street Phoenix United States

 First-Class

 WiFi

Conveniently located within minutes from the Metro Light Rail, downtown Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale. Rooms feature luxurious new bedding, free Wi-Fi, Microwaves and a mini refrigerators in all rooms.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Elevator
- Pool
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Hot Tub

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Cable/Satellite

WILLIAMS

La Quinta Inn And Suites-Grand Canyon Area

1100 Cataract Lake Road Williams United States

 SuperiorTourist-Class

 WiFi

Nestled in breathtaking views of the pines, this hotel features comfortable guestrooms with pillow-top mattresses, free Wi-Fi, and cable TV, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, and fitness center.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Free WiFi
- Hot Tub
- Fitness Room
- Pool

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Cable/Satellite
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Toiletries

LAS VEGAS

Sahara Las Vegas

2535 Las Vegas Blvd South Las Vegas United States

 ModerateDeluxe

 WiFi

The Sahara Las Vegas features over 1,300 guestrooms in two distinct hotel towers-Story and World- each with a unique personality, designed to offer contemporary and stylish settings for an amazing Las Vegas resort getaway! The hotel features multiple restaurants, casino, outdoor pool, a spa and shopping.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Gift Shop
- Hot Tub
- Business Center
- ATM
- Restaurant On-Site
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Desk
- Television
- Phone
- Hair Dryer

- Iron/Ironing Board
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries

SELMA

Holiday Inn Selma Swan-Court

2950 Pea Soup Andersen Blvd Selma United States

 Superior Tourist-Class

 WiFi

You'll enter the welcoming lobby of the recently renovated, award-winning Holiday Inn® Hotel Selma - Swancourt, which is conveniently located off I-99, and find a world of California comfort. Rooms feature mattresses that are plush and have three sheets. Every room has both plush and firm cushions. Take advantage of 40 to 50" TVs with more than 40 channels. Each seating area has a data port. Including a mini-fridge, microwave, iron, and Keurig coffee makers to meet all of your needs.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Gift Shop
- Hot Tub

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning

SONORA

Heritage Inn Yosemite-Sonora

350 S. Washington Street Sonora United States

 TouristClass

 WiFi

Low-rise Contemporary Motor Inn with Western design and modern guest amenities; located in the downtown area.

Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Pool


Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Telephone
- Mini-Bar
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Cable/Satellite

SAN FRANCISCO

Parc 55 San Francisco

55 Cyril Magnin Street San Francisco United States

 SuperiorFirst-Class

 WiFi

Union Square is three streets away, and Westfield, Powell BART Station, and the cable car turnaround are all close by. Parc 55 San Francisco is half a mile from the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and five minutes from Moscone Center.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Gift Shop
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning