



San Francisco Escorted Tour Itinerary

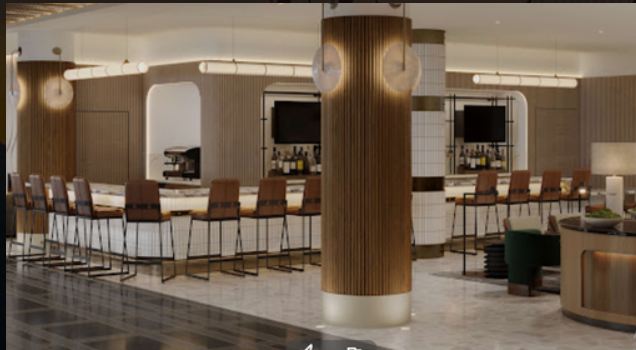
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July 23, 2022 - San Francisco

Individual arrival at San Francisco International Airport. You can make your own way to the hotel with either Uber, Lyft, a taxi or ride the BART train which connects directly from the airport to the Montgomery Street Station, a 3-minute walk from your hotel, the **Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA**. In SOMA, San Francisco's arts district, the city's cutting-edge creative scene is alive and well. Contemporary art museums sit shoulder to shoulder with the renowned Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, fine dining restaurants, and artisanal coffee shops.



The **Hyatt Regency San Francisco Downtown SOMA** is a sophisticated destination close to the city's most innovatively stimulating sights. Enjoy a pre dinner welcome drink in the hotel bar accompanied by a short introduction to meet your tour director and fellow travelers. The remainder of the evening is at leisure.



July 24, 2022 - San Francisco

After a sumptuous breakfast in the hotel we board our waiting coach and begin our tour of "city-by-the bay". Within its boundaries, San Francisco boasts one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. Both trendy and historic within the 7 by 7 square miles, be prepared to experience the City's colorful mosaic of picturesque neighborhoods, where you can be immersed with the beauty of those legendary postcard images recognizable throughout the world.





This tour provides an excellent overview of America's favorite city. We'll visit Chinatown, the largest Chinese community outside of China itself, Civic Center, the exclusive neighborhood of Nob Hill, St. Mary's Cathedral, Japan Town, the elegant Victorian homes of Alamo Square (picture below), and Twin Peaks, which offers a spectacular panoramic view of the entire Bay Area. From here you will drive through **Golden Gate Park**, past the Cliff House/Ocean Beach and see the **Golden Gate Bridge**, and **Fisherman's Wharf** for a short lunch break. Following lunch we drive across the Golden Gate Bridge on the scenic "Redwood Highway". A windy road

leads to the entrance of Muir Woods National Monument, named after John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club and native of Dunbar Scotland. This peaceful idyll contains groves of the Coastal Redwood tree, the world's tallest at over 250 feet, and among the oldest at 3000 years in age. Although redwood is widely used in residential construction, the trees in Muir Woods are protected by law. Enjoy solitude and peace, through the cool, moist air, as you stroll through 1000- year-old trees towering 260 feet tall. Experience the awe and wonder as you are treated through Northern California's signature fog, while



you wander in and out of the Mother Nature's redwood alleyways. A flat, comfortable self-guided path leads through the forest, passing many of the finest examples on the way. From here we proceed to Sausalito, locally known as the "Capri of California" due to its Mediterranean atmosphere and luxurious waterfront setting. You can browse the shops and have a drink in one of the many cafes there, before returning to San Francisco on the ferry in the late afternoon.

July 25, 2022 - San Francisco-Monterey-Carmel-by-the-Sea

Departing San Francisco after breakfast we start our journey on **Highway 101**, 'El Camino Real', which follows the route of the 21 missions from Sonoma to San Diego the Franciscan Order established when settling California in the late 18th century. Just south of the city's borders we veer off to **Highway 1**, which hugs the Pacific coastline, offering spectacular views of the ocean. We stop at Pigeon Point Light Station, the tallest lighthouse on the West



Coast of the United States. and still an active Coast Guard aid to navigation. Then we continue to **Año Nuevo State Park**, the site of one of the largest mainland breeding colonies for the northern elephant seal. Northern elephant seals, California sea lions, sea otters, and other marine mammals come ashore to rest, mate, and give birth in the sand dunes or on the beaches and offshore islands. The 1-mile walk on the **Año Nuevo Trail** ends at the viewpoint offering views of the pounding surf and perhaps a glimpse of elephant seals.

