

San Francisco to Los Angeles

California/Nevada Highlights

Driving Distance: Approx 1300 Miles

Driving Time: Approx 22 Hours

Recommended Trip: 19 Days

- Day 1 San Francisco to Sacramento. Pick up your motorhome today before heading for the state capital. Explore the riverfront of Old Sacramento, the historic collection of buildings from the Gold Rush era, and the California State Railroad Museum. Perhaps take a cruise on a restored paddle-wheeler.
Overnight: Sacramento KOA
- Day 2 Sacramento to South Lake Tahoe. Begin your climb today through increasingly dramatic scenery through the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. At Echo Summit the elevation is 7,382 ft where you begin to descend, with breathtaking views around you, into the Tahoe basin to one of the most beautiful alpine lakes in the world.
Overnights (2): Lake Tahoe KOA
- Day 3 Lake Tahoe. At leisure in the area known as 'the Jewel of the Sierras', one of the country's favourite playgrounds. Superb recreational facilities are available winter and summer. Take a cruise on the lake, the largest alpine lake in North America, and ride The Gondola at Heavenly for contrasting perspectives from 9000 ft above sea level. In the evening the 24-hour casinos may attract you, while top class entertainers are often in town at the resort hotels.
- Day 4 Lake Tahoe to Mariposa. Continue your drive along scenic highways through the High Sierra and national forests. Spectacular Rainbow Falls.
Overnight(2): Mariposa KOA
- Day 5 Yosemite. From the Mariposa KOA visit Yosemite National Park
- Day 6 Mariposa to Barstow. More contrasts as you start your descent through California's High Desert. Golden eagles soar above while bare, jagged mountains rise abruptly from flat, sun-baked basins below. Take Highway 190, the Death Valley National Scenic Byway to your overnight stop at Furnace Creek. In the centre of Death Valley National Park lies Badwater, at 282 ft below sea level the lowest point in the USA.

- Day 11 Death Valley to Las Vegas. Cross into Nevada today for a short stay in the desert resort of Las Vegas where around-the-clock entertainment awaits you in this amazing city unlike any other.
- Day 12/13 Las Vegas. Explore The Strip and the magical hotels, each trying to outdo the others with their themes. Maybe have a flutter or take in a show. Perhaps take a helicopter flight to see the neon lights of Las Vegas from the air, and seriously consider a flight-seeing tour to the Grand Canyon while you're in the area.
- Day 14 Las Vegas to Palm Springs. Your next destination as you cross back into California is the chic oasis of Palm Springs, one of eight desert resorts set among spectacular scenery in the Coachella Valley.
- Day 15 Palm Springs. Spot the homes of the famous and where they themselves relax. Stroll through Palm Canyon Drive, the fashionable heart of Palm Springs, or head out of town to explore more of the desert. Ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway up Mount San Jacinto to 8,516 feet above sea level and magnificent views of the valley below. Perhaps visit Joshua Tree National park where the bizarre twisted trees are indigenous to high desert regions.
- Day 16 Palm Springs to Anaheim. Turning north again you head for Los Angeles today and the opportunity to explore the world's entertainment centre.
- Day 17/18 Anaheim. In Anaheim, Disneyland Park, Disney's California Adventure, Knott's Berry Farm, Soak City and many other theme parks in the area vie for your attention. In the evening perhaps visit Downtown Disney or The Block at Orange where theatres, restaurants and shops come alive as the sun goes down.
- Day 19 Anaheim to Los Angeles Depot. Return your motorhome to the Los Angeles depot and enjoy a safe trip home