



TRIP TO LOS ANGELES

Day: 1

Location: ARRIVAL DAY IN LOS ANGELES

Description: Welcome to the 'City of Angeles' in Los Angeles. Feel the California sunshine on your face as you have a free day to take a bus over to Venice Beach and enjoy some family beach time. Visit the Venice Skatepark to watch the skaters' tricks then stroll to Santa Monica Pier to ride the giant Ferris wheel - don't forget your camera! A welcome meeting will be held at 18:00 hrs where you meet your tour leader and fellow travelling companions.

Day: 2

Location: LOS ANGELES

Description: Today will bring out the child in everyone! Enjoy an included visit to Universal Studios where you can take a behind-the-scenes studio tour and ride the most exciting roller coasters on the planet. This is entertainment central for the whole family and the perfect way to experience Los Angeles after touring Hollywood.

Day: 3

Location: SAN DIEGO

Description: Our California tour continues with a visit to the golden sandy beaches of San Diego. If you're looking for the perfect place to relax, but with enough activities to keep the kids entertained, then make sure you visit Mission Beach. Rent bikes, or rollerblades to cruise around on.

Alternatively, for the more adventurous, try your hand at surfing the Californian waves. The world-famous San Diego Zoo is definitely worth a visit with over 3,500 animals from elephants and rhinos to pandas and orang-utans. Enjoy an included picnic dinner on the beach - the perfect end to a perfect day.

Day: 4

Location: SAN DIEGO

Description: Continuing your Sight-Seeing.

Day: 5

Location: LAKE HAVASU

Description: Home to the original London Bridge and designated as a recreational area, this desert oasis has become a mecca for water sports enthusiasts throughout the Southwest. With 300 days of sunshine a year and all the adventure you could possibly wish for, Lake Havasu is a great way to keep the kids entertained. Simply relax and go for a swim to cool off after a long day.

Day: 6

Location: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Description: Desert turns to pine covered plateaus, as the earth opens up to reveal one of the world's natural wonders, the Grand Canyon. This incredible spectacle is difficult to comprehend, especially through the eyes of a child, so whether you decide to hike along the rim or take the more adventurous route into the canyon itself, you'll be amazed at the sheer beauty of the place. Carved over several millennia, this massive wonder of nature is 277 miles (445 kilometres) long, up to 18

miles (29 kilometres) wide and over a mile deep (1.6 kilometres). Snaking through the canyon floor is the mighty Colorado River, which runs 1450 miles (2330 kilometres) through seven American states and two Mexican states.

Day: 7

Location: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Description: You have the opportunity to explore the park at your own pace and we highly recommend a scenic helicopter flight over the canyon, which offers a unique bird's eye view that will amaze the whole family. Pop in to the Grand Canyon Visitor Centre to learn how the canyon was formed then venture down the Bright Angel Trail to Plateau Point to let off some steam, or just stroll along the more leisurely West Rim Trail and catch the shuttle bus to Hermit's Rest. Finish off the day by enjoying a dinner with a view as you tuck into pizza and watch the sunset over the canyon, perfection!

Day: 8

Location: ROUTE 66 AND LAS VEGAS

Description: Before arriving to the ultimate desert show stopper, Las Vegas, you'll travel down a section of the original Route 66 and stop at the town of Seligman, filled to the brim with pure Americana. Why not try a super thick milkshake at the all-American Snow Cap Diner? Next is the desert city of Las Vegas - the ultimate entertainment experience. With its roller coasters, thrill rides, magic shows, amazing swimming pools and all-you-can-eat buffets, there's plenty for the whole family to see and do. Family friendly recommendations include Circus Circus and Treasure Island which are guaranteed to be a hit. In the evening walk the Strip and enjoy the bright lights and fountain displays.

Day: 9

Location: KEOUGH HOT SPRINGS

Description: Make your way across the desert towards Keough Hot Springs, one of the largest natural hot springs in the Eastern Sierras. After all the excitement and the hustle and bustle from the previous day, Keough Hot Springs is the perfect place to relax.

Day: 10

Location: YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Description: Yosemite is one of California's most treasured national parks and it's easy to see why. Nestled high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains this is a natural playground of unspoilt forest and sheer granite walls rising thousands of feet over the valley floor. There's also plenty of wildlife to spot, including bear and coyotes, so keep your eyes peeled. Whether inner-tubing down the meandering Merced River (in season) or hiking to the top of thundering Nevada Falls, Yosemite's towering cliffs, waterfalls and Giant Sequoias are sure to impress the entire family.

Day: 11

Location: YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Description: Yosemite embodies the spirit of America's natural parks and its rugged, towering peaks and magnificent waterfalls have been immortalised by countless photographers. Trails throughout the park are as varied as the landscape and you'll no doubt find a trail that will appeal to you and your family. Take in the quintessential vistas of El Capitan, a 3,000 foot sheer rock face famous with rock climbers the world over. Other popular spots in the park are Bridalveil Falls, one of the most prominent waterfalls in Yosemite, and the famous granite Half Dome, a rock formation you will have seen before on countless postcards. At night, it's the ideal place to stargaze around the campfire as you toast marshmallows.

Day: 12

Location: DEPARTURE-SAN FRANCISCO

Description: Continue on to San Francisco, or the 'City by the Bay' as it is commonly known. Why not stay on a few extra days and hop on a cable car, taking in Chinatown, before visiting the Aquarium of the Bay and the city's playful sea-lions at Pier 39. Head over to Golden Gate Park or stroll across Golden Gate Bridge for a view of the city. A 'must do' in San Francisco is the offshore prison of Alcatraz, here you can learn all about the infamous inmates and their failed escape attempts. If you plan on doing this you'll need to book in advance directly with the Alcatraz Cruises as it tends to book up fast. Your California family holiday ends at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We can book you post-tour accommodation at our gateway hotel if required. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.