By lunch time we arrive in **Monterey**, the first capitol of California, once a bustling fishing village made famous in the novel "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck and today a thriving tourist Mecca. The former canneries have been replaced by restaurants and boutiques overlooking **Monterey Bay**, where we have a 2-hour break for lunch and strolling along the water. We then depart Monterey and continue along the waterfront through the village of Pacific Grove to the famous **17-Mile Drive**. and the entrance to **Pebble Beach**.



This stunning gated community houses one of the most famous golf courses in the world. During your ride, you will see glimpses of the greens of this luscious golf course as well as the multi-million-dollar mansions that surround it.

We stop at Bird Rock Vista Point, the famous Lone Cypress, and the Pebble Beach Golf Links before arriving at our destination for the evening, Carmel-By-The-Sea. A quaint amalgamation of art galleries, boutiques, hotels, shops, fine restaurants and whimsically styled homes Carmel-By-The-Sea evokes a storybook ambiance that can be appreciated by romantics of all ages. Its rugged coastline, featuring both sandy beaches and rocky, cypress-covered outcroppings, has provided inspiration for artists of every stripe. On any evening, visitors will find town residents enjoying the beauty of a Carmel-by-the-Sea sunset at Carmel Beach while watching surfers play the waves. Our hotel, the **Pine Inn**, built in 1889, is Carmel's first ever hotel, as well as its most unique, seamlessly blending historic splendor and modern comfort, offering elegant custom-furnished accommodations, located in the heart of village.



July 26, 2022 - Carmel-by-the-Sea - San Francisco

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel, with the morning at leisure to soak in the many sights of Carmel. Take an early morning stroll along pristine Carmel Beach, ranked as one of the nation's cleanest and most beautiful. Continue along Ocean Avenue and experience the finest shopping this side of The Riviera and Rodeo Drive. Fashion, jewelry, antiques, home decor, memorabilia, and more are yours to explore along tree-lined streets, secret passageways, charming courtyards, and curlicue-roofed shops.



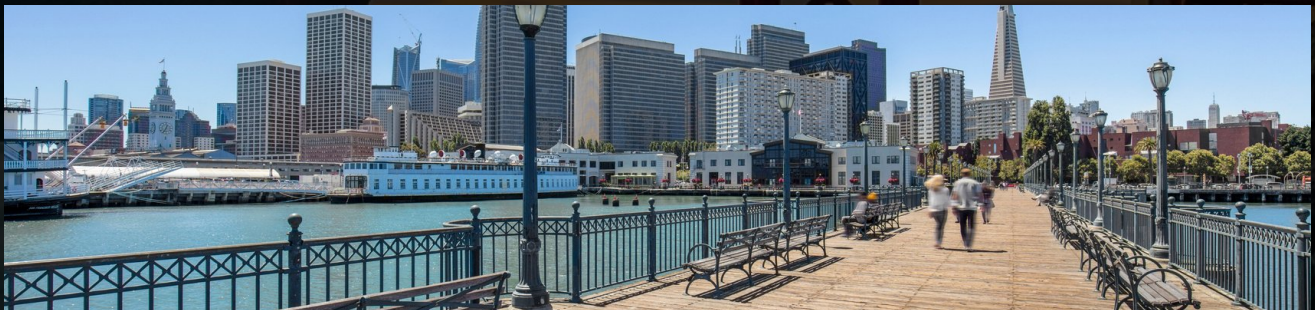
People-watch at famed Hog's Breath Inn, the popular restaurant and bar once owned by Clint Eastwood. Enjoy a meal and drinks on the charming outdoor patio. Continue along the "Clint Eastwood Trail" with a visit to Carmel-by-the-Sea's City Hall, originally built in 1921 as All Saints Church. It was here that Mayor Eastwood served his term.



Take a fascinating self-guided **Courtyard Tour** through the less-explored parts of enchanting downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea. Explore Carmel's premier, luxury shopping and dining destination, **Carmel Plaza**, where four-star shops await, such as Kate Spade, Vineyard Vines, Khaki's of Carmel, and Tiffany & Company. Enjoy some of the best life has to offer — art and wine! Stroll through our one-square-mile village interspersing art gallery visits with wine tasting rooms. Relax at Devendorf Park on Ocean Avenue— a perfect picnic spot for a gourmet lunch from our local markets Bruno's or Nielsen's.

After lunch we tour the beautifully restored Carmel Mission, a historic landmark since 1771 before returning to San Francisco in the late afternoon, passing through Silicon Valley en route. Our hotel for the final night is the Caza, located adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf and the San Francisco Maritime Museum.

July 27 - Carmel-San Francisco



The morning is at leisure to explore the Fisherman's Wharf at your own pace. For those who wish, an optional excursion to **Alcatraz** can be arranged, as Pier 41, from where the ferry departs is a short walk from the hotel. Check out of the hotel at noon.



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